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#### MARCH 1, 2019

# TAUMATA SCHOOL



## Key Dates:

- 5 MAR: FAMILY PICNIC EVENING 5:00-6:30PM
- 7 MAR: YEAR 4-6
  SWIMMING SPORTS
  9:00AM
- 13 MAR: MARK
  OSBORNE FUTURE
  FOCUSED LEARNING
  6:00-7:00PM

# Message from the Principal:

**Genavier Fuller** 

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

It is incredible to think that next week brings us to the halfway point of Term 1. There is much to celebrate! We have 153 eager, enthusiastic and active learners. We have a community rallying behind us and supporting this learning journey; and we have a group of committed educationalists who are drawing on research, evidence and experience to create exciting, stimulating and personalised learning opportunities for your children.

As a school we recognise that each child's parents and whānau are their first and most important educators. As such we understand the importance of building educationally powerful connections and relationships to support each childs learning journey and success. We hope to establish connections and relationships that are learning-focused and support the 'two-way' sharing of expertise and information that will make a difference to learning.

An important part of building powerful connections and relationships is getting to know each other - getting to know our whānau / community. We are very excited about our Family Picnic next Tuesday 5 March. This is an informal opportunity to bring your own picnic, meet



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other members of our Taumata School community, play some games, listen to music and have fun together. Our Taumata team look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday evening.

In addition to this we have planned two parent evenings with a focus on learning. The first is a presentation by Mark Osborne on Wednesday 13 March. Mark Osborne is the Director of Leading Learning. Mark is an experienced teacher, leader, and consultant and more recently has been involved in helping educators and communities create great places to learn. Mark will be working extensively with our Taumata teaching team this year and also engaging with our community.

On Wednesday 27 March we are planning to run a Reading Together Workshop which will focus on building a positive love of reading in the home. It's a fun workshop where useful tips and strategies will be shared.

In previous correspondence we have shared our school vision (our WHY), our learning principles (our HOW) and we are currently implementing and refining our practices (our WHAT). These have been developed using the influence of Simon Sinek's Golden Circle and Dr Julia Atkins "Principles and Practices". Over the coming weeks we hope your children will be able to share some new knowledge about our principles and what they mean to them. More detail about these can be found on our website.

Whanaungatanga Time is an opportunity to bring our whole school together and work collaboratively. Whanaungatanga Time involves older students working with younger students (relationship building), problem solving, creating new knowledge and building character and grit. This afternoon we had a wide range of activities linking directly to our learning principles and we hope all of our students enjoyed this time to connect with others.

Finally thank you for another great fortnight. It has been great to see our students really starting to feel like this is their home (turangawaewae), and the positive feedback from our community is wonderful. It was also lovely to see Rachel and Olivia from Above and Beyond The Lakes offering a 'free' much needed coffee to our busy mums, dads, grannys and grandads. Thanks to Rachel and the team.













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#### GREERTON MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION 2019

**ONLINE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN:** 

https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/85757

#### **REGISTRATION DAYS:**

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH, 5.00PM – 7.30PM SATURDAY 16 MARCH 9.00AM – 12.00PM GREERTON MARIST CLUB ROOMS, 90 OROPI ROAD, GREERTON

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE PRIOR, BUT DON'T FORGET YOU MUST ATTEND REGISTRATION DAY TO BE WEIGHED IN, AS PER BOPRU RULES.

SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO WIN YOUR CHILD'S MEMBERSHIP FOR THE SEASON!

> CONTACT OUR COMMITTEE FOR MORE INFO greentonmaristiuniorrugby@hotmail.com OR PHONE STEF: 021 058 8639



## Notifying an Absence:

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason please notify us as soon as possible. You can let us know by calling the office on 07 579 0990, using the absentee notification on our website, using the absentee notification on our school app or by emailing Vanessa at office@taumata.school.nz

If a child is absent and we have received no formal notification you will be contacted via phone between 8:45 and 9:15am as part of our Health and Safety procedures.