

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

It has been an interesting first week back at school in Alert Level 2. We have done things differently this week and I have been impressed with the way in which our students have adjusted to being back at school. We recognise that many students will be feeling anxious about being back here after what may have been a fearful time. This is why our transition back to school has focussed on wellbeing and reconnecting with each other and whanau teachers. I have seen some amazing work in whanau classes with students helping each other while enjoying a bit more autonomy with their learning. Students have also been enjoying learning something new...I look forward to seeing if the Hunting and Fishing Club's traditional rat snares are successful.

The progress we have been making as a country with Covid-19 has been positive and it looks like the government is considering going to Alert Level 1. It is important that we continue to follow the government advice on distancing and hygiene. It is also important to ensure that the advice we are getting is coming from reputable sources. This week many students across New Zealand have not returned to school because of misinformation spread through social media. It has been said on social media that Police have the power to forcibly remove children from school if they appear unwell. **This is false.** If students appear unwell at school, we will contact you as we normally would to come and pick them up.

Thank you for your continued support through these interesting times. I look forward to seeing more of our students back at school as the situation improves.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

## College Calendar

### Friday 29 May

- School Cross Country

### Monday 1 June

- Queen's Birthday Holiday

### Monday 15 June

- Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm

## Cross Country

### Friday 29 May

This is a compulsory school event but participation is our main focus, so walking is an option.

*Please encourage your student to participate.*

All participants earn house points with bonus points for the first ten place getters in each year level.

The creek crossing is compulsory so students running with cell phones or iPods in their pockets do so at their own risk!!!

Valuables can be handed in to PE staff for safe keeping.

***Hand sanitiser to be used at the start and finish of the run.***

Parents and whanau are welcome to come along and watch and if you would like to run or walk the course you too could earn points for your children's house.

Please remind students to wear suitable running clothes as they will get wet. No Jeans.

***Seniors – 9am start, Year 9 and 10 – 11.20 am start and Year 7 and 8 – 2pm start.***

## Top Energy Swim for Life Programme

At the end of last term our Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Top Energy Swim for Life Programme. Two qualified instructors taught the students water safety and some rescue techniques. The aim of this programme is to promote the importance of learning to swim and survive as an essential life skill. A big thank you to Top Energy for sponsoring the programme.

