

January 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear parents and caregivers

School is underway.

Thank you for your participation in our powhiri this morning despite the heat and the lack of space. It is a joyous way for us to start our year – welcome.

There is a newsletter every 2 weeks on a Thursday. For the next couple of weeks I will send home a paper copy. In the meantime please go on to our website and register for a copy to be emailed to you.

The newsletter shows a calendar of the term and the events are added and updated as we progress through the year. The calendar is on our website also and I urge you to refer to this often as it is updated weekly.

Next week on Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> everyone is invited to our school for a family / teacher barbecue. This is an informal event where parents can meet their classroom teacher, other members of staff and see the school environment. The barbecue starts at 5.30 and at 7pm there will be a short presentation in our hall. We are able to cater for vegetarians.

I see also that next week the Newlands Community Centre is reopening their after school drop-in programme. We had some concerns about the behaviour of the local students who attended this programme last year. Please investigate thoroughly before committing your child to this. There is a formal welcome at the Newlands Community Centre at 3.30pm next Tuesday afternoon that you are welcome to attend.

Please send your child to school with their favourite hat for the duration of this term. Sunblock and a bottle of water would be a good idea too.

Devices are welcome to school from next Monday onwards. This is entirely optional. We are a well-resourced school for digital devices.

Lost property is already evident and it is only midday on day 1. Please name your child's uniform this week.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at our barbecue.

Kind regards

Angela Lowe  
Principal