



2 July 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

The last two terms have been challenging for not only our entire community but the world as we navigate our way through COVID-19 and the ongoing complications that are resulting. Our students and staff have managed this uncertainty incredibly well, but we are all ready for the term break!

During Level 1 Alert we are maintaining surface cleaning and hand washing/sanitising regularly throughout the day. We do appreciate your ongoing support keeping unwell students at home and remaining offsite until they are symptom free.

Over the past term we have been continuing to develop our plans for the Burnside Primary Cobham Intermediate satellite as well as making progress towards our base school new build. We are hoping that at the start of Term 3 we will have some information regarding timelines for the Belfast development that we can share. We have been in regular discussions with our Project Manager, Richard Lockhart and we look forward to building on this relationship over the coming months.

We would like to congratulate our teacher assistants on the Pay Equity Settlement that will come into effect in November. We have approximately 50 teacher assistants covering our four sites whose work we value highly, and it has been wonderful to see the pay equity deal be realised.

I would like to thank you all for the support of the Pizza fundraiser. Pizzas will be heading your way today so everyone will be well stocked up for the July holidays. This fundraiser will support our basketball team trip to Nelson later in the year. A fabulous opportunity for our students.

Another exciting note, on Monday 29 June the board of trustees (BOT) submitted an advert in the Education Gazette to begin the process of recruiting our new principal. The BOT will keep us all updated and informed during the process.

Staff Only Day - Monday 7th September

This year our staff PLD is focused on First Aid. We had our whole staff training booked for the Thursday before Easter but unfortunately this was cancelled due to COVID-19. We have been able to secure another date for our training - Monday 7 September. This will be a **STAFF ONLY** day. Please mark this on your calendar.

Westburn Farewell

On Wednesday 24 June Westburn School farewelled the staff and students from Room 20. We have had a satellite at Westburn for 32 years, and we were pleased to present the school with a voucher for a tree to be planted once their new build is complete. The event was lovely with several past staff and students joining our current class. David Brown, the ex Westburn principal, chatted away with Graeme Daniel, our ex principal, who always made time for the Westburn students over the years. As usual our students were exemplary - a credit to our dedicated staff.



Wairakei Satellite Opening July 20th

The students and staff from our Westburn satellite move to Wairakei School at the start of Term 3. This is a temporary move for about 18 months while our new satellite is built as part of the Allenvale School / Burnside Primary / Cobham Intermediate (ABC) co-located new build.

We have had a fabulous welcome at Wairakei. The Principal Shane Buckner, and his senior leadership team have worked closely with Kate Sanders to ensure that the students know where they are coming to and feel safe and comfortable. The students have visited the school a few times and have enjoyed the experience. The highlight was the site visit on Thursday 25 June. Ryan from SCOPE hosted five of our students and three Wairakei boys. They were fascinated to see what 'tradies' do and were very happy to be allowed to keep their high viz vests. Kate and her team are planning a topic on Trades!



Student Council

The Student Council elections have occurred, and we have a fabulous new group of student representatives for 2020. We value student voice and are looking at how we can continue to develop this amongst our cohort, and it is a key part of our 2020 Annual Plan.

Welcome to the following new Student Council Representatives:

Back Row: Tobias Ruecker, James Watson, Wiremu Manahi, Thomas Ball

Front Row: Salih Nassar, Levi Macown, Daniel Coker, Hugo Herud

Absent: Dylan Dockerty



Netsafe Live

Netsafe Live is a free event for parents and whanau about keeping young people safe online. Netsafe's Education Advisor Pauline Spence will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and practical ways we can help young people to be safe online. Please see attached brochure for more information.

Term 3 Important Dates:

Monday 20th July

18th - 21st August

Wednesday August 26 10am

Monday 7th September

Wednesday 16th September

Term 3 Starts

Basketball Trip to Nelson (Seniors)

Mihi Whakatau (Welcome to new families and staff)

Staff Only Day (School Closed for Students)

Special Olympics Basketball Ribbon Day (Seniors)

Happy holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school safe and sound on Monday the 20th July.

Jenny Gosney
Acting Principal



Thursday 10 September 2020

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This session is for parents and whānau who are caring for young people of all ages – from preschool to teenagers – and will look at how to support children and young people as they navigate opportunities, challenges and complexities online.

Time: 7:00pm –8:00pm

For more information about the session and to register, visit: [HTTPS://www.netsafe.org.nz/the-kit/netsafe-live-vln/](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/the-kit/netsafe-live-vln/)