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Kia ora tātou,

What a beautiful weekend we had in Ōtautahi! The ākonga are certainly enjoying being out in the sunshine during their morning tea and lunch breaks at the moment. It has been a great opportunity for me to head out and meet the students. I have also enjoyed meeting whānau at the gate before and after school. Everyone has been so welcoming and kind - thank you.

I spent the afternoon with the tamariki of Tūi room on Thursday last week and enjoyed their waiata, E Tu Kahikatea. I thought it so apt that our youngest ākonga are learning a waiata about standing tall and standing together.

E tu kahikatea

He whakapai ururoa

Awhi mai awhi atu

Tatau tatau e!

Stand like the kahikatea (tree)

to brave the storms

embrace one another

We are one together

I am looking forward to joining our seven students competing on Wednesday at the Canterbury Cross Country event being held at Halswell Quarry. It's a privilege to be able to cheer on these young athletes as they run their hearts out. It's a big step up from a school event to Zones, and then another big step up again to Canterbury's. We wish them steady starts, sustainable pacing and fast finishes!

Our school assembly last week was short and sweet, but I wanted to acknowledge the whānau who came along to see their tamariki receive a certificate. I can tell that this fortnightly celebration is really important for the students and I was impressed by the thought that kaiako put into choosing certificate recipients. I can't wait to be back in the Whare Pukapuka | Library together so that we can bring some sharing of learning back into the assembly.

We are now in the final stage of the build project, due to be completed in November. While I am still getting my head around the details, I want to acknowledge all of the work that Judy and the current and previous Boards did to bring this project to fruition. It has been a lot of time and mahi on their parts, on top of "real" jobs (for the BOT) and many layers of "other" work (for the tumuaki).

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Term Dates for 2021

Please see below the Term dates including public holidays and teacher workload dates for 2021.

Term 1

Tuesday 2 February --> Friday 16 April

Teacher only day: Monday 1 February

Waitangi Day observed: Monday 8 February

Easter: Friday 2 April, Monday 5 April, Tuesday 6 April

Term 2

Monday 3 May --> Friday 9 July

Teacher workload day: Friday 4 June

Queen's Birthday: Monday 7 June

Term 3

Monday 26 July --> Friday 1 October

Teacher workload day: Friday 27 August

Term 4

Monday 18 October --> Thursday 16 December (finish at 12:30pm)

Teacher workload day: Monday 15 November

Labour Day: Monday 25 October

Show Day: Friday 12 November

We have included three teacher workload days in our planned dates for 2021. These days are part of the teacher collective agreement to address issues of workload at high stress points - usually around assessment and reporting times. Teachers can use these days for planning, marking assessments, working collaboratively to moderate assessments, engaging in professional development, or any other way they decide will help improve teaching and learning for the ākonga at Ōhintahi.

We have attached these days to long weekends where possible (Terms 2 and 4) and have created a long weekend (for you!) in Term 3.

Thank you for your support of our incredible team!

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club brochures went home last week. You can order online and the items will be sent to the office or you can pop your order into the office drop box. Please have all orders completed by Friday 14 August.

SAVE THE DATE: Quiz night at Harbour House

Saturday the 19 of September, at 7 pm

Supporting the Year 8 end of year trip to Wellington.

Lots of amazing auctions and prizes. Live music, drinks, and nibbles.

More info to come but start getting your teams together for an amazing night of fun.



Read some of Korimako's wonderful descriptive writing to work out which

wedding dress

is Mrs Kelly's.



Mrs Kelly's Exquisite Wedding Dress

The dress is a beautiful ivory colour. There is a thick strip of fabric on the waist. There is a fabric rose on the strip. Inside the rose there's diamantes. The veil is as long as the Great Wall of China. The daisies on the veil are shiny and they're teeny tiny. The dress sways like a flag in the wind. The top of the dress is sleeveless with lace that has lots of flowers. I love this dress because it is so so gorgeous.

Written by Chloe

Mrs Kelly's Outstanding Wedding Dress

The dress is a beautiful ivory colour. It has a flowery lace at the top and it's also sleeveless. It has a thick band around the waist. Oh, did I tell you about the veil?!?! Well, maybe I will a bit later. Well, back to the thick band, it has a fabric poppy on it and inside the flower are some beads. Now, for the veil. A white pointy clip stops the veil from falling out of her hair. The veil is as long as the reticulated python. It has 23 miniature daisies on it. Also, below the waist of the dress is satin underneath chiffon fabric (otherwise you would see her knickers which would not be good). Love your dress Mrs Kelly.

Written by James

Mrs Kelly's Cute Wedding Dress

The dress is a dazzling ivory colour. The ribbon is very thick at the waist. There is a realistic flower with dazzling beads. The dress has little daisies on it. The lace goes around the neck. At the stunning top it is sleeveless. The veil is as long as a reticulated python. On the veil there is a clear comb. There are twenty-seven dazzling daisies on the veil with tiny beads in the middle. The dress is as big as an emerald tree boa. This dress is a girl's dream.

Written by Xavier

Mrs Kelly's Terrific Wedding Dress

The dress is a beautiful ivory colour. It has a thick band around the waist with a fabric poppy on it. The wonderful top of the dress is made of flower lace and it is sleeveless. The veil is as long as the RMS Titanic. It feels sticky. It has twenty-three daisies on it. Each daisy has a wee bead on it. I love this dress and so does Mrs Kelly.

Written by Maxwell