

NEWSLETTER NO. 9

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Principal's Comments:

Kiaora koutou

Thank you all for supporting us with our **Teacher Only Day** on Monday by making alternative arrangements for your tamariki. Staff had a busy day learning about how to accelerate student achievement, utilising Google Drive, Google Docs and iPads in the class to support our students' learning. Our teachers are committed to this kaupapa and I'm excited about hearing the stories from students, teachers and whanau about what's working for them and what they are learning. **Naku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi.** With your basket and my basket the people will thrive.

Over the term, we have built up quite a large collection of **lost property**. We are going to display this around the courts this Friday for students and parents to have a look through and take what belongs them. The remainder of the clothes will be dropped off at Corso in the last week of school, so get in quick.

On Tuesday we were privileged to **Ray Bishop**, singer and song writer, attend our Duffy Role Model Assembly today. He sang a fantastic song about reaching high to achieve your dreams and asked every child in our school to be AWESOME! Thanks Ray!

You will have noticed that the Admin end our A Block has been wrapped up and building work has begun. The office will be in it's current spot until the end of June which is beside Room Four and the Staffroom.

If you are picking up your child from school prior to 3:00pm, or dropping off lunch or even popping in to pass on a message, please **report to the office** prior. We have been practising our emergency drills and it is important that we know who is in the school if there is an emergency.

Next Thursday **6 April** we have our **school photos**. If you are wanting to purchase your child's class photo or individual photo, please return the form with the money to the office as soon as possible.

Finally, our **last day of school** for the term is Thursday the 14th of April. We return to school after our two week break on Monday the 1st of May.

Have a great weekend!

Luke Mattock Deputy Principal