

## 2022 Term 2 Junior College Newsletter:

Thursday 5th May,

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Welcome to Term 2.

We are excited to be back at school together again after appreciating a well earned breather. We hope that you enjoyed your holiday and experienced a little fun and found some rest too. We are sorry for those of you who were sick over the holidays, a few staff members also had covid in the holidays. Doesn't seem fair does it! We hope that those of you who have had covid are recovered or are recovering well.

Approximately 50% of our students were absent from school last term for a period of time either due to being unwell with covid or self- isolating as household contacts. We were blessed that not many teachers were absent last term due to covid, this meant that most classes were able to continue with minimal disruption. This term teachers are continuing with mask wearing, as this is the best way for us to keep healthy and avoid catching the bug. We thank you for wearing masks when you visit classrooms, your consideration is greatly appreciated.

We are aware that covid is still very much in our midst so if your child is unwell please test them before sending them to school and keep them at home for the full 7 days if they do get covid. Each classroom teacher has prepared a supply of hard packs full of learning activities for students in case they need to be at home for a time. Please contact the office if you are in need of a pack for your child.

This term we welcome a lovely bunch of NE entrant students into Room 2. Mrs Mills is very happy with the way that *Lola Dow, Lily Ezeokafor, Richard Vigus and Eli Johnson* have settled in so easily this week. Mrs Bucknell is thrilled with her new Year 2 student, *Jesse Ang*. Mrs Annandale is delighted to have *Nathaniel Attwood and Toby Alison* join her Year 3 class. Mrs Grammer and Mr Reynolds are excited to have *Lydia Alison* join their Year 6 class. We welcome all of these new students and their families to the Junior College.

As mentioned above Mrs Grammer and Mr Reynolds have returned to school after enjoying a long and luxurious summer holiday. Mr Reynolds rode his bike all the way from Cape Reinga to the Bluff (3000km) raising awareness for Diabetes NZ, Mrs Grammer did not ride her bike at all but read lots of books! They are both very happy to be back at school, team-teaching in Room 3 with the Year 6s. Mrs Grammer is continuing as Junior College leader and is super appreciative to Mrs Annandale for leading the team in Term 1 and looking after all the students and teachers so well!

We hope that you have an awesome term. Please keep in touch with us if you have questions or need any help.

God bless you all.

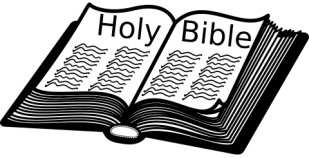
*The Junior College Teachers*

The best way to contact a teacher is via our school email. For example:

[nicole.grammer@excellerecollege.school.nz](mailto:nicole.grammer@excellerecollege.school.nz) To email other teachers just put their first and last name, separated with a dot and in lowercase letters, followed by @excellerecollege.school.nz

Events this Term	
Friday 20th May	Teachers Only Day
Wednesday 15th May	Year 4-6 Winter Sports Tournament
Tuesday 31st May	School Cross Country ( Year 1-6 incl)
Monday 6th June	Public Holiday (Queen's Bday)
Wednesday 8th June	Jumpin June
Tuesday 21st June	Year 5&6 Rippa Rugby Tournament (not all students)
Friday 24th June	Public Holiday (Matariki)
Friday 8th July	Mid Year Reports sent home

A big thanks to Mrs Zola McDonald, our fabulous sports coordinator who works tirelessly behind the scenes organising a range of sporting events for our students. We are blessed to have her support and appreciate her very much!

<i>Creativity</i> A description of our planned inquiry for this term follows:									
<p>This term's Memory verse:</p>  <p>Psalm 100</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Year 1</td> <td>Psalm 100:1-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 2</td> <td>Psalm 100: 1-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 3</td> <td>Psalm 100:1-4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 4-6</td> <td>Psalm 100:1-5</td> </tr> </table> <p>Students who learn and recite all assigned memory verses ( 4 across the year) will earn a scripture memory ribbon and bar. This will be awarded at our end of year prize giving.</p>	Year 1	Psalm 100:1-2	Year 2	Psalm 100: 1-3	Year 3	Psalm 100:1-4	Year 4-6	Psalm 100:1-5	<p><u>The Big Idea:</u> Our God is tremendously creative. Everywhere we look outside, there are reminders of how creative God is. Think about some of the things He's created – dragonflies, hummingbirds, trees that change colours in the autumn, like the maple, and trees like native and pine trees that are green all year; think about giraffes, elephants and jellyfish! Our God is so creative and when He created us in His image, He shared with us His capacity for creativity. God is the One who gives gifts to men and women such as creativity and it is up to us to discover them and utilise them for His glory. <i>Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives. EPHESIANS 2:10 (CEB)</i></p> <p><u>Enduring Understanding:</u> <b><i>Our God is tremendously creative. Everywhere we look we can be reminded of His creativity. We can enjoy being creative too.</i></b></p> <p><u>Essential Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Where can I see God's handiwork?</li> <li>★ What is my favourite creative act of God?</li> <li>★ How can I use my creativity to serve others?</li> </ul>
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## **Information for Parents and Caregivers:**

### **School Hours:**

Teachers are on site from 8:15am and classrooms are available for students from 8:30am. Year 1 and 2 students can be walked to their classroom down the designated path (please wear a mask).

Lessons commence at 8:50am. Please ensure that your child is on time and ready for learning by this time. Students arriving after this time need to sign in or be signed in by their parent/caregiver at the school office before going to class. Please wear a mask when visiting the office.

Arrangements should be made for students to be collected from school at 3pm.

After school, students wait at the 'PE container' end of the car park (if it is not raining). Parents, please do not pick them up until you are well into our safe zone alongside the Whare. We do not want children moving across the carpark at this time. The car park is a potentially dangerous place for children, please do not ask your child to navigate their way across the car park to your car.

