



Riwaka School

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19 JUNE 2020

NEWSLETTER NO. 5

Tena koutou katoa

With the onset of winter upon us, I hope that this newsletter finds you well. A lot has happened over the term, especially in relation to change and adjusting to change. In some ways, it is hard to believe that we had gone into lockdown nearly three months ago. This term has been about settling students back into routine, reconnecting with teachers, peers and face-to-face learning.

Midpoint Assessments Over the last two weeks, students have been involved in a variety of tests and assessments to look at where they are at in their learning and to help inform next steps. It is important to understand that standardised tests like PAT and STAR tests are only one method of assessing students. What students can and cannot do is also assessed through observation, 1:1 conferencing with teachers, group and independent work and other in-class assessments. Feedback on how a student has gone on a learning activity and feed-forward on next steps are part of the usual ongoing practises in class. No assessments that we use are designed as a 'pass or fail' approach. They are all to see what students can and cannot do and are a way of informing next steps.

Student Led Conferences Term 3 These will be scheduled for Wednesday 22nd July and Thursday 23rd July. Further information will follow this term on how to book these. This is an opportunity to have focused time with your child and child's teacher to talk about their learning. The conferences will start from 1:30pm and supervision will be available for the afternoon for anyone needing this on those days. School buses will also run at the normal times on those days.

Pool Keys These can now be returned to the office. You will receive your \$20 bond back on return of the key.

HERE'S WHATS HAPPENING

**TERM 2
LAST DAY FRIDAY 3
JULY**

**TERM HOLIDAY
4 – 19 JULY**

**TERM 3 COMMENCES
MONDAY 20 JULY**



Room 2 Students love using the new deck as their outdoor classroom.



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School Journals and Reading books from Distance Learning Period Any books from this period can be returned to the yellow crate in the admin foyer. This is anything you received from the school made home learning packs and also any journals or Ready to Read books you got over the Alert Level 3 period. You can keep the journals or Ready to Read books received from the MoE but if you no longer need them, they can be added to our stocks.

Whenua Iti Our Y8 students are currently on a Leadership Programme at Whenua Iti. This is part of our yearly EOTC (Education Outside of the Classroom) programme and involves team building exercises as well as activities to support confidence, communication, problem solving and self esteem.

DMIC We have a major school wide focus on maths this year. This involves mentors working with teachers in class as well as outside contact hours. I look forward to being able to share the impact of this in due course.

Holidays Term 2 finishes on Friday 3rd July. We start back on Monday 20th July. There will be a further newsletter this term prior to the holidays as well as information on Student Led Conferences and how to book these.

Ngā mihi nui

Fraser Campbell
Principal



Community Notices

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Community Oral Health Service Clinics

NELSON

(03) 539 5324

32 Franklin St (cnr Franklin & Tioahi Sts,
parking off Tioahi St)

BLENHEIM

(03) 520 9922 or 0800 833 846

Corner of Nelson & McLauchlan St

MOTUEKA

(03) 539 5311 or 0800 833 846

Parklands School, 9-19 Pah Street

RICHMOND

(03) 539 5320

Herley School, 56a William St

STOKE

(03) 539 5321

Nayland Primary School
225 Nayland Road

MOBILE CLINICS

Tasman 0800 833 846

Marlborough 0800 833 849

