

21st July 2023

**Tena koutou katoa, nau mai hoki mai ki te wahanga tuatoru!**

If school was a golf tournament this term would be moving day. The chance to really get into the swing of things ... pun intended... and take advantage of a solid beginning to the year or recover from a shaky start to give yourself a crack at reaching your goals.

So welcome back to school! If this week has been an indication of things to come, fasten your seatbelts, get your pens at the ready and your phones away in your bag; cos it's gonna be a fast, furious ten weeks.... with 1 already in the rearview mirror...and what a week. Matariki celebrations feature strongly this week after we had our 2nd annual celebration on Wednesday. The team pulled together to prove once again that many willing hands certainly do make light work, so a **big thanks** to all involved. The highlight of the evening for me was listening to my daughter singing along with the beautiful performance by the kapa haka group after eating a beautifully cooked hangi; contemplating how I was gonna cope with the massive pudding I knew was sitting in waiting (I was assured by Dion that it was the perfect portion size!!)...heart bursting with pride and puku bursting with kai...anywho...nothing 50 burpees won't fix.....another **massive thank you** to all who donated, helped out and performed on the night. Last word about Matariki from our MC and Kapa Haka leader Matua Tiniwaata Hill - the right people were smiling so all was good!! Ae it was.

This was followed up by parent teacher interviews on Thursday, which returned to the hall for this year's edition and was very well attended. We are currently processing the feedback forms you were *made* to fill out.... and will have some news on this in the coming weeks.



**Uniform** - this term we are making a point of enforcing the uniform code even more closely than in term 1 and 2. We will now be removing items of easily removable clothing and also removing students from timetabled classes if they persist in ignoring the expectations. It is fair and reasonable for us to see students in the correct uniform and we will hold the line on our expectations. As always please contact us if you have any issues with meeting the uniform requirements.

**Attendance matters...**We are expecting a more settled and less disrupted term ahead, much needed after the tumultuous first half of the year. As you can see, we have started strong back this term and are proud of students making a fresh start and using the new term to turn over a new leaf in their attendance.

**Attendance term 3 week 1: 78%**

**The Yr 7-8 PC basketball competition has started...**

In their first competitive game the PC Warriors fought against a 30 point disadvantage (due to the other team getting 10 points for every minute the Warriors were late to the court)..... to win 46-38... I am sure there is good and bad in this story but will let the reader decide....



#### **Update on the school ball**

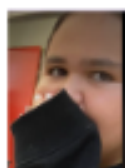
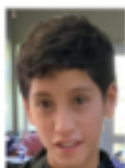
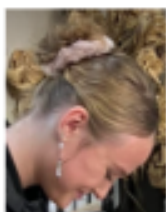
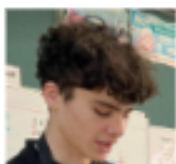
Thanks to a sustainability programme from L'Oreal we have a huge range of new and unused makeup to donate to students in preparation for the school ball.

Seniors will be invited to a short interview with a member of Senior Leadership next week to discuss their attendance rate and intentions for the ball. We understand there have been legitimate reasons that 80% attendance has been difficult and want to make sure we give students the chance to tell their side of the story!

The ball will be held on Saturday 16th September. The committee is meeting on Monday and more details will follow.



**Matariki....some of the faces who contributed to our celebration!**





**A stunning celebration and performance by our Kapa haka group.**



## Outdoor Education

The 12/13 class has been focussing on outdoor first aid this week. They have focussed on how to look after broken bones and creating stretchers with things they find outside.



### What a legend!

Connar Bennetto (11ORSAB) is a recruit firefighter. He helped in a recent incident that resulted in actually saving a person's life. Connar thoroughly enjoys being a volunteer fireman. He currently attends training on Monday nights.

If you are at least 16 and keen to get involved in your community by becoming a firefighter, speak to Connar.

## **Winter Sports**

**Rugby** - U18 will be training up at the Nola block Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm.

**Basketball** - Training for senior boys basketball is on Thursday lunch times.

Junior boys and girls basketball are looking for managers and coaches.

**Soccer/Football** - Friday 3.30 at school.

**Hockey** - Wednesday afterschool in the gym.

## **Term 3, Week 2**

Monday - come to school

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Wednesday - come to school

Thursday - come to school

Friday - come to school