Please drive slowly and safely around our car park, watching for children at all times.

If parents are picking up students for appointments during school hours, please send an email to the office and the classroom teacher to notify the pick up time. When you arrive, wear a mask, sign in at the office, and the office will phone your child's classroom teacher to send them to the office. Parents should not visit classrooms to collect students during the school day.

The gym is closed before and after school. The playgrounds are closed after school.

### **Wearing masks:**

We are at Orange on the Covid Protection Framework (CPF). Mask wearing at school is now optional but highly recommended as the best way to prevent the spread of covid. Our teachers will continue to mask up and we will have masks available in our classes for those students who prefer to wear one. We ask that parents and caregivers wear a mask when visiting classrooms, thanks.

We are keeping our classrooms well ventilated for our students and providing hand sanitiser.

**Our Code of Conduct:** We have a Code of Conduct for all students in the Junior College.

When all our students abide by the code it makes the school environment peaceful and safe for everyone. Please read through and discuss it with your child. Thanks for your support.

**Fitness:** On Thursday mornings, Years 4-6 will have fitness in the gym, followed by Years 1-3. All students from Years 1-6 will need to bring their PE gear on this day. House points will be awarded to the house that has the most members in correct gear.

**Home learning:** Students from Y1-3 will bring a junior reading book home each afternoon. It is important for students to read the book with you at home and return it to school the next day. Please ensure books are transported back to school in a book bag - this helps to keep our books in good condition. Students from Y4-6 may not necessarily bring assigned reading material home each night, however we do expect students to select Library books to read at home each night. Classroom teachers will let you know of their expectations regarding home learning for their students.

**School uniform:** Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform to school every day.

However, if there is a need to send your child to school in non-regulation clothing or footwear then we ask that you provide a dated note of explanation to your child's teacher and we require that the situation is corrected as quickly as possible. This includes incorrect or lack of PE gear for PE lessons.

**School shoes:** Winter shoes for boys and girls must be black, polishable (leather look) velcro fastening or lace up. **Velcro fastening is preferred for Year 1-2 students.**

**Please note:** canvas shoes or fabric sneakers, e.g. converse or basketball style shoes or slip ons are not permitted. Boots are also not permitted.

**Socks:** Girls wear white or black socks and boys wear black socks.

Girls can wear black stockings, but please note that **footless leggings under skirts or shorts are not permitted.** Please name all uniform items - including footwear and socks.

## Junior College Code of Conduct *"Honouring God - Honouring others" Psalm 103*

In our school, we believe that:

Every student has the right to feel safe

Every student has the right to learn and every teacher has the right to teach

Every student has the right to be treated with respect and is expected to treat others and their property with respect

In our school we:

We show the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives by how we treat others, these being:

**love, joy, peace, goodness, kindness, patience, gentleness, faithfulness & self-control.**

We treat others the way we would like to be treated. We work hard to do the right thing at the right time.

Sometimes we make mistakes, but we learn from them; we apologise, ask for forgiveness and move on to make better choices.

### This is the way we look after each other

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12*

- ☉ We are friendly and kind to everyone, appreciating that everyone is different
- ☉ We are peacemakers: we solve conflict peacefully, using our words to sort problems out
- ☉ We use encouraging words - swearing, rude language or put downs are NOT OK
- ☉ We keep our hands to ourselves: hitting, punching, kicking, pushing or pulling are NOT OK
- ☉ We respect the privacy of others (staying out of others bags, lunch boxes, desks, pencil cases, toilet cubicles)
- ☉ We look for ways to help and serve one another

### This is the way we look after our teacher/s

*"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future." Prov 19:20*

- ☉ We listen to our teachers and follow instructions straight away
- ☉ We speak politely to our teacher/s: remembering to say "please", "thank you", "excuse me"
- ☉ We never argue, be cheeky or talk over a teacher
- ☉ We knock before entering a classroom and wait patiently before speaking
- ☉ We stand aside to let teachers (and other adults) enter through doors first
- ☉ We offer to help our teacher in and around the classroom

### This is the way we work and learn

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Colossians 3:23*

- ☉ We are prepared for school; wearing the correct uniform and being on time in the morning, and after break times
- ☉ We are prepared for learning; having the required stationery and materials
- ☉ We use a quiet "inside" voice in the classroom
- ☉ We put our hand up to speak and listen when someone else is speaking
- ☉ We follow instructions straight away and complete tasks on time
- ☉ We participate in all learning experiences and do our very best
- ☉ We work quietly at our table/desk, asking permission to leave our seat if needed
- ☉ We keep our books tidy: scribbling on the covers or pages is not OK
- ☉ We leave our special things at home

### This is the way we play

*"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them" Ephesians 4:29*

- ☉ We are friendly and kind, making sure no one is left out
- ☉ We play safe, fun games: rough, or violent (war/shooting) themed games are NOT OK
- ☉ We look after sports gear and use it properly, returning it when we've finished.
- ☉ We wait patiently for our turn with the playground equipment
- ☉ We run on the grass not on the concrete
- ☉ We go to the toilet and have a drink during break times
- ☉ We do not play in the toilets

### This is the way we look after our classroom/school

*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people" Galatians 6:10a*

- ☉ We enter classrooms quietly
- ☉ We move considerately around the classroom and around the school, so we do not disrupt the learning of other students
- ☉ We ask permission to leave the classroom
- ☉ We take responsibility to care for school property: desks, chairs, tote trays, library books, textbooks, equipment, playground
- ☉ We do our share of keeping our classroom, offices and school grounds clean and tidy.
- ☉ We sit down in our class areas to eat, we eat from our own lunch box only