

21 August 2020

Kia ora

Thank you to all families for your support of our level 2 restrictions. Please do continue to talk with teachers if you need to, ensuring you complete the contact tracing requirements on your way in. We want to keep up strong levels of communication that strengthen our partnership between home and school.

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 students who have all written speeches. Presentation of these speeches is underway and some students will go on to compete against other schools in North Canterbury. Some of the topics for speeches include:

- There should be more physical education in schools (Anika)
- What would happen if the Earth was flat? (Sophie)
- Should parents have our social media passwords? (Izzie)

Device time at school

The lockdown earlier in the year challenged us to think in new ways to connect with your families and to deliver learning. Teachers were challenged to extend their digital capabilities to ensure that learning could be accessible via devices and we know that families were also challenged to help their children access the learning online.

We have learnt an enormous amount from this experience and some of the key learnings have been implemented into our programmes at school. This has sparked interest from parents, and rightly so, into how much device time children have at school.

This week, we have conducted a survey of the amount of time students spend on devices at school. Teachers have been recording the amount of time and the type of activities that support learning in online environments. I look forward to sharing the findings with you via the school app, early next week.

Sexuality Education

Next Monday, 24 August at 5pm, we will hold a short meeting in the Library to inform parents about our sexuality programme. Students in years 5-8 will have a series of lessons starting from week 7 (31 August). Sexuality education covers self-worth, relationships, orientation, feelings & emotions, communication, intimacy, body image, sensuality, gender and ability to reproduce. It is a compulsory part of the New Zealand curriculum and is taught each year.

Juliana Rae
Principal

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We're teaming up with ecostore's Plastic Return Programme to help address the plastic problem.

Too much of our recycling is being sent overseas, ending up in landfill or even in the oceans. Let's keep it in New Zealand and reuse it.

Pop your empty ecostore bottles in the ecostore Bottle Drop Box in the office, and ecostore will collect and remake them again and again.

Bring back enough bottles and our school could earn sustainability awards!

What do you need to do?

- 1. Remove caps or pumps**
- 2. Rinse off any excess residue**
- 3. Drop bottles, caps and pumps in the box**



More about ecostore

ecostore is committed to delivering products that are safer for people and our world. From packaging made from sugar plastic (a renewable and sustainable resource that captures carbon from the atmosphere), to 75+ refill stations nationwide – the ecostore Plastic Return Programme is the next step in a sustainable journey that started in 1993.

Calendar of Events

please note the dates in your diary

August	24 26 26 27 28 28 28 31	5pm Parent meeting, years 5-8, Sexuality Education Speech Comp v Ohoka Cricket coaching, year 1 -3 Year 7 & 8 Tech Day Lunchtime Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo) Chocolate for sale after school (\$2.00 per bar) Assembly Epro8, semi finals year 7
September	4 4 7 8 10 11 11 11 14 16 17 18 18 21 22 23 24 25 25 25	Chocolate for sale after school (\$2.00 per bar) Pizza, lunch. Year 8 fundraiser, order in Library before school on day, cash only Mana- Ake drop in, 1.30 – 3.00pm School Photographs (to be taken by School photography NZ) Subway for lunch (order via Kindo) Assembly NZ Playhouse, performance at school Chocolate for sale after school (\$2.00 per bar) Māori Language week begins Year 7 & 8 Cantamaths, Horncastle Arens, 2.45pm Year 7 & 8 at Tech all day Pizza, lunch. Year 8 fundraiser, order in Library before school on day, cash only PTA Disco Tennis coaching Top Team Tennis coaching Ski date, pp from August Assembly Lunchtime Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo) End of Term 3. School finishes at usual time

Term 4: dates to note

12 October:	Teacher Only Day (no school)
13 October:	Term 4 begins for students
21 October:	Athletics
27–30 November:	Camp Wellington, year 8

Term Dates for 2020

Term 3: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September (10 weeks)

Term 4: Tuesday 13 October - Friday 11 December (9 weeks)

Teacher only day: **Monday 12 October – please note change of date**