

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Thank you for your continued support of the procedures we have in place for Alert Level 2. We have had a busy week with our Bikewise tutors at school with the children. This programme is very valuable for the children so that they have confidence to ride their bikes safely on the road.

School Photos:

The school photos are due to be taken next week. There has been a date change from Monday 31st August to Tuesday 1st September. Sibling photo envelopes can be collected from the office. All other orders are done after the photos have been taken.



Daffodil Day:

Daffodil Day is the Cancer Society's biggest annual fundraiser and this year they celebrate 30 years of Daffodil Day in NZ. Many of us will know someone who has been affected by cancer and we are supporting this fundraiser by having Daffodil Stickers available for a gold coin donation. Children are able to get their sticker and make their donation in the office all this week.

On Friday (tomorrow) we will have a dress up in yellow day to support Daffodil Day. All donations can be made in the office.

Sickness:

We have had a number of staff away due to sickness this week. This is always a challenge as the children adjust to a reliever in the class. However, we have a good team of relievers who come into school for us regularly and we are grateful for their support. Our staff are dedicated and committed to their role and it is important that they are able to recuperate if they are unwell.

Important Dates:

1 Sep – School Photos
25 Sep – End of term 3
12 Oct – Start of term 4

Peace Flags:

All classes have been working on a contribution to the peace flags. This has involved the children creating a picture on a piece of material which will be sown together with other contributions to create flags or bunting. The flags, once completed, will be on display in the Whakatane Library. We will let you know when this display has been set up. Thank you to the children for their creativity.

Achiever Acknowledgements:

We have restarted the achiever acknowledgments display in the hall. The achievements fall under three categories which are; "Literacy Leader", "Maths Whizz" and "Curious Cool Cat" and are identified twice a term. Once we are back to Alert Level 1 you will be able to come into school and see these.

Sports Fixtures:

It has been a disappointing year with the impact the various Alert Levels has had on our sports programme and the various out of school fixtures that normally take place. We are not sure what next term will bring but are hopeful that things will improve.

Masks:

From Monday it is optional for the children on the town bus to wear a mask as they travel to and from school. Quite a few of the children are already doing this. At this stage this is the only bus service this affects as the blue bus is public transport. At this stage wearing masks on school bus is a personal choice.

Take care and stay safe

Ngā mihi

Cathryn Naera - Principal

Scholastic Book orders – Orders close Friday 4th September