

6 March 2019 Term 1 Week 6

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Week 6 already and the term is flying by. We are proud that our students are following The VALE Way and implementing this into every day school life. Just a reminder on a few housekeeping issues that need to be addressed.

Lateness is becoming concerning. Last year we changed to 9.20am to give those whanau who were having difficulty getting to school more time to do so. We have been very accommodating in changing our entire school day to suit those few. However, over the last weeks we have noticed numbers are beginning to creep back up. I will be personally contacting parents and caregivers directly to discuss this as it should not be the responsibility of children to get to school on time. Please help us to improve this current situation.

School hours (9.20am to 2.50pm), ALL visitors must report to the office. This is imperative as safety is our number one priority at school. Please ensure that you check in with the office on your entry to school - this includes dropping lunches in and most importantly, when collecting children

Uniform is also a concern for some students. In 2019 we have two options - the blue polo shirt and black shorts/pants, or the new polo shirt, shorts or skirts. Some children are wearing a combination of the two which is fine, however, any clothing outside of these are unacceptable. Please ensure that your child is dressed correctly. The blue polar fleece is still acceptable for cooler days in preparation for the new hoodie and jacket which will arrive in Term 2.

The Education Review Office (ERO) met with BOT members and the school leadership team yesterday. As previously mentioned, our ERO review will take place in the last week of term (8 April to 12 April). ERO are wanting to meet with some parents to discuss the school's operation and their child's learning. Details of the meeting will be given out at a later date if you wish to be part of this discussion.

We have a few events popping up over the next few weeks for you to be aware of. Next week we will be putting a Top Schools team in for the event at Gate Pa on Thursday 14th March. A detailed notice has been sent home for those students representing our school. The team will be heading up to Gate Pa tomorrow to practice some of the activities.

Goal Setting Interviews will take place on Monday 25 March and Tuesday 26 March. This notice will be sent home next week to schedule times for interviews.

NZEI Paid Union Meetings will take place on Wednesday 27 March. Our staff will be attending the Otumoetai meeting at 9.30am on this day. Details regarding school operation will be sent home over the coming weeks.

Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai.
Nurture the seed, and it will blossom

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom

REMINDER – we have received a large supply of headlice treatment & combs so please ask at the office if you would like some of this. Lots of parents have been in to get some, it's great to see so many of you working hard to keep this issue under control



Kia hiwa rā! Kia hiwa rā!

Mahi (*work*)

Tūranga (*position*): Kaiāwhina

Rāhina me te Rātū (*Monday and Tuesday*),

9am – 1pm.

Ko te tūmanako ki te kōrero Māori.

Whakapā mai (*contact*)

Kia Matua Tom & Whaea Losaria

Waea: 5786900

Breakfast Club –

Every morning Breakfast Club is held in our staffroom and many of your tamariki attend this. We are lucky to have some amazing volunteers to help make this happen but at the moment we do not have anyone to help on a Friday morning. If anyone is able to come in from 8am – 9am on a Friday that would be fantastic, just come & talk to someone at school. This involves serving weetbix and milos & a fun chat with kids.

School Donations:

Thank you to those families who have paid their School Donation.

Our school donations are very affordable & they are necessary for your children to get the extra resources they need.

The school donations are set as follows :

1 child = \$20

\$10 for each other child

with a cap of \$35 per family

These can be paid at any time to the school office. It is fine to pay these fees in instalments.