



School Newsletter

Week 9 Term 4

Thursday December 13th 2018

This is the last newsletter of the year. What a busy year it has been. I am sure like us, many of you, and indeed your children, are feeling tired and looking forward to a summer break.

The International Food Fair

This event was a wonderful success. I can't thank enough the many parents and families who contributed to the evening with food and "colour" and enthusiasm. We will do it again in 2 years and hopefully make it a community event to look forward to for each cohort of families. Thanks again!

EOTC Week

Last week, when the weather was not as fine as we had hoped for, all our students were involved in EOTC Week. The variety of activities on offer was varied and I think most students enjoyed themselves very much. Many were exhausted, like our teachers and teacher aides at the end of the week. I hope lots of students tried something new. We will do this again in 2 years.

The Year 8 Leavers' Dinner and Dance

This is one of the highlights of the year for our year 8s. It is such an evening of fun and celebration. Please purchase your tickets by Friday or at least let us know your child is attending as we are making our catering arrangements over the weekend.

The holidays

Over the Christmas and New Year holidays there will be builders on site. They will be building 2 new teaching spaces inside our shared learning areas. While this is not ideal, we have to provide for our growing roll while we wait on the Ministry of Education to move us to the top of the "building new classrooms" list.

However, as I mentioned in the last newsletter, please feel free to use the grounds, walk through the area and generally give our school a well-used community feel over the break. If you see anything suspicious or notice any damage please call the police on our behalf. Thank you.

Staffing

We have very few changes to our staffing for 2019. We do however say farewell to Marilyn Willet who has been one of our Food Tech teachers here for many years. Marilyn is retiring from teaching to carry on with

her very busy life beyond school. We thank her for her enthusiasm and commitment to helping our young people survive flatting!

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment from all our staff this year. It certainly takes a team to run a school.

The last day of school

Next Tuesday, December 18th, we finish school at 12.20. The buses will collect the bus students at 12.30. School reports will be released on our school intranet, Ketenet, at 5pm on Monday evening. You will need the password from the middle of the year to access this report. We urge you to open, read, download, copy or share the report before January 1st.

Thank you for your supporting us and your children this year. We look forward to welcoming our new year 7s and year 8 students on January 30th next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Angela Lowe

Principal

Calendar of Events

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| Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Dance | Monday December 17th 6pm to 9pm |
| Last day of school year | Tuesday December 18th 12.20pm |

Community Notices

Artrageous Kids Creative Christmas
Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures
Drama Remedy
Sunshine Drama
Bigair Gymsports
Shuttle Time Prograame
Easyswim

