



Term Two

June, 30 2017

Calendar Term 2 2017

Mountain Biking..... July 5
Term End July 7
Term Three Begins..... July 24

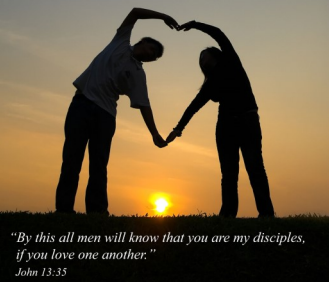


**Congratulations!
Well done Team NZ**

Reflecting God's Love

...because God is Love

Tohatoha te aroha o te Atua



*"By this all men will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another."
John 13:35*

We reflect God's love by being.....
Kind • Patient • Courteous • Generous



Dear Parents and welcome

Welcome to our last newsletter for the term before we head into our term break at the end of next week. A great win on the water earlier this week in Bermuda and it is really inspiring to know what has been achieved through sheer determination, teamwork and dedication. Team NZ certainly deserved their win and New Zealanders now look forward to welcoming our team back to these shores.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

Having a game plan is what is so important in sport and for life in general. Last week our Spiritual Emphasis week was all about knowing God's game plan for our lives and this was reinforced each day when Pastor Lance challenged our children to accept the invitation to belong to God's team, to walk by faith and not by sight and reach out for the prize which is Jesus. Our students were reminded that everyone can belong to God's team as God does not select only the best as is the case in sport like belonging to the All Blacks.

It was good to see a number of our families join us at the Church on Thursday evening for our family worship time with Pastor Lance. It was clear that our students enjoyed the week as the following reflections from some of our younger ones indicate:

When asked what their favourite memory was –

"To live by faith and not by sight" (Amelia)
"Knowing God's game plan" (Indie)
"The Wheel of Fortune" (Charlotte)
"Pastor Lance" (Eden)

When asked why Jesus is the best coach...

"Because when you are old He will never kick you off the team" (Olivia)
"Because He looks out for you" (Isaac)
"Because He is fair" (Vanryan)
"Because He will always be by my side" (Emma)
"Because you do not have to be the best" (Pietra)

When asked about what it means to be on God's team –

"It makes me happy that I can follow God" (Amelia)
"He will never forsake us" (Levi)
"That He will help us with our problems"

All these responses reveal the effort was worthwhile!

CONGRATULATIONS



Liana Van der Gugten has done us all proud by being selected to compete in the Bay of Plenty cross country event that was held

last week in Rotorua. This accomplishment came after she received a place in the East Cluster event earlier in the month that qualified her to compete in the Western Bay of Plenty event in which she also received a qualifying place in the Bay of Plenty-wide event last week. Liana came in 14th out of around 50 of the fastest runners in her age group in the whole BOP. Her place was only 63 seconds longer than the first place getter. Well done Liana!

CLASS CAMPS

Please note that both our Room 4 and Room 5 classes will have camps in Term 4. (Same venue but different times and programmes) The dates for these camps are December 6 to 8 (Room 4) and November 7 to 10 (Room 5). Further details will be provided early next term concerning costs, venue and fundraising opportunities.

REPORTS

Reports will be issued to students next Thursday for students in Room 1 to 4 with our Room 5 reports being issued early next term owing to Mrs Hastings being away on extended sick leave. There will be opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in August after the term break.

LOST PROPERTY

We have been reminding students of their need to care for their personal property including their school uniforms. Our lost property container was filled to overflowing within three weeks of the new term. A number of sweatshirts jackets are not named which makes tracking down owners very difficult indeed. ALL jackets, sweatshirts and foot wear should be clearly marked and teachers will be conducting an inspection shortly to ensure items are indeed named. Children know there will be a consequence if their clothing ends up in the lost property if it is shown they have been irresponsible on their part. Please reinforce this "Kaitiaki" message at home with your child.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder that mufti jackets and sweatshirts are not to be worn to or from school. All students are required to be wearing their complete school uniform at all times including the wearing of correct footwear. Sports uniforms are to worn once a week on the following days: Rooms 1 to 3 - Fridays; and Rooms 4 and 5 Thursdays. (Unless teachers advise otherwise owing to a special event)

SCHOOL FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Just a reminder that all Proprietor fees should all be finalised with the PROPRIETORS before the end of term as the Attendance Dues are a condition of enrolment and a student can be denied continued enrolment if these are not paid according to the terms and conditions of the Proprietor policies concerning this matter. Please ensure all money charged to you by the Proprietors (Auckland office) is paid DIRECTLY to them and not

the School. Confusion can arise when a parent make a Proprietor payment through our office and then the parent receives a notification from the Proprietor that the Attendance Dues have not been paid. If you are paying School Contributions to the School and Attendance Dues be way of automatic bank payments, it is essential that you arrange with your bank to split the payment to two different bank accounts, that is, to the Proprietors account and to the local school account. This will assist our office personnel greatly and will avoid potential confusion as described. As school contributions are voluntary donations, they are tax deductible. If you are unable (or unwilling) to pay the School contribution, please inform us in writing (or email or in person) and you will not be "charged" for that term. As personal circumstances can change as the year progresses, you would be expected to advise us each term of your intentions not to contribute if that is your situation. We do rely on and appreciate your faithful contributions to provide the level of service that parents have come to expect. (Mathletics subscriptions, class activities, excursions, technology provision etc.) Our school relies

on your generosity to meet the shortfall in our school funding to cover these expenses in order to minimise other school fundraising activities.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Every two years our school stages a theatrical production that involves all students across the School. This year we will be staging the Biblical story of Queen Esther called "Esther-ordinary Faith". Once we are back after the break, we will be conducting auditions for the main characters and



commencing a rehearsal programme. Mrs Di Rappell is our musical director assisted by Mrs Hastings and staff so we can be guaranteed a wealth of artistic and theatrical display of dance, acting and drama. We have set tentative dates for the last week of Term 3 with the venue being the Otumoetai Performing Arts Centre.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

All parents are invited to attend the weekly prayer time on Friday mornings in the staffroom where parents are able to uphold our school in prayer. Please contact the Office for further information. The Board and staff value our school community supporting our school in this way as prayer is a very powerful means in ensuring the Spirit of God can do His work in our midst for our staff, students and families. I'd like to acknowledge the work and passion that our parent Rodney Lake has in leading this ministry.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Pastor Andrew will be leading a group of Room 5 students on a mountain biking expedition through the Redwoods in Rotorua next Wednesday. Pastor Andrew is a keen mountain-biker himself and is taking time out to share his love of the sport with some of our students. Thank you pastor Andrew!

JUNIOR TOUGH GAL AND GUY CHALLENGE

Mrs Sarah Tapsell has arranged for some of our students to enter the Junior Tough Gal and Guy Challenge to be held in Rotorua

on August 18. This is a fun (if not very muddy) challenge where contestants run an obstacle course in rather extreme conditions to prove their toughness! Please see the attached form that Sarah has prepared and have this returned to the School office by the end of term. There is a web link on the form that provides more detail of the event. (You might by now have begun to formulate a bigger picture of Mrs Tapsells interests as it was Sarah who was passionate in developing our fitness circuit! Many thanks Sarah for the work you do our students.)

END OF TERM

School will finish at the normal time on Friday July 7 for the mid year break.

Thank you all for a great term and enjoy the holiday break with your children.

Blessings and Regards to all.

Ross Bishop

PRINIPAL

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK WITH PASTOR LANCE (and Pastors Andrew and Jesse)

