



**“Te Ako i te Ora” - “Learning through Living”**

**From the Principal's Pen .....**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been an interesting start to the term and the changing approach to schooling and life itself. For some of our families this has been a difficult transition back to school life as it has also been for teachers and students. Our students have been amazing but we are also aware that for some of them the stress of being away, separating them from their school support groups and friends has left them feeling uncertain of what the way ahead looks like and we are supporting them all throughout this process.

As our roll has increased, a new class has started in the hall, and we welcome Mr Stephen Ryan as our New Entrant teacher in Room 20.

#### **Year 6 Intermediate Experience**

Our Year 6's are off to sample Glenfield Intermediate school life tomorrow (Tuesday) for their experience day. It does not seem very long ago we welcomed them back when they had to be educated and bussed there and back last year. For the majority of them they will know the school and will enjoy being there again and meeting our past pupils, as well as having new experiences. Remember, if you are in Year 6, the bus leaves at 9:05am tomorrow, so be on time, and in full, correct school uniform—including shoes.

#### **‘Tread Lightly’ Environmental Experience - Years 0-2**

This week sees the Juniors having the Tread Lightly Caravan (TLC) - a mobile environmental classroom, visit our school on Thursday and Friday. Through the use of fun, interactive exhibits and activities, the TLC experience inspires students to live more environmentally responsible lifestyles. Look out for the van.

#### **Library**

This is open on Mondays and Wednesdays after school between 3:00-3:30pm. Come along with your parents to enjoy reading and issuing new books, together.

#### **Driving in Wykeham Place**

Take care when reversing, and passing other cars. Keep as close to the left as possible. Parents, please take care - let your children out of the car on the pavement/footpath side only. To avoid the hassle of trying to get in and out of Wykeham Place, let's try to walk in, and leave the car on Lingfield Street, Chartwell Ave, in Marlborough Park or on Archers Road. There are pathways from these roads that lead straight into school and by parking in these areas there will be a lot less congestion and danger around our school.

#### **School Uniform**

Please remember that we have a school uniform that we are proud of, and expect everyone to wear it, in full, with pride. Please make sure each item is named - and then if it is mislaid it can be returned to the owner.

\*\*\*\*\* We have been advised by SchoolTex, our uniform supplier, that there will be a delay in the production of the Size 4-6 polar fleece jackets for our New Entrants due to the Covid 19 outbreak in China. These items will be available as of January 2021.

In the mean time, place an order at The Warehouse for your polar fleece, and see Mrs Watts in the Office and she will give you a plain blue polar fleece (on loan) until the new ones arrive.

\*\*\*\*\* On the days that there is cross country training, children are to come to school in their school uniform then change into their other clothes. After training, they are to change back into their uniform.

#### **CALENDAR DATES**

⇒ **Tuesday 11 August**  
Year 6 visit GIS

FOS Meeting 7:00pm  
In the staffroom

⇒ **Thursday 13 and Friday 14 August**  
‘Tread Lightly’ programme  
for Years 0-2

⇒ **Thursday 20 August**  
Photolife Individual Photos

⇒ **Wednesday 26 August**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
7:00pm

New Entrant Parent Mtg  
6:00pm in Room 19 (Hall)

Rippa rugby Tournament

⇒ **Wednesday 2 September**  
‘Celebration of Learning’  
3:00 - 4:00pm in classes

Science Fair  
2:30 - 4:00pm

#### **Term Dates 2020**

**Term 3**  
Monday 20 July to  
Friday 25 September

**Term 4**  
Monday 12 October to  
Friday 11 December

**Here are some pieces of writing from Junior, Middle and Senior students. Enjoy!**

“One day there was a fish—Freddy The Fish. He lived in crystal clear water. One day some wood cutters came to cut down the trees. Freddy the fish started feeling hot. The dirt came into the water. Some people came into the water. Some people came to have a picnic. Their rubbish came into the water. Some golf people wanted a clean field—their yukky stuff came into the water. Some cows pooped in the water. Freddy the Fish died.” by Phoebe in Room 7

“Wondering How Stars are Formed?”

The three stages of a star's formation are: Nebula, Protostar and the Main Sequence Star. Did you know a Nebula is the first step. This is what happens to a Nebula. A Nebula is a cloud of gas and dust and the Nebula is trying to separate into smaller clouds of gas and sut but gravity is trying to pull it inwards and eventually gravity wins.

The Protostar is the second stage of the making of a star. It keeps pulling the remains of the Nebula into the centre. After a while the gas and dust starts spinning around the centre of the Protostar, If the gas and dust breaks away you now have a Main Sequence Star, but if the gas and dust does not break away, then it could be the start of a planet.

The final stage of the making of a star, is the Main Sequence Star. Once it gets up to 18 million degrees Celsius then there is a burst of nuclear energy and finally the star begins to shine and over a few years the clouds blow away and you can see it.

It can take millions of year for this process to happen. Did you know that planet is thought to be found half-way through the process of being made 450 light years away.” by Isaac in Room 4

Here are some excerpts from a long story .....

“Once upon a time, there lived a cheetah in a treehouse. His name was Speed. One day he was running along with his best buddy, the 3-headed, 52 legged dinosaur. He sounded Like Boom! Boom! Boom! As they turned a corner, they were stopped by a cool Koala. He said “Hey, what's up? Have this!”. The Cheetah said, “wow, it'd a magic key!”. Then the Koala said, “Come with me and touch this key”.

In a puff of smoke they disappeared to a magic land with a cave and went in. They followed the path until they came across a tent— that was a pretty big tent.”  
by Callum in Room 14

Have a great week everyone

**Sue Buckley**

**‘Learning is at the heart of our journey together’**