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Kia ora Koutou

Father James

Over 50 years ago a friend gave me a book of Chinese proverbs. Occasionally I would browse through it, but for many years now it hasn't been touched – until last month when it fell on the floor while I was restacking a pile of books. When I picked it up it had opened at the page with this proverb: *Learn to handle a writing brush...and you'll never handle a begging bowl.*

From time to time the Board of Trustees receives reports on the reading and writing ability of students. It is heartening to know the high standard achieved by a great number, and also of the extra care taken to assist those who struggle to read or to express themselves in writing.

Writing, whether by hand or with computer, is a skill that more than complements reading. It enables our thoughts to reach others and to have greater and more lasting impact than a spoken conversation. Keep up your writing. It may not make you very rich, but it certainly won't turn you into a beggar!

Staff Leaving/Returning

Mrs Alexiadis will be finishing in Room 10 on Monday 31st August, Nicky in the office will be finishing tomorrow Thursday 27th August. I'd like to thank Mrs Alexiadis for stepping in and taking Room 10. It has been an easy six weeks for us, so thank you very much.

For Nicky, it's been eight weeks in the office and this has worked really well so thank you for being flexible and fitting around the oddities that this job throws you.

Mrs Harkins will be back on Monday which will be a crossover day with Mrs Alexiadis. I'm sure Mrs Harkins will be back as an AB supporter rather than the Welsh.

Cathy is back from her surgery as of Friday 28th. We are all very pleased to see her back in good health.

School Photos

Photos are this Friday 28 August. Orders need to be in by Friday morning at the latest. Please remember that individual and family photos will only be taken if orders are in for them. We will start with Netball photos, so coaches/managers need to be here for the 8.40am start. **All netball girls need to bring their netball uniform.**

Juniors to the ASB Centre

We are visiting the ASB Centre again on Monday. We are finding many clothes are not named. This makes our job of getting children changed **VERY DIFFICULT**. Please ensure all clothing is named, especially expensive Kathmandu jackets.

Junior Parent Assembly

Our Celebration of Learning assembly is on Thursday 17th September at 1.15pm in Connolly Hall. You are all welcome.

Artsplash Tickets

Families of the ArtSplash Choir and the Wearable Arts need to purchase tickets. At present it's two per family at \$5.00 each. These are available from Mrs Maresca.

Lost

Blair Napier in Room 3 has lost his school jacket which is named. Please check you child's.

Netball Results

YEAR	TEAM	VERSUS	RESULT	PLAYER OF DAY
4	Lightning	Clyde Quay	Draw 4-4	Emma
5	Fires	Seatoun	Won 9-3	Emma/Sophie
6	Ferns	Lyall Bay	Won 23-15	Edie/Dallas
7/8	JADE	Brooklyn	Lost 16-17	Lily
7/8	ELECTRICS	Brooklyn	Lost 5-14	Amy
7/8	STRIKERS	St Francis	Lost 7-20	Anastasia
7/8	EMERALDS	EBIS	Won 45-5	Erinn

Basketball

The Sacred Heart Titans had a tough loss to EBIS 32-12. Players of the day were Ben Baker and Ben Hogan.

Maori - Nga Rerenga Korero

I au tō moe, e te tau?	Did you have a good sleep my darling?
I ngagta tō hiakai, e te tau?	Was your hunger satisfied my darling?
I eke tō hiahia, e te tau?	Did you get what you wanted my darling?

Kaua e tangi, e te tau.	Don't cry my darling.
Kaua e hāmama tō waha, e te tau.	Don't shout my darling.
Kaua e oma, e te tau.	Don't run my darling.

Bill Turley,
Principal ☺☆