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Kia ora koutou katoa,

What a fantastic first week back! It's been an absolute privilege to welcome all our students back to school and see the energy and enthusiasm they've brought with them. After a refreshing break, it's always a little challenging getting back into the swing of things, so well done to everyone for surviving and thriving this first week!

It's been wonderful to spending time in each learning environment each day this week, seeing students reconnecting with friends, settling back into routines, and embracing their learning with such positive attitudes. I've been particularly impressed by the willingness I've seen to take learning risks. Remember, mistakes are a crucial part of learning, and it's through these challenges that we grow and discover our true potential.

This year, we're focusing on Building a Learning Community. Seeing the students already diving into their learning, working hard, and experiencing success is incredibly inspiring. It reinforces the importance of our school values: Community, Active involvement, Learning, and Manaakitanga, and reminds us all why we're here: to learn, grow, and support each other.

Thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for creating such a welcoming and engaging learning environment. And thank you to our parents and whānau for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure a successful and fulfilling year for all our students. I'm looking forward to seeing all the amazing things we will achieve together this year.

I'm really looking forward to our 'School and Community Open Evening and Picnic' next Monday 10th of February, 5:30 - 7pm. At this we will have the BBQ going, be running 3-4 parent and child games, hold korero about the years focus and introduce the team, and generally have an opportunity for a casual catchup with your child's teachers. After which you may like to book in with them sometime in the coming weeks for specific learning conversations (if needed).

Ngā mihi mahana

Nic Walker

Tumuaki - Principal



Term 1, 2025

WEEK 2 10 - 14 FEB	COMMUNITY PICNIC	TECH			KOWHAI ASSEMBLY
WEEK 3 17 - 21 FEB	LIFE EDUCATION VAN	LIFE EDUCATION VAN	LIFE EDUCATION VAN		
WEEK 4 24 - 28 FEB		TECH			MAKOMAKO ASSEMBLY
					RURAL SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS
WEEK 5 03 - 07 MARCH					REWAREWA ASSEMBLY
					KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE - PARENT TALK
WEEK 6 10 - 14 MARCH		TECH			WHITES BAY
	KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE	KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE	KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE		
WEEK 7 17 - 21 MARCH	TEACHER ONLY DAY				
WEEK 8 24 - 28 MARCH		TECH			TI KŌUKA ASSEMBLY
			MISTLETOE BAY CAMP	MISTLETOE BAY CAMP	MISTLETOE BAY CAMP
WEEK 9 31 MARCH - 04 APRIL		HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP
WEEK 10 07 - 11 APRIL		TECH	YEAR 7/8 VACCINATIONS		END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

Ti Kōuka

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

What a fantastic start to our school year! We have had a very relaxed start to our year; focusing on our routines, behaviours and our school values. Our value focus this week has been 'community', and the students have ALREADY received tons of marbles in our party jar, lots of stickers and values tickets!

The beginning of school for a young student can be very exhausting, so don't be surprised if your child comes home irritable and tired. Early bedtimes may be a good idea for the next few weeks. Good luck parents!

A reminder that we have a meet the teacher evening February 10th, starting at 5:30. Emily and Leah will both be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have, and will show you around if you'd like.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Waitangi day weekend!



Makomako

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

The Makomako class has been buzzing with creativity! The tamariki have been busy making beautiful koru pictures using natural materials, symbolizing new beginnings and growth. Their artistic talents didn't stop there—they've also been hard at work creating bees to join the hive in Makomako. Just like real bees, they've shown teamwork, dedication, and a lot of enthusiasm.

We have introduced a new concept in class where each student is encouraged to embody the principles of S.K.I.P: being Safe, Kind, Inclusive, and Polite on the playground.

Ka pai, Makomako!



Rewarewa

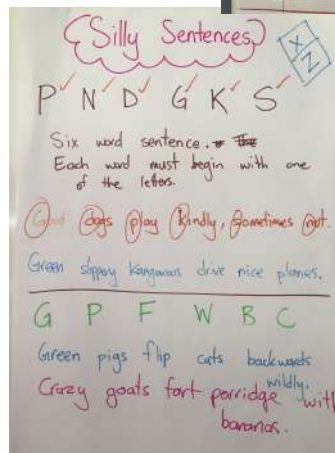
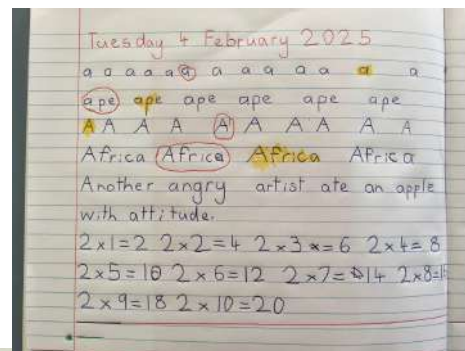
Year 4 - 5 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

I know we had a Waitangi Day yesterday, but it feels like this week has gone fast. It has been a fantastic week in Rewarewa Class.

Some of the highlights for the students were writing silly sentences, working with addition in maths, getting into the swimming pool, getting artistic creating a name tag, being accurate with our handwriting, developing hand-eye coordination with Ti Rakau and making new friends.

