

22nd November 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Farewell – Maria.

We're sorry to be saying farewell to Maria Couper, who will be leaving our school at the end of the year. Maria has been an awesome teacher in our Ti Kouka class with Andi and a valued leader of our Otawiri Kapa haka group. At last week's poroporoaki for Kapa haka leavers, it was nice to reflect back on the contribution Maria has made to the group since it began 6 years ago. We celebrated the long-term aim of putting the children's voices first, learning together and growing a strong sense of character, standing tall in our culture.

5 Reasons Why You Should Get a Pool Key:

- 1) Free time in the pool over summer is fun – Blake.
- 2) When it's 35 deg over summer, what would you rather have? A swim or cranky children? – Nate
- 3) So we can learn to swim and have fun – Mikayla
- 4) The parents can have fun in the pool with their children – Jacob
- 5) It's fun to swim with friends – Skye

Pool keys are available from our school office at \$80 each – there is no sharing of pool keys, i.e. you are welcome to take another family's children swimming, provided they also have a pool key. You are responsible for the supervision of the children you take swimming, thank you.



Tentative Term Dates for 2019

Term 1	Mon 04.02.19	to	Fri 12.04.19
Term 2	Mon 29.04.19	to	Fri 05.07.19
Term 3	Mon 22.07.19	to	Fri 27.09.19
Term 4	Mon 14.10.19	to	Thurs 19.12.19

Zone Athletics

Congratulations to Harriet and Keiana who have qualified for the Canterbury Zone Athletics in Long Jump (Harriet) and Shot put, Discus (Kei) You both Stand Tall – Tu Toa.

B.P. ATHLETICS DAY

Thank you to families for providing the plates of food to sell on Athletics day. Our Support Group was very appreciative.

Kahikatea Camp.

Our Year 7&8 class is up at Mount Hutt Retreat for a week long camp.

Monday and most of Tuesday saw them largely hut bound with winter conditions. They did manage a morning walk in the



bush and snow on Tuesday with the odd snowball thrown! Gloved fingers are crossed that they got into Erewhon Station to experience the grandeur of their giant Clydesdale horses on Wednesday and if the weather improved, to allow more outdoor adventures! A big thanks to our parents and Support Group for enabling this opportunity for outdoor education and to John for all he has organised.

ALEX'S FUNDRAISER

On the afternoon of 13th November, Alex had her head shaved for cancer (leukaemia). Alex wanted to say thanks to everyone who came and supported her. Right – Alex today ☺



Senior camp monies and pool keys can be deposited via internet banking to LRS, 031584-0024325-00. Please ensure you identify payments clearly, thanks.

FRONT COVER: 'Symmetry,' by Tōtara class

FOR SALE

Peter Pan Production Movie - We still have available a home movie style copy of the show on a memory stick. This is available for a Koha.

Pinex Pinboards;

1 x 80x120cm light blue

2 x 120x150cm light blue

2 x 91x158cm dark green

1 x 120x233cm light pink

Make a reasonable offer please, proceeds to Year 8 leaver hoodies

Digital Citizenship / Responsible Use Agreement forms – These were emailed out **last term**. Please return the back page, signed, if you haven't already. If you require a hardcopy, contact the office.

Anxiety in Children.

As a parent it can be hard to know the best approach when your child is experiencing an anxious moment. All kids can build resilience, but they will do better with help from their family and friends.

Some quick tips can be found at these links:

Professor Jennie Hudson shares how some of the indicators of anxiety can be

confused - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WP3n-bbkF-U>

If you need a guide for what to say, check out the advice from PSYCOM; <https://www.psycom.net/child-anxiety-things-never-to-say>



EVworld South Public Day

Have you thought about making the move to electric? Are you interested to learn more about Electric cars or electric bikes? Visit the EVworld South Public Show on **Saturday 24 November** at The Air Force Museum in Wigram. Find out why more New Zealanders are making the switch to quiet, energy efficient electric vehicles, with FREE seminars running throughout the day covering all things you need to know. There will also be a wide range of e-bikes and e-scooters available to try on the e-bike track.

Bring your friends, your family and join the EVolution this November! For more information and to pre-register for the chance to win a Hyundai Kona for a month or a Wattwheels e-Bike to keep - head to www.evworldsouth.nz

<http://www.littleriver.school.nz>



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