

## Student of the Week

8 June 2020

**Hunter Patchett, Khloe Park, Isla Amoamo, Lin Carter, Balraj Nafria, Rebecca Magalogo, Rhia Huster, Nivahn Wright, Mac Andrews**

15 June 2020

**Naman Kaur, Maneet Kaur, Manya Munro, Laila Foster, Kirat Upadhyaya, Sophia Ruha, Henare Collier, Mariana Hohaia, Maui Hudson-Radford, Ella Castles**

## End of Term:

School breaks up next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and starts again for Term 3 on Monday 20 July. Thanks for all your support and co-operation during the past months. Stay safe!



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Dear Parents and Whanau

What a year 2020 has been so far!

I wish we could have the opportunity of going back to the beginning of the year and starting all over again without all the problems the world is facing at present!

As you are well aware we have transitioned from Full Lockdown to Alert Level Three, to Alert Level Two and now in Alert Level One. In order to adjust and respond to the transition through the Alert levels we were faced with having to either adapt, postpone or cancel many school events.

Hopefully next term things will be back to normal with sporting and cultural events recommencing. Be aware though, that the Delamere Cup has been cancelled for this year. This is usually held in September.



### SCHOOL BAG & POSTURE CHECK

Bring your primary school kid in for a free posture check and school bag fitting.

Get your little ones checked to make sure they're maintaining good posture and not being negatively impacted by their school bags or devices.

**Eastern Bay Chiropractic Whakatane**  
15th July / 22nd July  
2:30pm - 4:30pm  
FREE

**Book at reception or phone 07 307 0740**

Appointments available for both patients and non-patients.

As we are still in **Alert Level One** we need to continue to follow good hygiene practices and to act with caution for anyone who is showing new onset or worsening symptoms of one or more of the following:

- χ Cough
- χ Fever
- χ Sore Throat
- χ Runny Nose
- χ Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- χ Temporary loss of smell

Anyone with these symptoms should ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or contact their G.P. They will advise on testing for Covid-19.

#### **Grey Street Pick Ups** in the afternoon:

I have noticed that Grey Street has become very congested when school finishes in the afternoon so a friendly reminder to drive very slowly and carefully when you pick your child/children up from this street. There will be a teacher on duty and cones placed in front of the main gates for better vision, but we need your co-operation as far as safety is concerned.

#### **Auckland Trip:**

It is tradition that every second year our Year 7 & 8s go to Auckland for the week and are billeted with the students from Carmel College for three nights, and stay as a group on the final night with the adults accompanying them from Opotiki. Unfortunately, due to the current situation Carmel College is unable to commit to hosting our students.

However, a solution has been reached. It has been decided that only the Year 8's will go this year and stay all together in a Motel with the adults for the whole time. The trip has been shortened but we will still be able to fit in all the normal activities.

Next year, hopefully things will be back to normal and both Years 7 & 8 will be able to take part.

A meeting of Year 8 parents was held last week and all were in favour of the proposed trip which will take place in November.

#### **Fruit and Milk:**

Fruit in Schools and the milk deliveries are in full swing so all children have access to fresh fruit (there is quite a selection – apples, mandarins, bananas, pears and kiwifruit) and milk each day.

#### **SCHOOL LUNCHES:**

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter the government in going to provide free lunches for all schools in Opotiki. At present the Ministry of Education is calling for tenders and it is hoped to start this project in Term 4.

#### **Parent Interviews:**

If you wish to discuss your child's progress before the end of the term please contact his/her teacher for an appointment. Formal interviews will be held next term.

#### **Donations Scheme:**

The Board of Trustees has agreed to be part of the Donations Scheme for 2021 which means the Government grants \$150 per student to the school. This covers Stationery, Camps, Buses, Field Trips and lots of other incidentals. It has been a real bonus this year as so far, we have not had to ask you parents for any donations at all.