



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Fri 23rd Feb** - Walk & Sleepover  
**Tue 27th Feb** - Interschool Netball  
**Fri 1st Mar** - Life Education Bus arrives  
**Mon 4th Mar** - Cohort 2 start  
**Tue 12th Mar** - Seniors Whirinaki trip  
**Wed 13th Mar** - Whānau Conferences

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou!

We've had a very busy few weeks since the last newsletter! Trips to Whirinaki, guests visiting for the Peace Run, the first Home & School hui and today, we are hosting the Walk & Sleepover for the first time since 2021.

After years of disruption to school events and barriers between us and whānau, we are so excited to host you all this evening! Just a reminder that good communication with Kathie and your child's teacher is essential when it comes to ensuring everyone is accounted for tonight/tomorrow morning.

In the next newsletter we will be providing info on the Whānau Conferences scheduled for Week 7 (Wed 13 March). We look forward to catching up with you all over the next few weeks!

Ngā mihi,  
Holly King.



### The Peace Run

On Monday 20th of February we hosted six guests from The Peace Run organisation. The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run is a global relay seeking to inspire the creation of a more peaceful world. As a symbol of peace and harmony, runners carry a flaming torch, passing it from hand to hand.

Our guests arrived with the torch, taught us about their mission and shared things that were special about their home countries. We saw footage of the torch travelling the world and being held by kids from many diverse locations. Our kids sang “Peace like a river” and “Kia Tau” to our guests.

Finally, the whole school ran with the torch and banner in unison to symbolise our dedication to creating and passing on peace.

We were very impressed by our taura and their interest and engagement with our guests and the kauapapa of the day. They displayed exceptional geographical knowledge, a keen interest in different cultures and an enthusiasm toward the task at hand.

Thank you to our guests from Sri Chinmoy Peace Run for your visit, and for the work you continue to do around sharing a message of peace and unity!

### Attendance Policy

We understand that sometimes students need to be away from school. It is expected that Kathie (Office Manager) is notified of any absences ASAP.

If your child is absent from school with no reasonable explanation, and Kathie cannot get hold of you, after 3 days your child will be marked as truant.

If your child’s absence rate reaches 20% in one term (10 days in a term) you will be contacted by your child’s teacher by phone and/or a letter will be sent home to raise awareness of the impact on achievement and social relationships.

If absences continue, a second letter will be sent home. A meeting will be requested with you, your child’s teacher and Deputy Principal or Principal, to explore possible support within the school, i.e. Health Nurse.

If your child’s attendance remains of concern, a third letter will be sent home with a copy of your child’s attendance record and sections 20, 25 and 29 of the Education Act 1989. Another meeting will be requested with your child’s teacher and Deputy Principal or Principal, to explore possible support within the school, i.e. Health Nurse.

If there is no change, or the meetings were not attended, a referral to Attendance Services will be made by the school.

### Reminders

#### **Swimming & the School Pool**

We are very lucky to have a school pool and teachers who are trained every year on safe practices/up to date instructions. Please continue to support us by...

- Ensuring your kids have clean and suitable swimwear and towels packed each day
- Respecting the privacy of our students by checking in with your child’s teacher if you want to briefly pop in on one occasion
- Apply or provide sunscreen

#### **Sun Smart School**

We are a school who encourages safety in the sun. Kids must wear sunscreen and hats in Terms 1 and 4, and it is encouraged all year round. Please continue to support us by ensuring your kids have what they need.

We are also in the process of providing more shade in the Junior play area after having to remove trees in that space.

#### **Supporting Social Skills**

Our tamariki have to navigate interesting territory when it comes to social circles at school. As always, if your child is having any issues with their friendships or social skills, please arrange a time to meet with your child’s teacher. It is important that a partnership is formed between the caregivers and staff so that we can better meet the needs of our kids.

Respectfully, we do not want to see caregivers approaching their child’s peers or their whānau with issues they may have.







