



**Friday 7th May 2021**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It has been great having the children back at school this week and we are all excited to be back together again. The children have all settled back into routine quickly and are enjoying being able to work alongside their friends and classmates again. Over the term we have a number of exciting events planned.

We are completing an inquiry based around 'I Wonder Down Under.' This is a Science inquiry around the many systems and processes that occur under the surface of the Earth. It is also an excellent way to incorporate our Learner Muscles.

Cross Country will be a focus this term and all classes have already started to practise. We plan to be running each day so please ensure your child has their PE gear and running shoes.

Later in the term the Senior School will descend on ILT Stadium Southland for the annual Central Cup. This is a highlight of the year as children get to experience sporting activities alongside other Central schools. Children often comment on how they are able to try new sports they have not done before.

This week we started our St John's 'Weaving Well Being' programme. In our first session the children got to introduce themselves to Felicia, set the expectations for themselves and others when participating in the sessions and learnt some breathing techniques. These weekly sessions will happen over the course of the term as outlined in the information sent home at the end of Term 1.

Mid way through the term all Year 8 students will be attending the National Young Leaders Day (NYLD) held in Dunedin. This is a great opportunity to listen to stories and experiences from inspirational New Zealanders. A huge thanks to our PTA who support this through the purchase of tickets for each child.

In the final week of term our Year 8 students are heading off to Deep Cove Camp, which is always an amazing experience. They will be attending a First Aid Session the week before which will help to brush up on their skills before they leave.

If you have any questions, concerns or celebrations please don't hesitate in contacting me through Seesaw, in person or by phone or email.

Some important dates this term:

- Technology - Week 6 - 8-11th June
- Senior School Cross Country - Friday 28th May
- National Young Leaders Day - Monday 31st May
- Teacher 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
- Year 8 St John's First Aid - Wednesday 30th June
- Year 8 Deep Cove Camp - 6th - 9th July
- Week 10 - Mid Year Reports Home

Regards

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