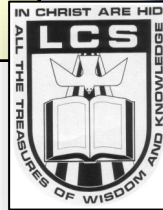


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Dear Parents

It is with happiness I am writing this newsletter from my office with a full school of students and staff around me! It feels good to be back in a more normal routine and to interact with, see and hear children at work and play during the day. I am so grateful for our staff who have worked faithfully throughout the lockdown period to support our students to learn at home. They have done a marvellous job. We have all learnt new ways of learning and working together.

This week we have been focussed on settling our students back into school, acknowledging that the last seven weeks have been quite different, but we are ready to get back to normal. We are seeing how resilient children are, as most of our students are really enjoying being back at school and keen to reconnect with friends in person. We have a good measure of health and safety practices in place, and the children have responded well to the routines around these. Over the next two weeks we will introduce more of our usual activities back into the programme, such as band and choir next week.

As our parent community, you are very welcome to come inside the school building but under COVID-19 Alert Level 2, you must sign in and out at the office and maintain physical distancing. It has been lovely to experience our community safely coming together at 3pm in the school grounds on sunny afternoons. We decided this was the safer option for our school as Hillary Street is busy and we have plenty of space to practise physical distancing at the front area of our school grounds.

Serving Christ together
Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards
Fiona Sizemore
Principal



Busy preparing packs for the Junior Students during Alert Level 3 and 4

DCSA

A note from the Proprietors: We are aware that many of our families will have been affected by the current COVID-19 situation. If your family finances have been significantly impacted, please do get in touch with us. If required, we can adjust your attendance dues invoice to reflect any changes to your income. We also have scholarship funds available. Contact Christine Smith-Han (christ_inhan@yahoo.co.nz) or Celia Nicoll (celiamnicoll@gmail.com).



Term 2 Value Focus:

TERM 2 VALUE FOCUS: COMPASSION

Love expressed through Compassion – A willingness to help, empathise with, or show mercy to those who suffer; forgiveness.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- ✦ God reveals himself as compassionate
- ✦ When we fail to be compassionate toward others it is often because we are so focussed on ourselves.

In God's word, He calls us to clothe ourselves with compassion as we relate to others.

Biblical Illustrations:

- Cities of Refuge Numbers 35; Deuteronomy 19:1-4
- Care of widows James 1; 1 Timothy 5
- Joseph with brothers Genesis 37, 42-46
- Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37
- Prodigal Son Luke 15:11
- Jesus our ULTIMATE example
- The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. Psalm 116:5



A Big Welcome to four new entrant students: Alicia Ling, David Wood, Esta Stowell and Pearl Ndukwe



Library

A reminder to return library books that went home with students during Covid 19 Alert Level 3 and 4. Thank you.



Board of Trustees Policy Review Cycle

This term the board of trustees is reviewing four policies as part of our three-year cycle. The policies are posted on the notice board in the office foyer for parent comment. Please contact Fiona or a board of trustees' member if you would like to discuss a policy further.

- Māori Achievement
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Handling of Concerns and Issues
- Physical Restraint Policy

They will be discussed at the board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 23 June.



EPro8 Challenge
Engineer Problem Solve Innovate

EPro8

This very popular event for Year 5-8 students is still happening, but differently! We have entered five teams and they will compete at school in a managed competition starting 29 June. We have purchased a EPro8 kit which our students will use. Each team will have time during the week to complete their challenge.

Winter Sports

All things going well, it is looking like we will have basketball and netball for term 3.

Kiwi Competitions: English, Mathematics & Science Competitions for Years 5-8

The closing date for entries has been extended to 5 June. Please see the attached notice for information.

School Sports Shirts and Hoodies

We have a good supply at the office. Sports shirts are now \$25 and Hoodies \$45 each.

World Vision 40 Famine

We have just received information from World Vision regarding the famine this year. We will gather a student leadership team next week to work on ideas for fundraising, although we will need to take a break from our traditional sleepover event.

World Vision



School Diary

Term 2 Calendar

1 June	Queen's Birthday (no school)
23 June	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
3 July	Last day of term 2

Honey: A new form is at the office for you to order honey. Last date to order 5 June 2020. Please pay cash for this order to simplify it for those who are organising the payment. Great way to support a local business. Any questions please contact

Bex Fraser (0274615064)

Absences and Regular Lateness

If your child needs to be absent from school please notify the school office by phone or email by 9am on the morning of the absence, sending a note with a sibling or leaving a message on the answer phone. We are required to report absences (and reasons for absence) to the MOE when a student is absent for more than five days accumulated over the term. For planned absence (e.g. travel) please supply a note or email to the class teacher or office.

Regular lateness: Children who regularly arrive late to class are often disadvantaged by missing important whole class information and find it harder to settle into their school day. Please strive to have your children ready to start school by the first bell at 8.55am.

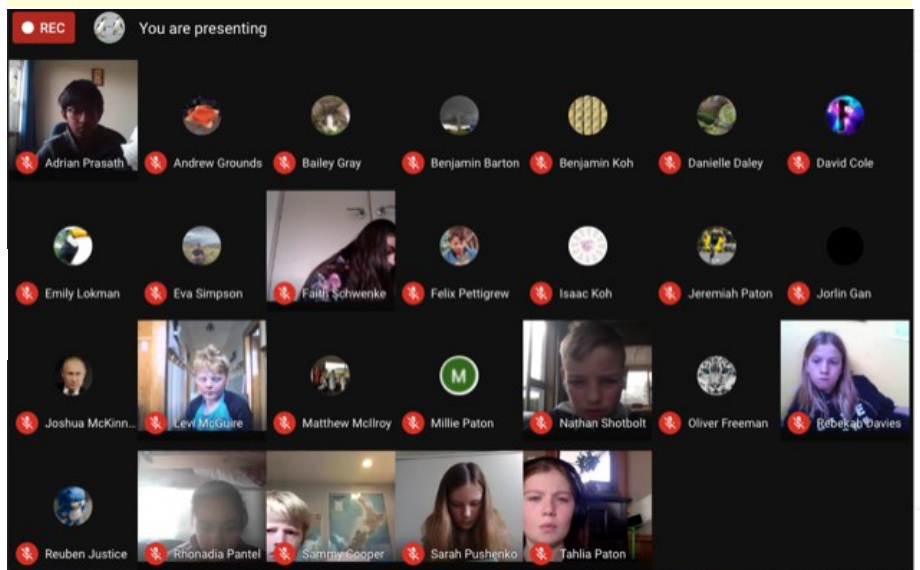
2020 Term dates:

Term 3: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December

Room 3 classroom lessons in Lockdown

A big thank you to our teachers, parents and students for all the wonderful help, effort and support during Covid 19 Alert Level 3 and 4



PRAYER POINTS:

We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer. Give thanks for: -

- Being back at school, learning in community again
- Each one of our students, families and staff members
- The work of the DCSA as they develop our buildings and property
- The joyful expression of God's love in our students as they interact with one another

Please pray for:-

- Our students as they develop their understanding of Christ-centred Compassion
- This period of readjustment for families, particularly those who have suffered loss of employment or income
- Our school to glorify God in **all** ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders