

# Valley School Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora tatou,

With February almost gone it has certainly been a busy start to the year. It has been great walking through the school chatting to so many enthusiastic and happy pupils. Excitement is starting to build for our Fun Fair and it will be wonderful to see all our community down here having fun and supporting our kids. Keep an eye out on the senior playground for a new arrival! A generous donation from the PTA has allowed us to purchase an exciting new apparatus, never before seen at Valley School!

### **WELCOME**

It is with great pleasure we can announce the appointment of a new Deputy Principal to start here in Term 2. (Mrs. Grey is looking forward to some company in her office).

Mrs. Megan Clotworthy is joining us from her current role as Deputy Principal at Royal Oak Primary School. Mrs. Clotworthy brings a wealth of experience to our teaching team and we are looking forward to her starting.

Nga mihi. Noho ora mai.

**Roger Goulstone, Principal**

**Please do not use the carpark when dropping off or picking up children before and after school.**

## Class Open Afternoons

Next Tuesday and Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March) our classes will be open after school until 5pm for parents and whanau to visit. This is a chance for you to meet the teacher (if you haven't already), have your kids show you around the classroom, and see what has been going on at the start of the year. Mrs. Grey and Mr. Goulstone will be available if you want to chat about any aspect of the school.

### SMART WATCHES

We ask that they be handed in at the office in the morning and picked up at 3pm if they have to be at school. We strongly advise you not to allow your child to wear a smart watch at school as we have already had cases where pupils are texting and messaging during class time. If they are not handed in at the office we accept no responsibility if they go missing during the day. Teachers have been instructed to ask pupils to remove them if they are seen to be using them during class time.

### Arriving at School

We appreciate the effort made by parents to have children at school on time. Arriving by 8:45 means children have time to hang up their bags and get themselves organized for the start of the day. A late arrival is often unsettling for pupils and they miss important start of the day information.

## Notices

### **Kelly Club Valley School**

Come and join us in the hall for our Before School Care (7.00am-8.30am), After School Care (3.00pm-6.00pm) & School Holiday Programmes. For more information or to book, please visit our website

[www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) or **contact Natalie** on **021 2589040** or [valley@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:valley@kellyclub.co.nz)



### **NZ Modern School of Music**

Piano/Keyboard tuition, individual lessons held during school hours

Opportunity to take part in competitions and exams

Contact: Joanne Allan 0274425526 or [jtallan@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:jtallan@hotmail.co.nz)

[www.nzmsmcounties.co.nz](http://www.nzmsmcounties.co.nz)

### **Nederlandse School Auckland**

The Dutch School Auckland is seeking interest for Dutch Language and cultural classes for kids aged 4-12 in the Franklin area. Classes will be held in Pukekohe. For more information contact Bernie on 0210584186 or look us up on Facebook: Nederlandse School Auckland.

# Fun Fair News

## FUN FAIR RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER

By now everyone should have received their book of 10 raffle tickets to sell prior to the Fun Fair. We have some very generous sponsors who have helped with the awesome selection of prizes up for grabs. Tickets are \$5 each and every family has a book to sell to friends and family. The raffle closes the day of the Fun Fair, Sat 23 March and the lucky winners will be drawn at School Assembly, Fri 29 March.

If you would prefer not to sell your allocated raffle tickets please return the book to the teacher and it will be assigned to another family. Thank you.

Don't forget one lucky family will win an **XBOX ONE!** Every book of 10 raffle tickets sold is an entry into the draw for the ultimate games and entertainment system - **XBOX ONE**. Good Luck Everyone.

## GARAGE SALE ITEMS!

Remember we are still asking for donations for the garage sale. All items must be in good used condition and fit into one of the following categories:

- Adult and children's books
- DVD's
- Toys
- Games & Puzzles
- Sports Equipment

**All donations can be left outside the office during school hours.**

*We still need Grocery items and or bottles for our raffles.*

*Please let us know if you have contacts for fruit and vegies and coconuts.*

## DO YOU HAVE AT HOME?

- Any unwanted wrapping paper that we can use for wrapping our lucky dip prizes? The kids in Room 5 would be grateful.

**THE MONARCH CAFÉ – Supporting Valley School**

**Kids eat free every Sunday and Monday 5pm to 7pm. Come in and enjoy a fabulous meal with us! Ph 09 2383232**

Check our website for latest newsletters and events.  
We are also on Facebook (thank you to the team who update when I forget)!

### 2019 Term Dates

<b>TERM 1</b>	Start - Thursday 7 February	Finish - Friday 12 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Start - Monday 29 April	Finish - Friday 5 July
<b>TERM 3</b>	Start - Monday 22 July	Finish - Friday 27 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Start - Monday 14 October	Finish - Friday 20 December

## Coming Events

### February

**28 Senior School Swimming Sports**

### March

**1 School Assembly 2:15pm**

**5 Open Afternoon**

**6 Open Afternoon  
Group Swimming**

**15 Zone Swimming  
School Assembly**

**23 Family Fun Fair**

**29 School Assembly 2:15pm**

### April

**12 School Assembly 2:15pm  
End of Term 1**

**29 Start of Term 2**



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**Competitive Senior Swimming Sports Tomorrow at the Rec Centre 10:45 start.**

**Non – competitive swimmers will remain at school**