



# NEWSLETTER

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Week 9

Term 4

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## Merry Christmas

We have arrived at the last couple of days of school and are within two weeks of Christmas. That normally means that life is a hectic rush, and now we have to sort out what to do with the children during the day as well as trying to prepare for Christmas itself. On top of this we have to cope with the extras at work as everyone wants things completed for Christmas, smile, be pleasant to everyone when our minds are racing trying to cope with it all. It probably doesn't feel like the ideal time to pause, take a deep breath and reflect on the year that's been or to contemplate the meaning of Christmas itself.

Once school finishes at the end of this week, I need to sit down and review all our data from the year and write up some reports for the Board and the Ministry of Education about what we have achieved and what we failed to achieve. Did we manage to meet those targets that we set at the beginning of the year or not? If not, why not? And if we did what has been the results for our students? Then put the timetable together for 2019 and finalise the planning for the year to come.

In the midst of all that I need to take some time to reflect on Christmas. Why do we celebrate Christmas, and is it important to me? How come God needed to come as a little baby to this world? Why did Magi come bringing him gifts to honour and worship Him, but Herod wanted to kill Him? What do I really know about this baby Jesus and the man that He became? How should I celebrate this Christmas?

The Bible clearly tells us that God Almighty, the creator of the universe and all that we know, made Himself into a vulnerable baby so that He could grow to be a man, experiencing all the temptations, trauma and drama common to mankind. That He would freely sacrifice Himself so that we could be freed from the power that sin has over mankind and the world and be able to live full lives in fellowship with Him. To me that is well worth celebrating! That God gave up the riches of heaven to come as a baby in squalid conditions, for my sake, is something that I want to celebrate and share with those around me.

I pray that you are also able to celebrate Christmas and are truly blessed by it. Merry Christmas.

## Thank You Parents

Thank you for your support, encouragement, prayers, effort and hard work this year. The school has surely benefitted from it. Thank you.

## **End of Year**

This evening the senior school has Graduation Dinner.

Thursday, 13 December students are with their class periods 1 – 3. Lunch is early, at 12.30 pm and then from 1.00 pm students will compete in whanau tabloid sports. It is “colours day” so students are to wear their whanau colours for the day. Clothes should be suitable for sports and it is likely that students will get wet.

In the evening we have School Prizegiving starting at 6.00 pm with a sausage sizzle, then the prizegiving ceremony will start at 7.00 pm. Students need to be in full, tidy uniform.

Friday, 14 December Honour Roll day. Most students are involved in special Honour Roll activities. For those who did not earn Honour Roll status this term, an alternative program will run at school.

School finishes at 3.00 pm.

The school office will be open during the mornings of Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 December.

## **Student Reports**

Student reports will be given out after the prizegiving on Thursday evening. Any reports not collected then can be collected from the school office.

## **Holiday Contact**

If you need to contact the school over the holidays when the office is not open please contact Kevin on 021 107 6760

## **2019**

Tuesday 29 January—School office opens

Thursday 31 January—Leadership day for Rangatira

Friday 1 February—8.45 am – 12.30 pm, New students to the school only

Friday 1 February—12.30 pm – 3.00 pm, Senior students needing to confirm or change options

Monday 4 February—8.45 am – 3.00 pm, For all students

Wednesday 6 February—Waitangi Day holiday

## **Stationery Lists for 2019**

These will be sent out my email today and available on our website, please look for your child/ren's year group and organise stationery over the school holiday.

## **Congratulations**

Recently four students sat theory in music exams with the New Zealand Modern School of Music. The results are: Tahlia Vosaki Grade One – Merit, Aliyah Lynch Grade one – Distinction, Chloe McConnell Grade one – Distinction, Mikayla Charlton Grade two – Honours.

Seven students from Sandra Drysdale's classes also played in the end of year concert on Monday night. Congratulations Mikayla Charlton, Indy Todd, Tahlia Vosaki, Emma Edwards, Karley Charlton, Joseph Denny and Aliyah Lynch for your performances at the concert.

## **Lost Property**

Lost property will be laid out in the foyer for the next three days. Please ensure you come and check it if your child is missing any items.





Rooms 1 & 3 have been busy making cookies for the Community Christmas dinner the last couple of days.



Rooms 2 & 8 enjoyed the experience of visiting Nukukau Marae last week. The children completed their unit on the process of the powhiri.

Mr Kuriger and Mrs Chadderton took the Year 6 students camping for the night at Whakaipo Bay as part of graduating primary school. Looks like they have been having lots of fun.





## This week's prayer points:

- ♥ Praise for the growth that occurred in our staff and students during 2018.
- ♥ For a safe and refreshing summer break for staff, students and families.
- ♥ Wisdom for the Trust, Board and school leaders as they plan for 2019.
- ♥ That our school will continue to be a place of nurture and encouragement for students and families.

## Term 4 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9</b>	<b>10 December</b> Year 7-9 Day Tramp	<b>11 December</b> Year 6 Camp New ABC's visit 8.45am—12.30pm	<b>12 December</b> Year 6 Camp Grad Dinner	<b>13 December</b> Prize Giving & BBQ (evening)	<b>14 December</b> Honour Roll <b>End of term 3pm</b>
<b>2019 Week 1</b>	<b>28 January</b> Auckland anniversary School Closed	<b>29 January</b> Teacher only day  Office open	<b>30 January</b> Teacher only day Kahui Ako Launch— Bethlehem Office open	<b>31 January</b> Rangatira ONLY Leadership training day for Rangatira 9am Office open	<b>1 February</b> New Students starting 8.45am—12.30pm Senior Student options 12.30—3pm Office open
<b>2019 Week 2</b>	<b>4 February</b> All students back at school 8.45am	<b>5 February</b>	<b>6 February</b> Waitangi Day SCHOOL CLOSED	<b>7 February</b>	<b>8 February</b>



Isaac 12 December (7)	Kotoni 13 January (10)
Brianna 13 December (16)	Jonee 14 January (8)
Natalie 17 December (7)	Decana-Rose 21 January (12)
Elyse 17 December (11)	Rico 23 January (8)
Indigo 19 December (7)	Alex 31 January (15)
Angelo 25 December (12)	Chloe 2 Feb (13)
Taiki 2 January (10)	Anahera 4 Feb (17)
Zacchaeus 2 January (8)	Sonia 11 Feb (16)
Abigail 5 January (6)	Rubi 16 Feb (7)
Michaela 7 January (9)	Mahina 17 Feb (14)
Breanna 11 January (9)	Milan 19 Feb (6)

**MERIT  
AWARDS**

**Kuiwai Te Paa-Schmidt**

**Brianna Healey**

**Jaedyn Charlton**

**Boston Tefono**

**Emma Chamier**

**Chloe McCallum**

**Ellyse Curtis**

**Milan Vosaki**

**Boaz Te Paa-Schmidt**