



**Friday 7th May 2021**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Kia ora koutou! I hope you have all had a relaxing break, spent with family and friends and are now ready for a fun and exciting term. The students have quickly settled back into classroom routines and are enjoying being able to work alongside their friends and classmates again. Over the term, we have a number of events planned.

This term, our focus for the first 8 weeks is our inquiry based around 'I Wonder Down Under ...' in which we are learning about what's under our Earth's surface. This is a Science Inquiry focusing on learning about Earth's resources and the cause and effect of events like fossils, earthquakes and volcanoes. It is also an excellent way to incorporate our Learner Muscles.

Cross Country will be a focus this term. We are trying to build your child's fitness and endurance levels. We are hoping to train each day (weather permitting) so please ensure your child has their PE gear and running shoes. During the second half of the term, we will continue to have one afternoon focusing on developing large ball skills.

Some important dates this term:

- Show Quest - Friday 21st May
- Senior School Cross Country - Friday 28th May
- Professional Learning Development - Teachers Only Day - Friday 4th June
- Queens Birthday - Monday 7th June
- Central Cross Country - Friday 11th June
- Southland Cross Country - Friday 18th June
- Central Cup - Friday 2nd July

With the winter months fast approaching, please ensure your child wears their hi-viz vest everyday to and from school so that they can be easily seen. We are continuing to have weekly hi-viz vest checks. Please ensure your child arrives at school **after 8.30am** each morning as staff are often not in their rooms to supervise them until then.

If there are questions, concerns or celebrations please contact me either through Seesaw or by email.

Regards,

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