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A MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL



Tena koutou katoa to you all. What a relief it is to be at level 1 with a semblance of normalcy. It is amazing what we as a country have done to get to this point. We can now start to meet within our syndicate teams and as a whole school. This week we will complete the week with the staggered 2:50/2:55/3pm finish and from Monday 15 June, we will all finish again at the usual 3pm time.

Curriculum

We are now back into the swing of our curriculum for term 2, where we are working towards the last 3 weeks of this semester. Although it has been a very disjointed year to date, the students and staff have coped exceptionally well to adapt to the changes and continue with the core curriculum programme. A reminder that we will be sending home a levelled report at the end of the term with effort and curriculum levels only. We will be having full learning conferences on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th August in which the progress of the students will be discussed at greater depth.

Talanoa Ako app

The MoE has this week launched the Talanoa Ako app, which provides Pacific parents with ongoing access to education and learning information. The content is in plain English and 10 Pacific languages. Each language is also available in audio with visually impaired functionality. The app provides core information for Pacific parents and families to build their knowledge and confidence about education in their own time and in their first language.

Free to download from on both [Android](#) and [iOS](#) devices, the app is part of the Talanoa Ako programme that will be delivered in Ako Centres later in the year.

Keep it Real

This week, the Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification launched a **'Keep it real online'** campaign. This is a New Zealand Government campaign to support parents and caregivers to keep their children safe online, providing information and tips on how to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying and inappropriate content..

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The 'Keep it real online' website can be found at: www.keepitrealconline.govt.nz. TV, radio and print ads have commenced and will run through to the end of July. There will also be printed and online adverts in English, Te Reo Māori, Samoan, Mandarin and Hindi.

Food Bank donations

Our student Kaunihera Council group have been in touch with our local food bank, Care Waitakere. They are experiencing extremely high demand for food and personal hygiene items at this time, as so many of our community are facing hardship due to Covid-19.

We are collecting items for the next 2 weeks. Each class has been given a poster outlining the items which are most needed- which includes cereals, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, washing powder, toothpaste, shampoo, tooth brushes...

Many items have already been brought in, which is fantastic!

If anyone is in the position to bring in an item or two, that would be great. 100 waka points per item!

Tuck shop

We are close to working through getting new proprietors for the tuck shop. However, this won't be able to be up and running until next term at the earliest. In the meantime, we continue to have no tuck shop on site. Pita Pit is still available to order on Monday's.

Community notices - Rangers

Exciting news: a new Guides Ranger unit opening in Te Atatū. From Term 3 we will have **Rangers, for girls aged 12 1/2 - 17 years old**. The Ranger programme is incredibly diverse, allowing girls to challenge themselves and develop their confidence and understanding of themselves and the world. Rangers learn real world skills, develop perseverance and resilience, and do all sorts of things, from planning events to travel to lightweight camping and outdoor skills.

Feel free to get in touch if you'd like to know more. TeAtatuRangers@gmail.com, unit team leader Nicola Igusa 0272920000.

Have a fantastic rest of the week!

Nga mihi nui

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