



Principal's Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

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Kia ora whānau,

Ngā mihi nui, ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou. Warm greetings to you all! Things at Fruitvale are going well. Our classes are a lot fuller, we are enjoying great weather for our term focus on Outdoor games and activities, and our students are happy in their learning and friendships.

Coronavirus

- We now have 90% of our students back at school! This is great! Our teachers are able to run their learning programs more efficiently and can get more traction happening for your child's learning. We are hoping we have got through the worst of it as we have had a very low number of cases last week, a significant decrease from previous weeks. Fingers crossed things continue in this way.
- We are still implementing our safety measures, our teachers are very diligent about ensuring they and their students are vigilant about mask wearing, handwashing etc We are still having shorter and separated lunch breaks and finishing the school day at 2.45pm This will be evaluated again as soon as we are advised it is safe to and our cases remain very low.
- If your child is well, please send them back to us at Fruitvale. We do not want anyone to miss out on the excellent teaching and learning we provide our tamariki.
- Mrs White's message for families isolating may still be helpful so I have left these details in:

Support available to whānau who are isolating (from Shirley White)

- *Vision West has a Covid Care team with support and food parcels available for Whanau who are having to isolate at home. Their contact details are as follows:*
covidcare@visionwest.org.nz

If you are needing this support, email with your details - Name, number of people in the home and that you would like support with food as you are isolating at home because of Covid. They will get back in contact with you.

If you have someone from outside of your household who can support you in picking up a food parcel, Vision West has a Pataka Kai for emergency food parcels open 12 until 2, Tuesday to Friday at 97 Glendale Road, Glen Eden. They need the name of the person who the parcel is for, their phone details, address, and the number of people in the home.

If you are not isolating but are needing support with food, you can go to the Pataka Kai for an emergency food parcel at the times shown and address as above.

Vision West can also be contacted by phoning 818 0781.

Vandalism:

- Last weekend, vandals ripped up part of our tennis courts and damaged a bin. This is very disappointing for us all. I have notified the police and our cleaners have been recording number plates of cars seen in our car park after 9pm. This type of support from our community is very helpful. Please let us know if you notice cars or people on our site after staff have left.

Zoom Assembly

- We will be having our Assembly Zoom at 9.30 am this Friday. You are all welcome to attend, we would love to see you there.
- Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91585171442?pwd=KzVLSWFISGFFYzRvVXk1ejlaVG1zUT09>

Kia kaha te reo Māori!

- Over this term our teachers and students have been doing weekly professional development and workshops, learning and implementing Te reo Māori in classroom teaching and learning. Our students usually start the day with a karakia or an affirmation. They are greeting each other and learning short questions and answers, waiata and our school pepeha. I am so proud of their efforts and their commitment to learning alongside their students and to develop the skills and attitudes they need to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi expectations. You can help by getting your child to teach you what they are learning at school, practising with them, and if you can, teach them what you know about Te Ao Māori. He waka eke noa! We are in this together!

Nicole Pheiffer

- Nicole is taking maternity leave, as her and Will prepare to welcome another child into their whānau. We are going through the process of appointing a teacher while she is on leave. The new teacher will be starting in Term 2.

Duck and Dive swim coaching

- Our senior classes are benefitting so much from these lessons. It is really important your child learns to be confident in the water and have some skills to keep themselves safe.
- It is important for all students to bring their togs so they can join in.

Kelston Vision Project- involving Kelston Girls College, Kelston Boys High School, Kelston Intermediate School and St Leornards Road School

- These schools are collaborating on the idea of a shared Kelston Learning Campus — Ngā Ara Mātauranga o Kerehana — which would be a shared site for the secondary schools and possibly the Intermediate.
- They are seeking community feedback
- Detailed information is on the other document with this newsletter

Ka pai to wiki, have a great week! Your continued support of our learners and learning is greatly appreciated!

Ngā mihi!

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Acting Principal