

**Student of the Week**

**3 August 2020**

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**10 August 2020**

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Dear Parents and Whanau

Spring has sprung, and despite the fog this morning look at the beautiful day we now have. I hope by the time you read this that the weather hasn't changed!

**Covid-19, Alert Level 2:**

You are all no doubt aware the Prime Minister, last week, announced that face coverings are now required on public transport at Alert Level 2 and above. This does not apply to any child under 12 years of age and does not apply to school transport (we have good systems in place to manage safety on school transport).

Public Health Officials have advised that children under the age of 6 should not wear face coverings.

Children and young people do not need to wear face coverings at school. Other public health control measures are in place including children staying home if they are sick, contact tracing and hygiene requirements.

If your child however wants to wear a face covering, that's fine.

We are continuing contract tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances, so please check in every time you come on site.

We continue to keep a visitor register for anyone who doesn't have the app. and also for anyone who comes on site for a period of time. This will help us with contact tracing in the unlikely case it is needed.

I think that's enough about Covid-19 for the moment. One thing is for sure – we will never forget 2020! Last night Seven Sharp's Hilary Barry suggested that we should all celebrate Christmas early this year to rid ourselves of 2020. Not such a silly idea!

We **welcome** New Entrant Reid Nelson to Room 1.

#### **AGRICULTURAL DAY (CALF CLUB) NOTICE:**

Any child who is intending to have a calf, lamb or kid goat for Ag. Day is reminded that all animals need to be born between 10<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Calves must be vaccinated for Salmonella and be free from Mycoplasma Bovis. Anyone wanting to participate must complete a registration form. Registration forms can be collected from the school office or by emailing [cam.young@hyper.net.nz](mailto:cam.young@hyper.net.nz) .

For more information please contact Maree Young Ph: 315 7918.

Dates for this year are:

School Day date to be confirmed.

Group Day will be held at Woodlands School on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

Tomorrow (Thursday) Mrs Susan Impey, Principal of **Opotiki College** will visit (along with a few past pupils) to inform our students of all the College has to offer.

Next Thursday, 8 September, Mrs Lorraine Hickey from Westpac Bank will attend our School Assembly and present the **Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award** to one of our Year 8 students.

On Thursday, 10 September, Mrs Raukawa's class will take part in **planting** at the **dunes**. Mrs Raukawa will send out a separate Newsletter regarding this day.

The **Inter School Rugby and Netball Tournament** is now set down for Wednesday, 23 September. If we are still under Alert Level 2 it will be cancelled.

**Grandparents Day** is due to take place on Friday, 30 October, but whether we have it or not will very much depend on the situation regarding Covid-19. Even if we are down to Alert Level 1 we may have to rethink the format of the day.

**Auckland Trip** – The Year 8's are due to go to Auckland on 4 November. A meeting of all Year 8 parents will be held before the end of this term to decide what we are going to do regarding the above and to have Plan B ready – just in case!

**Parent Interviews** – These will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the last week of school. Please fill out the enclosed form and return to school as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

Take care and stay safe.

*R M Clark*  
*Principal*