

**4 February 2020**  
**Term 1 Week 2**

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Week 2 at the Vale has seen lots of activity. 2020 has started with a bang so it is important we keep up to date.

**Uniform.** We remind all parents and caregivers that the correct uniform includes school shorts and skorts. Any other black bottoms are no longer acceptable. Also, each child is required to wear a school hat when outside. Please help us to maintain the new standards by ensuring your child is dressed correctly. If you have any concerns about the new uniform, please contact me directly as there are avenues of support that can be tapped into.

**Waitangi Day/ Teacher Only Day.** This Thursday 6 February the school will be closed as we observe Waitangi Day. On Friday 7 February, the school is again closed for Teacher Only Day which will include all staff for professional development. Please make the necessary arrangements for your child on these days. If you have any queries, please contact the school.

**School Pick-Up.** A reminder to please follow the directions of staff as well as observing signage and painted lines in the carpark. The drop off zone is for student vans in the afternoon however it can be parked in outside of the restricted times on signage. Please do not be offended when asked to move your vehicle.

**Safety.** As relayed in last week's notice, Police and MOE have made contact with the school around safety for students when they are out in the community. Please remind your child that if they feel unsafe or are frightened, to tell a trusted adult who is able to help. Police have also advised that in any emergency to call [111](tel:111).

**To whanau, to kaha!**  
 Your family, your strength!

Nga Mihi  
 Matua Tom

**PARENT/ CAREGIVER PHONE NUMBERS – as time goes by many of you change your phone numbers, please make sure you give the office any updated phone numbers & addresses so we are able to contact you.**

Breakfast Club is up and running every morning from 8am - 9am. Come and see Whaea Sandra and her wonderful volunteers for a nutritious breakfast. A great way to start the day.



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!