

Dear Parents

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings to you all

It is certainly beginning to get very hectic at school. We are well into the learning year and beginning to get an understanding of where our students are at. Some of them need to become accustomed to a new teacher and for some, a new school. Teachers are in the process of beginning to gather baseline achievement data on their students so that we have a place to work from and be able to monitor progress.

Our school is involved in the Ministry of Education's Maths professional development for the year. Teachers have been working with Charlotte Wilkinson (Maths Consultant) these last two days to improve practice and pedagogy in the teaching of Maths. With the national standards now obsolete, we have to go back to delivering the whole curriculum. In the past the focus was predominantly on literacy and numeracy.

There are quite a few struggling students especially in literacy. I have been looking at the Multi-lit Programme to help support students who are not making progress. At this stage I have ordered the programme from Australia and waiting to hear from them. Another local school that is using the programme is having great success. So it is worth giving it a go.

Cricket and summer hockey is in full swing. **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to all our tamariki who participated in the Weetbix Tryathlon! We are very proud of your achievements.

Two weeks to go for our gala. It is now all hands on deck as the countdown begins. Any queries, help, support that you can provide, talk to Paku or Sarndy. We are looking forward to another gala success.

Ma te Atua e manaaki,
God Bless, Wendy Gabriel

What's on? Term 1

BOT/GCET Meeting

Thursday 22nd February, 5:30pm-7:30pm

School Gala

Friday 2nd March, 5:00pm-7:30pm

Senior Swimming Sports

Tuesday 13th March,

Olympic Pools

FREE Parenting Seminar

Thursday 15th March, 7:00pm-8:30pm

The Vines

Easter

Friday 30th March – Tuesday 3rd April

End of Term 1

Friday 13th April, 2:30pm (MUFTI-DAY)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

When individuals work together, they can double their strength and get much more done as a team. They also reap the value of having worked in unison, thus creating harmony instead of disorder. Working as one people begins with the efforts of each person, as they work with another person.



Sonrise Christian School Gala

Friday 2nd March

5.00pm-7.30pm

We've got loads of fun organised for you this year.

Lots of food too!!

A night not to be missed...

WANTED

Home baking

On Thursday 1st March we will be making toffee apples and lolly cake in the techroom...

Come Join Us, All welcome.

Vision

To be a Thriving Community

Committed to Jesus Christ, Excellence in Education and Service to Others

Values

Love, Integrity, Faithfulness, Excellence

Community Notices

Free Parenting Seminar with David Galbraith on Thursday 15 March from 7.00-8.30pm at The Vines, Bushmere Estate. Admission is free but please register at stpauls.school.nz/parenting to reserve your seat. David is a clinical psychologist and is a dynamic speaker and has a great reputation for helping people overcome self-doubt. He believes that the fear of failure prevents children from reaching their full potential.

Celebrations

Room 1

Maiana Carroll: Her hard work in Maths and Reading – her positive attitude.

Room 2

Zyanja Rudge: Amazing descriptive writing.

Joshua Atkins: Working so hard in everything.

Zavier Iremonger: Focused attention in Maths.

Room 4

Jonah Reynolds: Always working hard in spite of distractions.

Te Ratu Baker: Showing maturity and leadership in work habits.

Room 5

Hendrik Coetzer: Striving for accuracy and great thinking skills.

Joanna Burn: Helping others.

House Points

RED 40
BLUE 69
GREEN 55
GOLD 56



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