

Kia Ora Koutou

We hope you all enjoyed the recent long weekend and the opportunity to support local businesses and activities.

The drop off and pick up procedures we have in place currently are a feature of Alert Level 2. As the government prepare for a possible move to Alert Level 1, we will review our matrix and the procedures we had implemented.

I have enjoyed greeting the children each morning and saying farewell at the end of the day. We have seen increased independence in children as parents drop them off and they prepare for the day. We thank you for the support you have given to these procedures during this unique time.

We are seeing an increase in the number of children away due to sickness. Thank you for keeping your children at home and following up with us. Please check in with your GP if your child is unwell to ensure it is nothing more serious.

Classes are all settled back into school routines and we are seeing some good work attitudes in children. A number of children have shared their writing with me recently and I enjoy hearing about the progress they are making. Poems have been a focus of some of the senior rooms, the imagery the students have created with words, is a feature of the work.

Our art focus continues, and we are seeing the development of a number of art pieces across the school. Several art elements and art principles are being incorporated into the students work.

Important Dates:

3 July – End of term 2

20 July – Start of term 3

Elements include colour, shape, form, texture and space while principles include contrast, pattern, balance, proportion and movement. While the art process involves creating, we are also encouraging discussions about artwork and how students feel while creating and when viewing completed work. We are looking forward to sharing these creations with you later this term.

Several sports are beginning to prepare for a shortened season. Netball and hockey information has been shared and we wish you well for whatever the season may bring.

We will be holding a school cross country during the last week of the term. We are planning this for Wednesday 1st July. Children will be training for this over the coming weeks. Please check with your child's teacher to see if a change of clothes is advisable for training.

As we move into wetter weather it would be a good idea to pack a change of clothes for younger children, especially if they like getting out on the field. A change of pants is usually sufficient.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Ngā mihi
Cathryn Naera - Principal

PRIDE VALUES

P – Positivity - We participate in all activities with enthusiasm. We say kind and positive words.

R – Respect - We listen and use our manners. We care for ourselves, our belongings, the environment and each other.

I – Integrity - We make the right choices and do as we say. We are trustworthy.

D – Diligence - We try our best in all activities and take on challenges. We work hard to achieve our goals.

E – Empathy - We think about others and their feelings before we act.

This term we are focusing on a different **PRIDE** value each week. This week is **Integrity**.

Each week 2 to 3 children from each learning space are the Pride time winners and they have an extra 30 minutes of special time on Friday.

All those with PRIDE tickets go in a weekly draw where 3 names are pulled out as are 3 bus pride tickets. These children receive a special treat.

Friday Subway Lunches are available to be ordered online by going to <https://www.subwayexpress.co.nz/>. Select "School Lunch Programme" Please ensure you enter the correct classroom name so that you child will receive their order. Orders need to be made by 9am on Friday morning.

BOOK CLUB IS Running!

TAKE A LOOK
scholastic.co.nz/schools/book-club



Special BUMPER Term 2 issue!

SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Book orders close Friday 12th June

Futsal (Indoor football) starts Monday 8th June Registration form online at foxyfeetfc.weebly.com



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Everyday is a chance to get better

Have a look at these great poems from Totara children.

Storm Poem

Tucked up warm the wind howling blowing
 back and forth rattling the trees.
 A storm is coming
 Sipping hot chocolate, trees are being pushed
 around
 Leaves falling
 A storm is coming
 Putting on pj's, climbing the stairs when
 everything goes dark,
 No clue what to do, the only light lit by torches
 The storm is nearly here
 Snuggled under a duvet nice and warm you
 can hear
 The rain pounding on the roof, the wind howling
 The trees swaying in the wind
 And only lit by torches
 A storm is here

By Samarah Y5

Pink delight

Pink rosy cheeks flying high on the tramp
 A shining pink flowing sunset in the sky
 Falling pink petals flutter down and twirl
 Someone eating pink candy floss on a little
 chair
 Pink is the colour of the fluffy jumper I wear
 Pink is the colour of blossom peaches
 Pink is the colour of my cosy blanket I love
 Then the sunset is falling and the sky purple
 Now its time to fall and close my eyes in sleep
 I wake up and a pink morning light blossoms
 in the sunrise

By Kayla Y5