

## Newsletter - 16 November 2018

Kia Ora Whanau

I would like to thank you for your support during this testing time of STRIKES. It's never easy for you all when faced with having to find alternative care for the day when school is closed. I believe that the media hasn't explained the real details of what our current offer, is actually offering. Much of the reporting is, in my view, - skewed to sound much better than the reality. Comments like "most teachers will receive a \$10,000 salary increase" are very misleading. For example, a teacher who is joining the profession after spending 4 years at university - will receive an increase of around \$19 per week from this offer straight away. A teacher who has been teaching for over 10 years - and has a full degree - will receive around \$27 a week extra from this offer straight away.

Secondary school teachers currently receive 10 days a term release - this enables them to prepare lessons, work with parents, mark assessments and participate in professional learning. Primary school teachers receive 2 days a term. In the last offer - primary teachers were offered a very small increase of 12 minutes extra release - in the new offer - this pitiful increase has been removed completely. Secondary teachers get 5 hours a week out of the classroom, primary teachers get 1 hour. So in a school term, Secondary teachers get 50hrs release and Primary teachers get 10hrs release, that's a huge difference.

Also the release of 600 extra "learning support" staff is great - but there is very little information about what this might look like in reality. There are over 2500 schools in New Zealand, so how is that going to work??. We cannot expect everything straight away, we understand that - but please believe me when I say this is not about greed for a bigger pay rise. The conditions around classroom release, and extra support for students have been ignored completely. We have students in our classes TODAY that deserve a better deal - are we happy that they are not arriving until 2020??

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Next year our new shorts and tee shirts will replace the existing old uniform , you will not be able to send your child/ren to school in a skort or the old shorts/tee shirt. So please make sure your child/ren are in correct school uniform for when we come back to school on the 4th of February 2019. Last day of the year is the 14th of December. Prizegiving will be at the Rec Centre and will start at 2pm.

We are looking at getting into the pool before school finishes this year!!!. At this stage should be Monday the 26th, pool keys will also go on sale then. Your child will only be able to enter the pool if they have boat shoes or aqua socks on, as the tiles on the bottom of the pool could give your child little cuts on the bottom of their feet. The pool is looking to be upgraded in March next year.

We have a Teacher Only Day on the 28th of November. My apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

Your Principal  
Troy Anderson

## NOTICES

### **AG Day gardens**

For those who have a garden to be judged as part of Ag day, we will be doing this on Friday 30 Nov. Remember to have your diaries ready to hand in on the day of the visit.

### **Cups and Trophies**

All cups and trophies need to be handed into the office ASAP. If anyone has left that you know has a trophy please collect it from them and return.

### **Manawatu District Council**

A number of painted rocks were hidden near your school that appear to have been found – but have not yet been swapped yet for a tree.



If the rocks are found bring them into Councils Office at 135 Manchester Street, and swap it for a baby tree.

### **Harry Potter Family Friendly Day at the Feilding Library on Saturday 24 November**

See school notice board for more information.



## CLASS WORK FROM:

**Team Kea** has been learning about addition. We know that when we add 2 numbers together we get a bigger number at the end. We are working on using different strategies to solve our problems such as counting all of the objects, counting in our heads and counting on from the highest number.



## Team Tui

Love heart

Our faces look happy

I've got very sore arms

Every day I love you

He had a beautiful smile

Everybody loves you

A great piece of art

Raleigh loves hearts

This is a beautiful poem

Be scared

Uncontrollable

Cool as

Kind

Engaged

Tiny feelings



## CERTIFICATES

### PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES



Madeleine G—for showing great resilience with her school work and putting things that she has learnt into practice without being asked. (assembly 26/10)

Mikayla M—for working hard in her maths especially multiplication. (assembly 26/10)

Kaia L— She has made huge improvement in her learning this year. Jumped from at to above in maths, and her writing is fantastic.

Jasmine J - consistent effort in class and steady progress.

### CLASS CERTIFICATES

Nicole D - for great sportsmanship at Ag Day last week. (assembly 26/10)

Liam R- for his great improvement with phonics. (assembly 26/10)

Ava K- Making awesome progress in maths.

Sam D- Making awesome progress in maths.

Daniel M - Amazing progress with his reading. Keep up the great work!

Conor C - Working really hard at learning new sounds and words.

Haydon F - resilience and determination despite having legs in casts. Great effort.

Tarzhæ W - consistent effort in class

Annika C- Organising yourself in the morning before class.

Gabriella H- Your efforts in athletics and succeeding in High Jump.

# DATES



**Reminder—all  
cups and  
trophies to be  
returned to  
school**

## **2018**

**Term 1 dates Wed 31 Jan—Thurs 13 April**

**Term 2 dates Mon 30 April— Fri 6 July**

**Term 3 dates Mon 23 July—Fri 28 Sept**

**Term 4 dates Mon 15 Oct—Fri 14 Dec**

## **Term 4**

Mon 19/11-Fri 23/11 **Team Kiwi on camp**

Wed 28/11 **Teacher Only Day**

Mon 3/12 **Bike Safety**

Fri 7/12 Assembly—**Teams Kaki/Kiwi sharing their learning**

Thurs 13/12 **School Trip to Levin Aquatic Centre**

Fri 14/12 **End of year prizgiving 2pm start**

**End of term 4**

Mon 4/2/2019 **Term 1 starts @ 9.00am**

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