



Caring Sharing Learning

Wednesday 27th February 2019

Principals Message

Our students have made a fantastic start to the academic year for learning. I have been impressed with the way they have settled into the term. We have enrolled 39 students from other schools. They have also settled in well, making new friends and have begun their learning journey here.

WHĀNAU MĀORI CONSULTATION HUI

Thursday 28 February 6:00pm

Tipu (bottom level of the ILE)

Nau mai haere mai koutou katoa

This is a time for us to get to know you (whakawhanaungatanga) and hear from you about your goals and aspirations for your tamariki (wānanga, ako). A sausage sizzle and refreshments will be provided (manaakitanga).

We hope to see you all there!

Using Our Manners

We want our students to use their manners all the time. We are focusing in on this and are encouraging everyone to use please, thank you, you are welcome and I am sorry. Our students have a great attitude towards this and have made fabulous progress.

Public Health Nurse Clinics

We are fortunate to have two Public Health Nurses here running health clinics for our students. This is a pilot programme funded by Waitemata District Health Board. Referrals with any health issues concerning their children can be made by parents. Please call our school office to do this and we refer any request on to our Public Health Nurses.

Lunches for students

If your child doesn't have morning tea or lunch, we will provide one for them. We do not want any child to go without food. Parents can write a note to the teacher requesting a lunch for their child.

PUM (Paid Union Meeting) Kua tae te wa it's time

You may remember that teachers and principals took strike action twice last year to send a message to the Government that more needed to be done to fix the teacher shortage and make teaching a more sustainable and attractive profession.

After conversations with the government in January, our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has agreed to return to formal negotiations with the Ministry. The government has continued to state that there is no more money to settle the agreements but we are continuing to campaign for quality public education for every child. We believe that winning more time to teach, a significant pay jolt to attract and keep people in teaching and better resourcing for children with additional learning needs is as important as ever.

Any progress in negotiations will be reported to the teachers and principals at paid union meetings around the country in the week of March 18-22nd. These meetings will be held during school time and we will advise you nearer the time about how this will impact on our school community.

Public polling has showen continued support for what we are trying to achieve for our students and teaching profession. Parents, in particular, see the struggles we already face in hiring teachers and finding relievers when teachers are sick. We greatly appreciate your continued support as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible teaching and learning.

Our stop work day will be TUESDAY 19th March. The School will finish at 12:00 pm for all students.

Trevor Diamond Principal

Reminders

PUM meeting for teachers - Tuesday March 19th

Goal Setting - Thursday 21st March (school will finish at 12:00 pm, interviews will start at 1:00 pm more information to follow for making an appointment.

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6:00pm in the bottom level of the ILE

Last Day of school - Friday 12th April at 2:00pm



The School Public Health Nurse's Amy and Laura will now be available at the times listed below, to drop in for a chat.

• Amy and Laura Monday and Wednesday mornings 8.15am – 10.30am

They are also available in the afternoons by prior arrangement – please call or text them, or ask at the school office for help.

They will be situated in room 11

They are available to discuss any concerns about your child's health, growth and development in a confidential environment.

<u>For example</u> Skin & ear infections, asthma & eczema, sore throats: Rheumatic fever prevention, hearing & vision, bed wetting & other continence issues, nutrition & diet, family violence, linking to health or social services & advise about any other health concerns.

To contact: Amy 021 243 4928 Laura 021 532 905



Swimsation Swim School 22 Waipani Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula

Swimsation Te Atatu is passionate about passing on a love of swimming. Our aim is to not only teach children, babies and adults to swim but also to teacher them how to be safe in and around water. Our swim school still has spaces available for Term 1 and we'd love to have you. We are running a competition. All families who book and pay in full this term will go into the draw for a full term of lessons for free. The draw will be made on the 1st of April. For more information, please ring the office on 09 948 2414.

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