



26 February 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

The definite highlight of our recent weeks has been our Swimming Sports. A wonderful finals afternoon was spent around our pool, set off in great style by the march in of our houses. The atmosphere was terrific! As an experienced teacher, new to our staff, said to me “Where else would you experience this in a school. It is special”. Congratulations go to everyone – swimmers, house leaders, supporters, staff.

Our move into lockdown was as efficient as we could make it. Learning to be able to change modes quickly has been a positive learning journey for staff and will help us be increasingly flexible with teaching contexts in the future. I am pleased that we started so well this year with minimal teaching time lost, as it meant that teacher/student relationships were mostly well underway. Thankfully, the lockdown was short and has had minimal effect on our co-curricular programme. Our school is busy and vibrant!

Sunday Chapel

Reminder that it is Hamilton Chapel this Sunday at 7pm.

Reporting, Learning and Tutor Conferences

Sharing progress regularly is vital for each child’s ongoing learning and success. Sharing quality learning information between learners, parents, whānau and schools helps everyone to understand and support the learner.

Throughout the year, as well as face to face Conferences, the OLE is the main vehicle behind live and continuous reporting. In more recent years, feedback and educational experts have encouraged continuous reporting, as it allows both parents and students to receive feedback continuously throughout the year rather than waiting till ‘report’ or ‘semester’ deadlines. To support this continuous feedback we do have formal reporting checkpoints. This Term, there are there are two key dates: **Thursday 18 March** and **Thursday 8 April**.

On **Thursday 18 March** Years 7-13 Subject Interim Reports will go online live to parents. This Interim Report will give you a snapshot of how your child is progressing so far.

On **Thursday 8 April** we invite parents and Year 8-13 students to come together with their Tutor for a Tutor Learning Conference to assist with goal setting.

Athletics Day – Friday 5 March

Athletics Day is fast approaching. It is expected that all students will be present at school to participate in this important day to demonstrate their athletic potential and to be part of the House culture that is unique to this event. Students are reminded to bring their House shirts and PE shorts on the day, you can run in spikes, running shoes or barefoot.

If your child has an appointment to attend during Athletics Day, can you please contact skc_absence@saintkentigern.com **by Wednesday 3 March** so it can be logged on our attendance records. A reminder that we are running a competition for the best hats worn on the day by students. Be creative with your designs and protect yourself from the sun at the same time.

Parents are encouraged to come and watch your son and daughter participate. Parking is available on Grammar School Road or at Manor Park Road. There will be no parking available on the school site.

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Term 1 Foodbank – Tuesday 9 March

This Term the majority of items will be going to 'The Shed' initiative which, in 2021, aims to deliver 32 food boxes to 16 schools on a weekly basis. Note that the following are our priority items and that House points will be awarded on the basis of the \$ value of these priority items.

Baked Beans	Canned fruit	Canned tomatoes
Soup (packet soup mix)	Canned fish	Pasta (2x packets) (300-500g pasta/spaghetti)
Rice (1 kg)	Toilet Paper (4 pkt)	Spreads (1x Jam, honey or vegemite)
Tea bags (30 pkt)	Soap (4 pkt)	Toothpaste (and toothbrushes if available)
Weetbix (750g) (or the equivalent in other cereals)		

In terms of the Foodbank can we please encourage you to buy what you would eat, as if you were sharing the meal.

The following fresh items will be purchased weekly using money donated to 'The Shed' account.

Milk (2L)	1x Margarine	Bread (2x sliced loaves)
Onions (4 large)	Mince (750g) (frozen)	Treat: Biscuits (or similar)
Carrots (1.5kg bag) (other fresh vegetables and/or fruit if available)		

If you would like to make a donation to 'The Shed':

St. Kentigern Trust

BNZ

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Particulars: 'The Shed' & also the name of your child's House

Please note that your donation can be added to your debtor account.

Academic Colours and Honours Assembly – Friday 12 March

On **Friday 12 March** we will be holding our annual Academic Honours and Colours Assembly. This Assembly will take place at 12pm in the Sports Gym with invitations to the parents of the recipients going out next week. This is wonderful Assembly which celebrates academia at the highest.

Parents & Friends Forum – Monday 15 March

Please note that the planned Parents & Friends Forum has moved to **Monday 15 March**, 7pm in the Goodfellow Centre.

Join us in congratulating...

Sienna Moyle (Year 9) competed at the Auckland Athletic Champs at Mt Smart Stadium over Waitangi Weekend. Sienna achieved great results with Gold in the 100m, Gold in the 200m and Bronze in the High Jump. Congratulations!

Peyton Leigh (Year 13) competed in the Porritt Classic in the 1500m and ran a personal best of 4:29.00 which beats the College Record of 4.45.80 by a considerable amount. Well done Peyton!

Shavaun Harvey (Year 9) has been travelling New Zealand following the Drag Racing National Series in their Junior Dragsters. Shavaun came second place back in November, after getting to the semi-finals in Christchurch, Nelson and Auckland recently. Recently at the 53rd NZDRA Nationals in Masterton out of 30 kids mixed boys and girls aging from 7yrs to 17yrs old, Shavaun took the Win! 1st Place in Junior Dragster. Congratulations!

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