



### Term 2 Highlights

**Week 3**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Kauri Assembly 2.15pm

**Week 4**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May-Kōwhai Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May-Pink Shirt Day

**Week 5**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - School Cross Country - more information to be provided soon

**Week 6**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May-Kōwhai Assembly 2.15pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - T Ball for Selected Students

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May- Pasifika Fono 5.30pm - 7pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May- Postpone date school cross country

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May-Teacher Only Day - School Closed

**Week 7**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June-Kings Birthday - School Closed

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June-Tōtara Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Kauri Assembly 2.15pm

**Week 8**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June-Kōwhai Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Inter-School Cross Country for selected Students

**Week 9**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June-Tōtara Assembly 2.15pm

**Week 10**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June- Kauri Assembly 2.15pm

**Week 11**

Last day of term 2 is at 3.00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### A Word from our Principal



Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

It has been great to get the children out of the school and helping our local environment with each team's beach clean up. These visits add some extra excitement to the school day and demonstrate that we can help to keep New Zealand and our oceans clean if we all do our bit by collecting and disposing rubbish, especially plastics, ways that do not impact negatively on the environment. Thank you to the main trip organiser Claire Schultz and all of the staff and parents who helped the children make the most of this experience.

There are lots of sports events happening this term and parents are invited to support their children in taking part in them.

- Our netball teams have been training and are currently taking part in grading games in preparation for their season.
- In a couple of weeks time, we will all walk down to the Blockhouse Bay Reserve to have our annual school cross country event. We invite you to watch out for more details about race times and what colour shirt we would like the children to wear.
- Then later in the term, teams of year 5/6 children will represent us at the Inter-school T-Ball sports exchange. This event is based loosely on softball but provides a more even way of playing that does not rely on the ability of the pitcher.

Good luck to everyone taking part in this term's sports events.

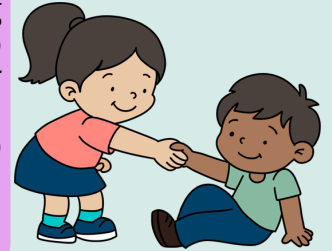
With the winter just around the corner, we want to remind everyone that school still happens when it is raining and the Ministry of Education classifies keeping children home because of the weather as an Unjustified Absence.

Ngā mihi maioha, (thank you with appreciation)  
Neil Robinson  
Principal

# Pink Shirt Day on Friday 15th May

Pink Shirt Day provides a focus for us all to be kind to each other and to be upstanders if we see things happening around us that are making people feel uncomfortable or sad.

We will celebrate Pink Shirt Day next week by inviting everyone to wear pink or colourful clothes. As always, our message for this day is about showing kindness towards others and the teachers will take this opportunity to reinforce this message with the children. As part of our positive behaviour plan, we also encourage children to speak up if they see or hear of unkind words. Parents might want to discuss these themes with their children to show that we all feel the same way at home and at school. Note that there is no parade or money collected on this day.



## Attendance Matters

**ATTENDANCE UPDATE**

**TERM 2**

Week 1: 82% of our students attended regularly  
 Week 2: 87% of our students attended regularly  
 (more than 90%, which is up to 5 days in a term)

We are striving to improve our students attendance. As part of our Attendance Management Plan, students who attended 90% or more in Term 1 will receive a certificate at their team assembly.



## Food orders



### FAB Lunch fundraisers return for Term 2

All open & available to order for the term and pay via Kindo app/website now.

**Mai Sushi - ordering closes 12pm day before**  
**Week 4 Wed 13th May**

Week 7 Wed 3rd June

Week 10 Wed 24th June

**Pita Pit - ordering closes 7.30pm day before**

Week 5 Wed 20th May

Week 8 Wed 10th June

Week 11 Wed 1st July

**Xi'an Food Bar - ordering closes 12pm day before**

Week 6 Wed 27th May

Week 9 Wed 17th June

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If you need any help you can ask our friendly office staff.

Thank you from the Office Team



# Successes Out of School

From time to time, parents let us know about how children have excelled outside of school and we celebrate this success in the school newsletter.

Year 5 student Kennedy Ault is a member of the Waitakere City Athletics Club and recently broke the records for the 9-year-old girls' 800m and mile events. The 800m record was a particularly significant goal for her. She made a few attempts throughout the season and, after showing great determination and perseverance, successfully broke the record at the final club championship event. A club record means that out of everyone who has **ever** competed for that club (sometimes across decades) they have achieved the best time for their age.

In addition, Kennedy and her amazing relay team broke club records in the 9-year-old girls' 4x100m, 4x200m, and 4x400m relays. Congratulations Kennedy. We will be watching your running career in the future!



School will be closed on **Friday 29th May** so that the staff can take part in professional learning. We chose this day so that family members can have a 4 day weekend as Monday 1st June is a public holiday for the King's Birthday. Bizzy Bodz have let us know that they will be open all day (7.00-6.00pm) on Friday 29th May if parents would like them to look after their child or children. Please click on [Bizzybodz](#) if you have any questions or would like to register for this.

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