

Welcome back. We have really enjoyed reconnecting with our community this week. Huge thanks for your support over the lockdown time – our staff have been uplifted by your wonderful messages of support for the online learning they have been posting. We have enjoyed hearing and seeing the lovely learning and fun had during the past 7 weeks.

Over the past days our staff have noticed a growth in student confidence and independence. They are confidently walking into school, organising themselves for the day and enjoying the time before school reconnecting with friends. Social distancing and hand sanitising are now the norm and we seldom have to remind them of the importance of these.

Our thanks to our school community for their understanding and support for the new drop off and pick up procedures. A reminder that our school grounds remain closed to members of the public – except for contractors, couriers and visitors. All visitors must sign in at the school office for contact tracing purposes.

If your child is a new entrant or in Years 1 and 2, you are welcome to pick them up early (and their siblings) between 2.30 and 2.45pm. Please email or text our office **before 1.30pm each day** so we can organise the students for pick-up therefore minimising classroom interruptions.

### **Important Reminders re Level 2**

The Government has advised that schools are safe for all to return. **However, we do ask you to heed the advice that if your child is sick, please keep them at home.**

For schools, Level 2 is pretty much business as usual taking into account the key principles for this level:

- Reducing the risk of someone getting infected - our school will be practising good hygiene practices as advised by the Ministry of Health
- Ensuring that we can identify and contact anyone who becomes infected - visitors (including whanau and family) to our school site will be required to complete a contact register.

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle for them to use at school.

At this stage we are not participating in team sports – e.g. basketball and netball. We will await the government announcement on May 25th re social gatherings and group sizes and re-evaluate the situation.



### **Kiwi Competitions Registration for the 2020 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions.**

Due to Covid-19, the dates have been revised.

- Closing date for registrations is now Friday 5th June.
- Tests run through the first 3 weeks of Term 3.

The annual CAM Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions are skills-based and closely aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. The tests are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students.

### **Information for Parents - Accessing practice materials and past papers from CAM**

Current and historical test papers and competitions are not made available to the public. Test papers/items are not made available to parents. Reasons for withholding are outlined within the Official Information Act section 9(2) 'Other reasons for withholding official information', and in particular in reference to preventing the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage, and to protect the commercial position of CAM.

The tests are administered online and take 50 minutes to complete so they can be conveniently slotted into the school timetable.

**Prices:** The cost per student for each competition is \$9.00 (incl. GST).

**Reporting of results:** Results are provided to schools in Term 3. Prizes will be awarded for each competition and year level. Certificates for each student will be sent to the school and prizes will be awarded to top students.

**The entry forms are available on our school website.**

### **Swimming pool season has ended**

You can return the pool key in a named envelope dropped into the school letterbox.

We would like to extend our thanks to the pool committee for a fantastic season. We have had an amazing team that has made it so easy for the school to offer this to our community.

## **KEY DATES**

**1 June—Queens Birthday**

**3 June—Virtual Incursion**  
Perform Education

**3 June - B.O.T. Meeting**  
7.20pm

### **Please note:**

Teacher only day 29 May  
cancelled  
- now a normal school day

### **Term Dates for 2020**

**Term 2**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April—Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Term 3**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July—Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Mid-term break 24<sup>th</sup> August

**Term 4**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October—Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Teacher Only Day 27<sup>th</sup> October  
12.30pm finish,  
the school bus will run at this time.

## **Helpful Numbers**

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## TERM 2 VIRTUAL INCURSION - Perform! Education

Our performance for Term 2 is something a wee bit different! Perform! Education were due to visit us on June 3rd, but Covid-19 had other plans. Not to be defeated, they have come up with a cunning plan to deliver a fantastic performance to our students in the VIRTUAL WORLD! The show will be beamed into your child's classroom via satellite and will feature a live/recorded, interactive performance that will be (almost!) as awesome as the real

thing! There will be an opportunity to interact with the actors and a special Q and A session will be scheduled for another date. **Reduced Cost is \$4pp** and is due by **Tuesday 2 June**. The performance is complimentary for families who have paid their donations. If paying online, please include the names/rooms of your children and include 'show' in the reference.

### YEAR 1-4

And The Winner Is... combines a love of reading and books with a celebration of diversity and competition! Watch a selection of the best New Zealand Children's Books come to life, encouraging students to engage with reading in an active and energetic manner and reinforcing the idea of inclusiveness and celebration of endeavour rather than competitive results.



### YEAR 5-8

LAUNCH TO THE FUTURE! is a fact-filled theatrical presentation using action packed sketches, appealing characters, comedy, high energy and audience interaction that educate about Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Sketches include a worker teaching a boss about the moon, a kooky inventor linking technology to creativity and innovation, a game that teaches about space engineering, and a demonstration of how maths helps explain our universe.



Pita Pit is now available on Wednesdays and Fridays. Orders need to be in by 9.00am of order day.



The menu is up on Kindo.

Here is the link to login to Kindo

<https://www.waitakereprimary.school.nz/kindo-shop>

### Frequently Asked Questions for families about Maths

#### Maths at our house

Ideas for how you can raise awareness and share mathematics using everyday experiences and resources found around your home.

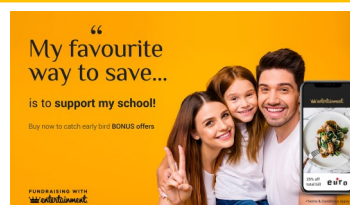
<https://nzmaths.co.nz/math-our-house>

If you see a dog roaming loose on the street or encounter a dangerous dog please report it as soon as possible to allow the Animal Control Officers an opportunity to catch the dog while it is still roaming.



Call the Auckland Council Call Centre on 09 301 0101. Call anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They will report it to Animal Management. Please remember to provide as much information on the dog & the location.

- A reminder that at level 2 the school grounds remain closed to the general public with the exception of authorized visitors, contractors and couriers. Thank you
- Stay home if you are sick
- NEW ENTRANT MORNINGS
  - All new entrant mornings have been cancelled until further notice
- No Teacher only day on the 29th May—cancelled
- No awards assemblies till further notice.
- Tasty Tuckshop will **not** be running on Thursday and Friday
- Pita Pit is providing their service on Wednesday and Friday, ordering through Kindo only, starting Wednesday 27 May.



The early bird catches more savings!

### Digital transformation

Entertainment Memberships are now 100% digital. Saying goodbye to the iconic Book wasn't an easy decision, but it significantly simplifies the experience for our fundraisers, reduces our environmental impact and allows us to provide flexibility for members and merchants.

### Benefits of the App include:

- **User-friendly:** Instantly search and redeem offers or check out the Near Me tab to find offers, wherever you are.
- **Memberships start anytime:** Flexible start date, Memberships are valid for 12 months from when you activate (16 months if you take advantage of the Early Bird offer now on in Feb!).
- **New offers automatically added:** As soon as we sign a new offer, you get access to it. No more waiting for the next print run!
- **Multiple devices:** You can still share your Membership with your family. Encourage your partner and kids to download the App so they can access valuable savings when out.
- **Convenient:** The App means that as long as you have your phone, you have your Membership too (no more lugging around the book).

**Lastly—Easy gifting:** We've made it simpler than ever to gift an Entertainment Membership – simply purchase from your chosen fundraiser and the gift Membership will be delivered instantly to your inbox.

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