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NEWSLETTER – Term 1, Monday 1 February 2021

From the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai,

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. I trust you have all had a restful summer and managed to enjoy much time together as a family. In comparison to most countries we really are very privileged to be able to enjoy what can best be described as a 'normal' summer. My family managed to combine enjoying what Canterbury has to offer alongside time in Hanmer and Nelson.

Our staff have already been back to work for some time and there has been a great deal going on behind the scenes to plan for our new school year. Our theme for 2021 is 'Belonging' and a great deal of what will be taught will be put through this lens. We have been working with an external provider, CORE Education, to support the development of this context. You will hear more about this on Tuesday evening when we 'launch' our new school year. A reminder that we will be beginning in the hall with the adults at 5pm before moving through to classrooms for more detail from your teachers, and then out onto the field for a BYO dinner. We will warn the fish and chip shop that they may be in for a busy night! Children are obviously welcome to play outside and I will look to keep an eye on things whilst you are in the rooms with Adele, Michelle and Sarah.

A big thank you to Neo, Colin and a few of our parents who have tidied up our grounds over the last few days, as they were looking a bit shabby after a summer of absence. Again the benefits of a small school where everyone pulls their weight to get things done continues to be a strength of Star of the Sea.

I will be looking at sending out a fortnightly newsletter this year, and try my best to keep you up-to-date with the important dates for the term. Having three children of my own at home, I know the euphoric feeling of them returning to school after what can at times be a long summer, and we look forward to having our tamariki back in force on Wednesday morning.

Ngā mihi

Nathan Burford | *Tumuaki - Principal*

Through Faith We Shine

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 2nd February 5pm - Meet the Teacher Evening

Wednesday 3rd February 8:30am - First Day of School

Friday 5th February – Swimming for Yr 5-8

Monday 8th February - Waitangi Day - School Closed

Tuesday 9th February – Technology Yr 7&8

Tuesday 9th February – Thursday 18th February – Aquagym Swimming Lessons Yr 0-4

Tuesday 9th February – Thursday 18th February – Practice for Swimming sports Yr 5-8

Monday 15th February - Teacher Connect Meetings 3:30-5:30pm (more information to come)

Tuesday 16th February - Teacher Connect Meetings 3:30-5:30pm (more information to come)

Friday 5th March – Whole School Swimming Sports Yr 0-8 1.30pm – 3pm

Monday 8th March - Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Friday 2nd to Tuesday 6th April - Easter Holiday - School Closed

Friday 16th April - Last Day of Term 1

Monday 3rd May - First Day of Term 2

Term Dates 2021

Term 1 - Wednesday 3rd February to Friday 16th April

Term 2 - Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July

Term 3 - Monday 26th July to Friday 1st October

Term 4 - Monday 18th October to Wednesday 15th December

Uniform – Term 1 Hats

Hats are to be worn every day during morning tea and lunch time, please make sure your child brings their hat each day.

New Uniforms

New sports tops, shorts and hats have arrived. Please see Petrina for purchasing.

Second Hand Uniforms

We have some second-hand uniforms available. Please see Petrina for these items. Also if you have any uniforms that you no longer require and would like to donate please drop of to the office.

Swimming – What to bring

Please make sure your children bring their togs, rash top, goggles and towel in a named bag on swimming days.

Nolan's Music and Dance Information

Attached to the email is two pdf's regarding info on music and dance for term 1. Please contact Nolan if you want more information.

Altar Serving



WE WANT YOU FOR ALTAR SERVING!

Hi – we're Ruthie & Becca & we are the Altar Server co-ordinators of the Parish. If you have received your First Communion, we really need your help Altar Serving at Our Lady Star of the Sea masses. At the moment there are only a few Altar Servers covering all the Sundays in term time – meaning they have to cover a few each. If we could have some more volunteers everyone would only have to do 2 or so Sundays a term. Please note - Our Lady Star of the Sea mass is at 9am each Sunday, training will be provided & it's not compulsory to take the Blood of Christ (wine) at Communion time if you don't want to.

If you can help please let Vicki Hembry know, vicki@vgaccountancy.com

Thank you! Ruthie & Becca