

**Tuesday 28 June 2016**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Only two weeks of the term left but there is still a lot happening with sporting events, our very successful and exciting Matariki Celebrations and learning and assessments leading up to Three-Way Conferences for Years 4-8.

Year 1-3 students and families are well informed in the changes made to "Reporting to Parents" about student achievement and progress. Positive comments from parents are really encouraging.

These changes are going to be harder for teachers and parents of our Year 4-8. Change is often hard to cope with for some and less difficult we know for students as they are naturally more resilient than adults when it comes to change. What we do have to get our heads around is the fact that today's learners are growing up in a very global yet uncertain world and the 'old' way we did things is not going to work.

Students in this 21st Century learning world, must take responsibility for their learning. They learn the language of "Next learning steps, achievement, progress, expected levels, current levels, who can support them, and the key competencies of self managing relating to others, thinking and contributing.

Released later today is a presentation on the changes to Reporting and the evidence behind it. See your school alerts and our website link—do the research.

We will have having Three-Way Conferences for years 4-8 in the Hall (this is a Health and Safety consideration to keep teachers and others safe). The Walter Strevens gate will be open. Parents are asked to supervise their 'other' children as staff will be involved in the hall and will not be responsible for this. Students who are not students at this school are asked to stay away.

Staffing: This term we farewell Mrs Pauline Hartnoll who is retiring and shifting to the mainland after 27 years teaching at CGS—we wish Mrs Hartnoll all the very best and thank her sincerely for all the hard work and contribution she has made to CGS and the many students (approx. 800) that she has taught over the years here. Also leaving us at the end of this term is Mrs. Jemma Abernethy, who as you might have noticed is soon to join the ranks of motherhood—we wish Jemma and her husband Troy all the very best for the future. Mrs. Kate Assink will be teaching in CS 22 for the remainder of the year. We also welcome Mrs. Margaret Lynch back to CGS—Mrs. Lynch will be teaching in CS 6 with a delightful class of year one students who are moving from Reception.

Have a fantastic week everybody and please remember all students are leaving early on Monday and Wednesday next week while teachers are involved in 3 way conferences and professional development.

Kind Regards, **Jan Robertson, Principal**



### Year 4-8 Learning Conferences

Monday, 4th July and Wednesday, 6th July. Online Bookings at: [www.parentinterviews.co.nz](http://www.parentinterviews.co.nz) and enter the 'Event Code' which is: **4FWFQ**

All conferences will be held in the School Hall and will be 15 minutes in duration for each student. A reminder this is solely dedicated to learning and progress of the student and will be student led.

**ONLINE BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE FRIDAY, 1ST OF JULY.**

\*\*\* ALL STUDENTS will finish school early on these days and go home at 12:30 pm \*\*\*

## Games Day & Mufti Day Wednesday 29 June

Cakes/Sweets	\$1.00 / \$2.00
Nachos	\$3.00
Drinks	\$1.00
Hot Chips	\$3.00
Pizza	\$1.00 / \$2.00
Savouries	\$1.00
Sausages	\$2.00
Ice blocks	\$1.50

**Mufti (gold coin)**  
Donations of cakes to CS6 please  
This is a student only event  
Games will be held weather permitting  
Please bring small coins

# PhotoLife

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPH

Class photos will be held on Wednesday 06 July. Please return your order forms and payments to the School Office.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque OR by entering your credit card or debit card details on the order form.

No eftpos payments can be made at the School Office.

\*Student Council members are invited to collect an order form from the School Office if they wish to have an extra photo.

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything" —  
George Bernard Shaw



**Excellence**— Eden L., Aleasha D., Elisabeth A., Oliver L. and William F.

**Responsibility**—Alicia U., Magnify T. and Trent A.

## BADGES OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the following students who earned these well deserved badges for demonstrating our school values to a high standard:

- Kataraina K.
- Josiah S.
- Celeste N.
- Madeline W.



### \*\*\*Student of the Month\*\*\*

Once a month a pupil from each class is selected for the Pupil of the Month Award, which recognises their achievements and whose attitudes reflect our school values

CSR: William F. & Oliver L.	CS01: Jodeci H.	CS02: Freya P.
CS03: Shane S.	CS04: Keira R.	CS05: Cyruz G.
CS07: Alicia U.	CS08: Simran M.	CS09: Samiu H.
CS10: Harlean H.	CS11: Paris D.	CS12: Nathan P.
CS14: Maia B.	CS15: Dallas O.	CS16: Dakota R.
CS17: Kalehi P.	CS18: Thulaksha U.	CS19: Olivia F.
CS20: Madeline B.	CS21: Connor V.	CS22: Eden-Joy R.



A very big THANK YOU! to the generous donation by Bunnings (by the thoughtful efforts of Mrs. Grayson) of the seedlings that will be gratefully used by Mrs. Denton and our gardening group.



**CLUB CONIFER** has started. Instructor lead fitness classes every Monday and Wednesday morning at 6am in our School Hall. Classes will cater for all levels of fitness. \$5.00 per session. Come along and try it!! Great feedback from Mondays class!

Come join our school holiday program

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 11am – 3pm**

At the CMBA Hall 41 Elliot St Papakura  
Bring your own lunch and water bottle

\$10 per day

You must register at the office. 09 2998042 countiesbad@xtra.co.nz



## TERM DIARY 2016

29 July	<b>GAMES DAY: 12.30-1.30 PM</b> Plenty of yummy food to buy and games organised by our Student Council
4th & 6th July	<b>Years 4-8:</b> <b>3-Way Conferences 1.30-6pm</b> <b>**All Students will finish at 12:30 on these days**</b>
01 July	The Palace Dance Studio "Bubblegum" Performance—1:15pm Cost: \$3 entry—Optional Attendance
05 July	East Tamaki Visit
05 July	Year 7/8 Zone Boys Hockey
06 July	Class Photographs
07 July	Year 7/8 Zone Girls Hockey
08 July	END OF TERM 2
25 July	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
23 Sept.	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
10 Oct.	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
24 Oct.	LABOUR DAY—NO SCHOOL
29 Oct.	Marimba Festival— ASB Stadium



### Junior Kapa Haka Papakura Library Visit

Our Junior Kapa Haka Group were invited to attend Matariki Story Time at the Papakura Public Library last week .



43 students from Timata and Haemata went along to listen to a story about how Tane created the 7 Matariki stars. They all then got to create a Matariki craft to take home. Our Junior Kapa Haka group performed several waiata for all the library patrons and a local play group who had joined us for story time. By the end of the performance we had drawn a large crowd of proud parents and curious bystanders who were amazed by our wonderful performance.

A quote from a pre-school who attended this performance—"Students from your Kapahaka group were gentle and kind with strong leadership skills. What fine upstanding students, a credit to your school". Receiving this kind of feedback makes us very proud of you all.

## Rosehill College

welcomes you to  
the Open Evening for prospective students and their parents/caregivers.

To be held on Thursday 4 August, please gather in the School Hall at 5pm, prior to a tour of the school.

### Year 9 Enrolments

- In zone due by Friday 26 August
- Out of Zone due by Wednesday 7 September
- Ballot for out of zone enrolments Wednesday 14 September