

## Newsletter 21 May 2020

Kia ora koutou,

# Thank you!

We had a great return to school on Monday, with attendance of 84%, which was well above national averages. We look forward to getting closer to 100% as confidence grows in the elimination of COVID19 in NZ. It was lovely to welcome 10 new students to our school. Students and staff felt very positive about the day, with routines being quickly re-established. We are aware, of course, that some of our whanau and students are under extra stress at the moment due to the economic and health impacts of the lockdown. We will continue to be sensitive and supportive towards all students and staff with this in mind.

Special thanks to those parents who made alternative arrangements for transport, significantly reducing the crowding on buses. This is really appreciated! The library is open in the morning for students who do arrive early and would like to keep warm.

### Uniform reminders

We have clear expectations for correct uniform at school and make every effort to make compliance easy and affordable. Non-uniform items will be removed from students and held by the school for a week.

Students may wear black or white long-sleeved thermal tops under their matching school shirts. (Black thermal tops may be worn under the dark green junior shirts.) These are available from the school office for \$12. Plain black beanies (\$3) scarves (\$5) and sneakers (\$5) may also be purchased from the school office. Polarfleece tops, woollen jerseys and school jackets are available from school uniform suppliers. Some pre-loved items are available at school.

### Daily Notices

Messages to students are communicated from staff through our electronic Daily Notices. Checking these will enable parents to stay informed and up to date. Go to:

<http://www.dailynotices.co.nz/view.aspx?school=12>

### Advice for parents and whānau about preparing for Alert Level 2

The Ministry of Education has updated information to assist parents in preparing their children for a return to school under Alert Level 2.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/news-stories/covid-19-preparing-for-alert-level-2/>

Naku noa na,

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