One of our class goals is listening, and while this continues to be a goal, it is getting better everyday. Have a great weekend and we will see everyone back on Monday.



Kowhai

Year 6 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

BUILDING - Building a learning Community

Kia Ora Kōwhai Whanau,

What a lucky teacher I am. Well it's not luck is it? I am grateful to everyone who has helped the students of Kowhai class develop the prodigious skills they've displayed in the first few days of 2025. Their willingness to change tack, hold hands, lead, follow, assist, read, plank, learn new routines, self manage, connect with new classmates and listen to adults (mostly me) talk (a lot) has been astonishing. . I feel confident that we're co-constructing a learning environment that will serve us well in 2025.. This week we have been making connections, and next week we should have our routines sorted, moving into assessment so we can develop our academic learning goals by the end of week 3. Also big ups to everyone for bringing their togs...if we could now sort goggles and hair ties my cup would runneth over.

Thank you again for the privilege of working with your children, they are without exception a credit to you all.

Nga mihi Sarah Kerr





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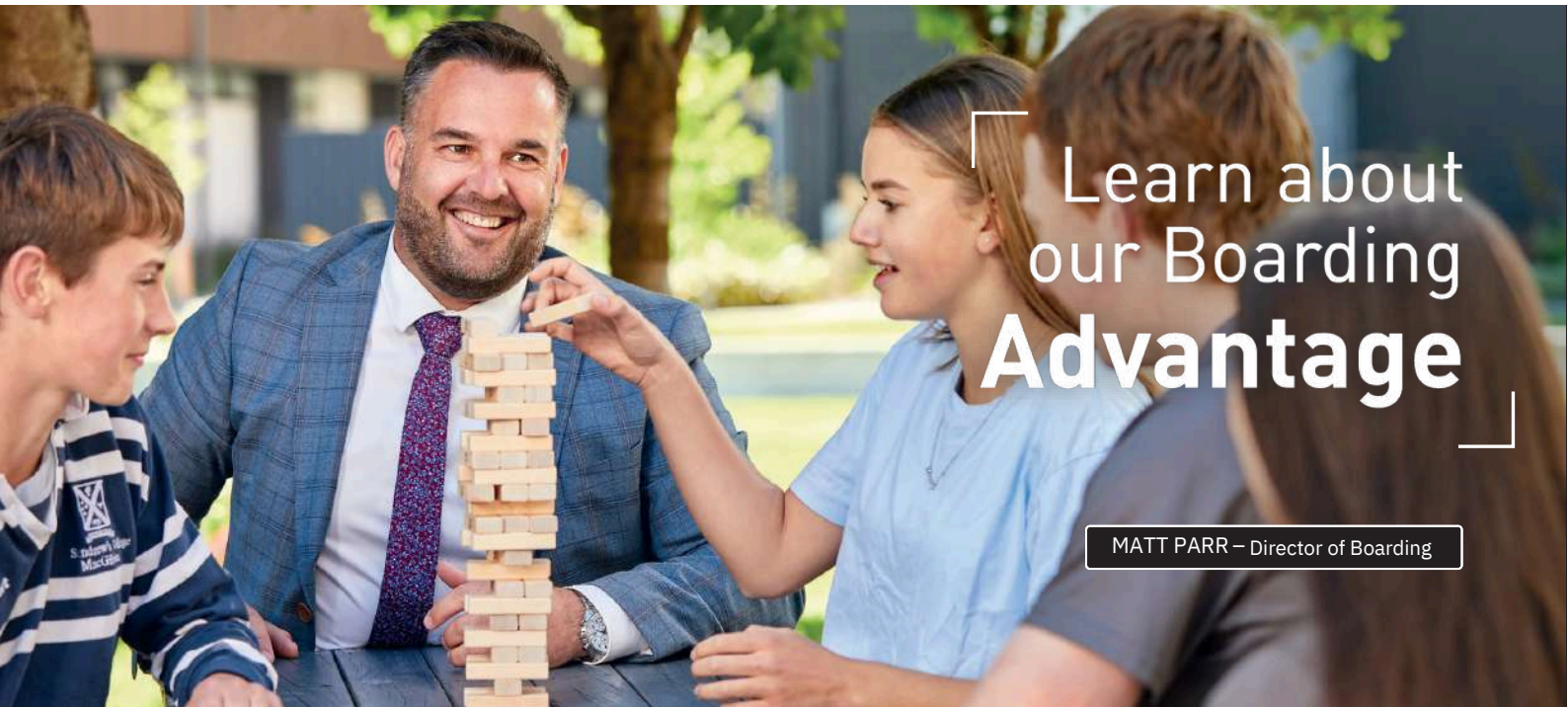
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Guitar

*Please remember to return your childrens profile and bus forms as soon as possible. It is important for us to have the most up to date Information regarding allergies, permissions and emergency contacts. Amy will be using the bus Information to build the daily bus sheet - we do not want your children to be missed off the list due to Amy not knowing they are meant to be on there.



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19 February QUEENSTOWN

24 February NORTH CANTERBURY
25 February MID CANTERBURY
7 March WĀNAKA



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