

Parent Panui February 4 2021

Kia ora koutou. Unbelievably it is already the end of the first week of school. Thank you all for supporting the positive start we have had to the year.

In this email you will find information about:

- A Week of welcomes
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It has been a week of welcomes.

Our Whakawhanaungatanga afternoon on Monday was well attended- particularly by new families, and by students and families in Class 2,6, and 7 in order to meet their new teachers. It was a great “warming of the hearth” time.

There was a beautiful welcoming ceremony for Class 1’s transition from Kindergarten by whanau. Class 12 students accompanied the Class 1 students up the zig zag and into their new class. They were met at the top of the zig-zag by the whole of the Lower School, who greeted them with waiata as they entered their new classroom.

The Mihi Whakatau this morning was a fantastic experience with the whole school joining together to welcome new students, whanau and staff. Thanks to the students who stepped up and led this occasion, Mana Tito, Perrin Weir and Laurel van Leuven, and a particular acknowledgement to Irene for her strong organisation and preparation for the event. Thank you also to parents of the PFTA and Nga Rito for organising the kai.

This has been a great first week- students in all areas of the school appear very settled, they have got straight into their timetables and some fantastic learning experiences and we are all looking forward to the rest of 2021.

Our Kapahaka and Te Reo Kaiako, Matua Rangi Halbert, will be taking a year off to spend time with his elderly father who is unwell. Rangi will also use this time to just have a well-needed, rejuvenating break. He will be missed immensely. Our fingers are crossed that he will be back in 2022. We received news of Rangi’s decision earlier this week on Tuesday. However, the Te Reo teaching team that was formed last year will continue, with Whaea Karen Gault teaching across Lower and Upper School classes and Irene taking Kapahaka. Whaea Karen will also be working with classes, next week, to prepare cards and gifts to acknowledge the mahi that Rangi has done.

BUSH TELEGRAPH – community newsletter

The much-loved Bush Telegraph is on hiatus as we review the format and content. We will continue to communicate with our school parents with this Friday Panui over the next couple of weeks and the Bush Telegraph will be back at the end of the month.

School Lunches (Whanau Fridays)

Whanau Friday's will be back soon. We will provide you with further information next week.

School Photos

Inspire Photography will be onsite to take our School Class Photos on 17-18 February. Individual, sibling and ID photos will also be taken on this day. A reminder and further information regarding ordering of photos will follow.

Staffing

As promised in the email earlier this week our current list of staff is as follows:

Adrienne Preston	<i>Housekeeping</i>
Alice Kurcake	<i>Kindergarten Kaiako</i>
Amelia Minogue	<i>Curriculum Leader, English, NZCSE</i>
Ashley Gibbs	<i>Literacy Leader, Class 1 Transition</i>
Barry Pringle	<i>Science</i>
Bill Scott	<i>Drama, History</i>
Brian Paquin	<i>Sports Coordinator</i>
Brett Whincup	<i>Property Manager</i>
Carolyn England	<i>Counsellor</i>
Chaucey Ellis	<i>Payroll Officer</i>
Chris Van Der	<i>Math, Orchestra</i>
Claire Folster	<i>Class 7</i>
Clare Goodman	<i>Resource Officer</i>
Colin Thomson	<i>Grounds Support</i>
Daniel Vojinovich	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Dorothea Pienaar	<i>Music & Therapy</i>
Eileen Watson	<i>Kindergarten Learning Assistant</i>
Emily Blyth	<i>Learning support Kaiako, SENCO</i>
Fabiana Tato	<i>Kindergarten Kaiako-Kowhai</i>
Fiona Rawdon	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Gabrielle Edmonds	<i>Visual Arts</i>
Geoff Heath	<i>Commitments Leader, Music, Class 5</i>

Gita Pillai	<i>NZCSE Support, Timetable Administration</i>
Grant Rossiter	<i>Deputy Principal, Math, Science, EOTC, US Coordination</i>
Irene Cheung	<i>Assistant Principal, Math, Kapahaka, LS Coordination</i>
Irja Hoeffler	<i>Pedagogy Leader, German, International Students</i>
Julia Sheriff	<i>Kindergarten Kaiako-Pohutukawa</i>
Katie Brackenridge	<i>Handwork, Literacy, Festivals Leader</i>
Katie Rustleland	<i>Class 8, English, PE, Outdoor Classroom, Digital Technology</i>
Katie Musk	<i>Executive Officer</i>
Kathy Mathews	<i>Kindergarten Learning Assistant</i>
Karen Gault	<i>Te Reo</i>
Karyn Gray	<i>Principal, Lifeskills, Digital Technology</i>
Laura Lopez	<i>Kindergarten Kaiako-Pohutuawa</i>
Line Schlebusch	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Lori Micu	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Louise Gaplin	<i>Class 4</i>
Lyn Vigrass	<i>Librarian</i>
Maia Freeman	<i>English</i>
Marcelly Ramos	<i>Receptionist</i>
Mario Gude	<i>Pastoral Leader, Woodwork, PE</i>
Megan Grant	<i>English, Life Skills</i>
Merlin Fuhrhop	<i>Mathematics</i>
Nina Gude	<i>Eurythmy</i>
Patrick McKinley	<i>Science</i>
Purdy Biddle	<i>Numeracy Leader, Class 1 Transition</i>
Rachel Binning	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Ray Shore	<i>Current Events, Storytelling, Festivals Leader</i>
Ruzia Ataria	<i>Class 2</i>
Sara Hansen	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Sarah Daly	<i>Science, Biology, Enrichment</i>
Sarah Grandison	<i>Handwork, Festivals leader, Careers</i>
Simon Burrows	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Sharon Patete	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Shiloh McJorow	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Sue Pegler	<i>Eurythmy</i>
Tanya Zanetti	<i>Class 3</i>

Tegan Anderson	<i>Class 6</i>
Tim Angus	<i>Mathematics (Leave Term 1)</i>
Tracey Williamson	<i>Kindergarten Learning Assistant</i>
Trudi Orme	<i>Kindergarten Kaiako-Rimu</i>
Vanya Howell-Kress	<i>Music</i>
Yuko Oshika	<i>Japanese</i>
Zalina Vest	<i>Kindergarten Learning Assistant</i>

Student ID Cards

Student Identification Cards for Upper School students are now available to purchase on KINDO. Each card shows the school's name and logo, the student's details/photo and an expiry date. This ID card is required to enable access to student discounts for transport and other activities. There are two card options.

- Standard Student Identification Card (lasts one year)- \$15 each
- Student Identification Card with Snapper* (lasts three years) - \$20 each.

**Students can use Snapper cards on all Wellington Regional Buses to pay for the cost of their travel.*

ID Cards ordered before **Friday 26 February** will be at a discounted price (above). Prices will increase by \$5 after this date, this is due to the school placing a bulk order with the supplier. Cards will be available to collect from the Office in Week 6.

US Sports day next Thursday 11 February

This is taking place at the Hutt Rec. Buses will be used to transport Upper School students. US students will get more information about this during their Kaiarataki time next week.

Again, thank you for supporting all our taura and kaimahi in such a positive start to the year. Have a wonderful long weekend break. If you have time, check out local events taking place to celebrate Waitangi Day.

Ngā mihi

Karyn, Grant, Irene and Katie on behalf of all kaimahi