



## KIA ORA GREETINGS

### From the Desk of the Principal

The term is drawing to a close and children will be bringing their mid year reports home next Wednesday 28 June. I would like to thank the parents who have supported us with helping children learn. There have been some big improvements in reading for some students and this is often due to parents reading regularly with their children at home.



**Parent Teacher Interviews** - You will have a chance to meet your child's teacher and discuss their progress early next term on **26 and 27 July**. We will be sending a notice home next week with information about parent interview times and appointments.

**End of term** - School will close at 3pm on Friday 30 June and open for term 3 on Monday 17 July. I will be having a special Principal's assembly at 12.15pm on Friday 30 June and all are welcome to attend.

**Matariki Celebrations** - Next Thursday 29 June we will be celebrating Matariki with cultural dress and shared lunches across the school.

**Riverview Road Entrance-Road works** - From 26 June there will be work undertaken on the road near our Riverview Road entrance to the school. Parking in this area will be prohibited and parents dropping off and collecting children may have to park further away and walk to the school. This work should be completed before the beginning of term 3.



**Children Leaving Early** - Recently the Intermediate school finished early and we had quite a few children turning up here wanting to sign out their younger brothers and sisters. We will not be allowing them to be signed out to older siblings unless we have heard from their parents/caregivers that they are able to leave. Please talk to your older children and let them know that this is our policy.

### From the Desk of Mr Pickett

**Keeping Ourselves Safe - Parent Information Meeting** - It was great to hear we had a big turnout of parents/caregivers at our Keeping Ourselves Safe parent information meeting yesterday afternoon. Senior Constable Carl talked through the reasons behind the programme and what is taught as part of Keeping Ourselves Safe. Many of those who attended asked for more information about how best to keep their children as safe as possible when they are using internet-connected devices at home. Netsafe is a Ministry of Education supported online internet safety organisation that provides resources, advice and support for those in need. They have a great online safety parent toolkit (available for download in English, Te Reo, Samoan, Chinese and Tongan) that is a great resource for navigating these issues, they highly recommend taking an educational approach before restricting access. You can find the resource here <https://netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit/> To find out more about using parental controls to restrict access please follow this link. <https://netsafe.org.nz/parental-controls/>



**Olympic Ambassador Visit** - Yesterday, we were very lucky to have a visit from an Olympic Ambassador. Alexis Pritchard represented New Zealand at the Olympic Games and won a Bronze medal in Boxing at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. She came and spoke to the whole school about her journey to becoming an elite athlete. The students were encouraged to set goals, work hard and have a never give up attitude. We thank Alexis for giving up her time to come and inspire our students. 😊



**Inter-school Rippa Rugby** - All our rippa teams had a great day out at Avondale Racecourse on Thursday 8th June. Although we didn't come away with any silverware, the teams played with a great attitude and had some impressive wins throughout the day. A big thank you to all our volunteer helpers who made the day run very smoothly. We look forward to our next sport (hockey) which is happening on Thursday 3rd August.



**Netball** - Well done to the Kerehana Red Netball team on Monday night. After a great practice the team carried this over onto the court. A good win against Avondale Primary 19 to 7. Player of the Day was Journey. Thanks to Leni (Dabrilou's Mum) for umpiring the game last night.

### Coming Events:

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| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Reports go home                                  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                     | Matariki Celebrations                            |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June                       | Principals Assembly & Last Day of Term.          |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July                       | Matariki Public Holiday – In the school holidays |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                       | Term 3 Starts                                    |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                     | School Photos                                    |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> July | Parent Teacher Interviews                        |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September                  | Term 3 Finishes                                  |

**Internet Banking** – We are happy to receive school payments by Internet Banking. Please remember to use your child's name and reason for payment as your reference. Account Number is ASB 12 3051 0387085 00. Feel free to email us that you have paid

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