

## Term Three

July 27, 2017

### Calendar Term 3 2017

Term Three Begins.....	July 24
Parent Teacher Interviews..	Aug 9
School Photos .....	Aug 11
BOT Meeting .....	Aug 14
Spellathon .....	Aug 23
BOT Meeting .....	Sep 11
School Production .....	Sep 26
Term End .....	Sep 29

.....it takes.....  
**courage**  
to grow up & become  
who you really are.

- e.e. cummings

Kia Kaha Kia Toa

be **STRONG & Courageous**  
do not be afraid DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED  
FOR THE LORD YOUR **GOD** will be with YOU  
**WHEREVER YOU GO**  
Joshua 1:9



Courageous Esther saves her people



### Dear Parents

Welcome to Term Three! We are now officially in the second half of the year with the good news being Spring is now only a few weeks away. Already our daffodils along the driveway are beginning to bloom and over the coming weeks they will be in full bloom. Our daffodils were donated to our school about three years ago by Jo and Howard Martin (Karen Absalom's parents) and each year we are reminded of their generosity in the rich display of colour they provide.

I know one or two of you managed an escape to some tropical destination during the break and were fortunate to dodge the weather extremes we have been experiencing of late.

### NEW STUDENTS

We have had a number of new students join us this term. In fact ten new students most of whom are commencing in our Room One class with Miss Foote. This is the first time we have such a large cohort group commencing together, this being a consequence of our changed enrolment policy which limits our intake of new students to once per term.

I would like to welcome all of the new students and their families to our school. Some are siblings of students already enrolled while others are connecting with our school for the first time. We even have three students returning to our school after being away for some time.

Our newly enrolled (or re-enrolled) students are:

Year 0 Students (Room 1): Sarah Mae Baldwin; Arabella Bayron; Izak Keam; Zennie Lin; Nova Stevens; Portia Persson; Katie Sewter; Jeziel Biji  
Year 4: Oliver (Ollie) Thomas  
Year 5: Hao Yu Lo (Returning student);  
Year 6: Zong Yu Hsieh, (Returning student);  
Year 7: Hailey Reece (Returning student)

### CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

It is with sadness I inform our school family the news of the passing of Hao Yu and Zong Yu's grandfather back in Taiwan. Both boys have been staying with a relative in Cambridge for some months while their mum (Sabrina) has been attending to matters back in Taiwan. This has been a very difficult period for the family separated by distance during a very distressing time.

Also on Monday this week, It was with sadness that Mrs May Cachatoor was laid to rest after battling sickness for some time. (May is Vee Cachatoor-Faber's mother and grandmother to Scarlett, Eliezar and Lex) On behalf of our school family, I extend to each of these families condolences at this time of sadness and loss and may our loving Saviour bring hope and comfort.

### TERM THEME

Our term theme "Kia Kaha, Kia Toa" is centred around being courageous and strong knowing that God is with us 24/7. Our banner text is Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord you God will be with you wherever you go." This text captures the essence of our theme. The spiritual context of the theme centres on standing up for what is right, knowing God is with us. Children will learn of heroes past and present who exemplified these values in their lives. Courageous Queen Esther will be the main Biblical character students will encounter this term as the School brings to the stage the Queen Esther story in music, word and dance, "Esther-ordinary Faith". In our Health programme this term we will also be covering the Kia Kaha anti-bullying programme as it fits perfectly in helping our students to be emotionally strong and resilient. Please pray

at home for our students and teachers as we address these important values through the term theme.

*Key values: Courage, Integrity, Resilience*

### PARENT PRAYER GROUP

I wish to remind our school family that there is a parent prayer group led by parent, Rodney Lake, that meets in the School staffroom each Friday morning at the start of the school day. All parents are very welcome to join in as often or as infrequently as they choose. This is a time when you can all have a part in praying over our school and our school community.

### NEW WEBSITE

I wish to advise that The Board has commissioned a new website for our School and that it is now up and running. (our former hosting service has ceased which forced a move) You will see many similar features to our previous website with some new additions that we hope will improve your web browsing experience. Our new site allows you to send in student absences electronically from your Smartphone or other device, and parents are provided an option to subscribe to our newsletters and notices that will keep you up to date with what is happening at school. (You also have the option to "unsubscribe" if you wish as well) I would encourage you to subscribe to avoid missing newsletters and other forms of notices that are issued from the Office through the year. We will continue to send out printed versions of the newsletter in the interim but we will review our procedures in due course. The new site also provides a link to our School Google Calendar to keep you informed as to events coming up. As many people now access the internet via their



mobile devices, the new website displays a "mobile Friendly" version of the web site. I trust you find the new site more suitable to your needs. We also continue to update our photo section of the website where you have the option of viewing (and downloading) our photo album.

### SPELLATHON

The senior syndicate is planning a spellathon to help students raise funds for their respective class camps in Term Four. Already one student has raised \$65 through sponsorship! Students have four weeks to collect sponsorship pledges and there will be a spelling test on August 23 based on a list of 100 words the students have been learning.

### SECURITY / HEALTH AND SAFETY

Just a reminder to parents and visitors that all access to the classrooms and other areas is via the main reception. Any person wishing to remain on site after the start of the school day must sign in and out at Reception. Thank you for following these procedures.

### PAYMENT OF PROPRIETOR FEES & DONATIONS

As advised last term, please ensure all Proprietor fees (Attendance Dues) and Special

Character donations are paid directly to Auckland and not to our local School office. If you have set up a direct payment system, please ensure you direct your payments to the correct place.

### SCHOOL START TIME

Please be reminded that students should arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:40. Our first bell rings at 8:40 allowing 5 minutes for students to get ready to enter classrooms at the second bell which rings at 8:45. It is important that all students arrive ON TIME for class as late students not only affect their own learning but are disruptive to the whole class and interrupt the flow of the class programme. As a special character school, the most important part of the day is spending time with God in worship and prayer and it is important that all students start the school day by being on time to experience God each day. In the times when it is unavoidable that a student is late for school, a student is required to report their arrival at the main reception before entering the classroom. This ensures we have an accurate record of who is actually at school at any one time for health and safety reasons. Class teachers are required to mark the attendance registers early in the morning and if a student arrives at

school after the registers have been marked, they could be marked absent unless the student reports to Reception where an updated status can be made. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these matters.

### REPORTING ABSENCES

It is essential that the School is informed as early in the day as possible of any student who will be absent for the day (or part day). You can either phone, email or best of all, use our new absence reporting module on our school website which you can access via your computer or mobile device.

### MID YEAR PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

(Rooms 1 to 4 only) Our next Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled for WEDNESDAY August 9. You are encouraged to meet with your child's teacher if you have any concerns or wish to discuss progress and achievement or any other matter relating to your child's schooling experience. Our on-line booking system is now open and a link can be found on the School website. (You will need to enter the code **2qkk5**.) Please note that Room 5 interviews will be held independently at a different time owing to Mrs Hastings being

away on sick leave last term. Parents of Room 5 students will be notified directly by Mrs Hastings concerning reports and interviews.

### DRAMA TUITION

Drama is being offered again this term through "Marzipan Drama". Sessions are held each Tuesday after school. You can check out Marzipan on [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) or contact Sarieta Vissier by email or phone to enquire further or to book a place for your child. (M 021 236 3477 or email [sarieta@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:sarieta@marrzipandrama.co.nz)) Classes commence next Tuesday.

I wish you all a great term as we work together for a common cause under the banner of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Blessings to each one and Regards*

Ross Bishop  
PRINCIPAL



**Room 2 Students at Work**

