

Dear Parents / Caregivers

What a glorious day! We were very lucky to be able to hold our Athletics Day on Wednesday with the little bit of sun that we did see. The girls showed perseverance, determination, and great sportsmanship throughout the day. I also saw a lot of fun and laughter along the way. Well done to all the girls, but especially well done to those who achieved or bettered the results that they were expecting.

Today many of us started the day with a hearty breakfast and a very informative talk from Josh Sparrow, a Scientist from the Antarctic Centre. Josh did a fabulous job presenting to an audience as young as 5 years old. He was even able to answer a few curly questions such as, "Has he seen Santa around?"

This week, we also celebrated girls who have achieved academically through our REDS Bar Assembly. These girls have shown consistently that they have used their REDS to help them in their school day. As we approach the end of the school year, these REDS will become essential to help the girls continue to learn and interact with each other.

Recipients of the awards were as follows:

- Year 1 - Soraya Johnston-Storrier, Claire Kang, Henrietta Williamson
- Year 2 - Sienna O'Connell, Aaliyah Wu, Rose Griffiths
- Year 3 - Yan Yan Sun, Queenie Qu
- Year 4 - Ivy Mehrtens, Alisha Arora, Senuli Wijayasena, Genevieve Surridge
- Year 5 - Anjali Selvarajah, Qiaoyu Guan
- Year 6 - Fleur Duddy, Beatrice McGlashen, Ashley Bonne, Eve Tayler

### **End of Year Reporting**

This year, the final entry for progress will be available on Linc-ed by Friday 30 November. By this stage, you will have had feedback on:

- Goals achieved and next steps in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics (these have been progressively updated throughout the term).
- Specialisation subjects such as PE, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Languages.
- Overall Teacher Judgements showing progress against our Junior School Benchmarks in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics (shown on a graph).
- Student reflections on work and progress (from Year 4-6).
- A general comment from the Classroom teacher.

This information will be made available to you at various times throughout this term and will be different for each child. An email will be sent to you when information about your daughter has been uploaded.

### **Life Education Trust**

We are looking forward to welcoming the Life Education Trust to school from Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 November. There will be a cost associated with this health programme and I will be able to confirm this cost next week.

## **Special Week**

Starting Monday 26 November, we have a few special events planned for the Junior School. This year, our theme is 'The Gift of Giving', and we would like the emphasis from giving to each other through Secret Santa, to giving to those who need it more. Each year group will be supporting a charity and using this as a basis for learning during the week. Class teachers will let you know of who they are supporting through their own letter to you. I can confirm that our Junior School Picnic Day is Wednesday 28 November at Te Hapua, Halswell Pool, for Years 3-6 from 11.30am-2.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Information about the Year 1-2 Picnic Day will be sent out separately.

A more comprehensive letter with a timetable of events will be sent out closer to the time.

### **Lunch this week:**

#### MONDAY

Macaroni cheese  
Mini spring rolls - steamed rice - dipping sauce

#### TUESDAY

Baked potatoes - choose your topping cream corn, bacon and onion, baked beans, grated cheese and sour cream (GLUTEN FREE & VEGO)  
Chicken and vegetable fried noodles

#### WEDNESDAY

Marinated pork spare ribs - steamed brown rice (GLUTEN FREE )  
Hot lamb rolls

**also available is a selection of rice balls, chicken & vegetarian, tuna sushi, small sushi sticks**

#### THURSDAY

Ham and pineapple homemade pizzas (GLUTEN FREE )  
Beef and bean Nachos

**also available is a selection of rice balls, chicken & vegetarian, tuna sushi, small sushi sticks**

#### FRIDAY

Chicken rice paper rolls (GLUTEN FREE )  
Beef and pasta bake

**also available is a selection of rice balls, chicken & vegetarian, tuna sushi, small sushi sticks**