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Kia ora Koutou,

As term two ends this week, we would like to thank you all, once more, for the contribution you have made to learning over this term. It has been a challenging 6 months as we navigated living with covid and whilst we haven't had the acute and highly disruptive lockdowns of 2020 and 2021, we have seen ongoing disruption to learning, teacher supply issues and household isolations. All this had made things far from ideal in terms of learning, but I am really encouraged by our attendance levels, quality of student engagement and excellent communication from whanau. We have a bit more to do this year and hope for your continuous support.

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of two, long serving members of our property team. Mrs Lena George joined our property team in November of 2010 and sadly lost her battle with cancer last week. Additionally, Mr Craig Seales has been part of our property team since 2009 and passed away unexpectedly this week. We extend our deepest sympathy to both Lena and Craig's whanau and wish them all the very best at this extremely challenging time. Kua hinga te totara i te wao nui a Tane.

On Friday 8 July, the last day of this term, we are experiencing some significant staffing pressure and are not likely to be able to appropriately staff classes. For this reason, we have made the decision today that **all students will be learning from home on Friday 8 July**. Staff will still be onsite and students will be able to connect with them digitally, but classes will not operate. We appreciate your understanding with this matter.

This week we also farewell Mr Ben Claxton, who begins his new role as principal at Taupo-Nui-A-Tia College at the start of term 3. Mr Claxton has been with us for 5 ½ years and will leave a huge hole in the team here. We wish him all the best in his new job, and his family every happiness as the relocate to the central north island!

Every two years we are required to consult our community about the school's health curriculum and please click [here](#) for our Health Curriculum. We would really value your feedback and ask that you click [here](#) to complete a quick survey.

Our annual school ball takes place in the first week of the school holidays and this is always such an important event on our school calendar. Thanks to all those who have been involved with planning this event and supported it through buying tickets. We hope it is an event to remember for all the right reasons.

Finally, we hope all students get a well-deserved break and get back school rested and ready to learn in what will be a very busy term 3!

Kind regards,

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