

12th February 2024

It is wonderful to be underway with our first full week at school.

Here are some reminders now that we are into the school year proper.

Bedtimes

Now that the school year is underway it is really important that your children are in good regular sleep patterns from Sunday night to Thursday night. Obviously their bedtime is up to you but I suggest the following

Year 1 – 4	7.30pm bedtime
Year 5 – 6	8.00pm bedtime
Year 7 – 8	8.30pm bedtime

It is also very important that children do not have a phone or other electronic devices with them in the bedroom when they go to bed which may be used instead of sleeping. Good regular sleep patterns are critical not only for your child's ability to concentrate and enjoy school, but also for their growth and development.

Homework

Your child will receive homework weekly. There will be nightly reading and there will be spelling and basic facts to learn. You may want to support this further by joining the local Massey Library and making weekly visits part of your family routine. Developing and sustaining a love of reading is a wonderful life skill for your child to develop.

Upcoming Dates

School will close at **1.30pm on Tuesday 12 March** so staff can take part in professional development with teachers from other local Massey schools.

Our Meet the Teacher will take place on Wednesday 13 March. We are going to try doing this differently this year so please look for details we will send out as we get closer to the date. We would love to see you there.

Wayne Leighton
Principal

For the safety of the students, the carpark is for staff only. Cars in the school grounds create a possible hazard for children, and their safety must surely be a major concern. Please do not park on either side of the front of the barrier gate as this blocks access for both staff and emergency vehicles.



Parking for staff only



Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who have already purchased their children's stationery, it has been an excellent start to the year. If you still need to purchase stationery, packs are still available from the school:

Stationery Prices 2024

New Entrant/Year 1 Pack	\$30.00
Year 2 Pack	\$40.00
Year 3 and 4 Pack	\$37.00
Year 5 and 6 Pack	\$48.00
Year 7 and 8 Pack	\$42.00

Uniform

Please ensure that your children's uniform is named. If you have any good quality uniform that is no longer required, please consider donating it to the school.

School hats are available to purchase from Mrs O'Shea at the office. New hats are \$15 each and second hand hats are \$5.

Duffy Books

We look forward to another year of being part of the Duffy Books in Home programme. Over the next 3 terms all children will be given a brochure to select books of their choice to take home and keep. They will receive 2 books at a special assembly at the end of Term 1 and Term 3 and 1 book in Term 2. We also receive some books for our school library and a range of books that we can give out each week to students 'Caught Being Good'. We are looking forward to being a part of the love of reading.

Duffy Book Winners

Well done to the following students who were 'Caught Being Good' and received a book and a certificate.



- Falemoe Leuelu** – showing Aroha to their teacher by helping clean up.
- Nico Olayres** – showing Aroha to their teacher by helping clean up.
- Jocasta Lefua** – great focus on her learning.
- Felicity Purcell** – supporting her classmates to be successful.
- Jasper Feng** – showing Aroha to new students in the playground.
- Tiana Dew** – showing respect and being helpful in the classroom.
- Ruby Foster** – showing respect and being helpful in the classroom.
- Waylon Griffiths** – being responsible, kind and helpful with his sisters.
- Lennox Ihimaera-Peri** – for helping a student when he was stuck in a tree.
- Breanna Sims** – consistently showing sustainability in all areas.
- Afash Etuale** – showing maturity and being a role model.
- Halo Honana-Rakei** – being a role model to others and supporting her friends.

Welcome to our school

We would like to welcome the following new students and their families to our school:



Sala Kora, Kaid Osikai, Amelia Htoo, Bayla Vehikite, Anny Entong, Kelan and Savannah Lakalaka Scott, PJ and Maga Kennach, Devon Williams Halo Honana-Rakei, Savanah Mangaoil Saransh Gupta, Landon Scott, Leonardo Correa Mendes, Rui Wang, Pearl Griffiths, Kyrome Smith-Pereira, Hariata Hetaraka, Ethan Ventigan, Darsh Gupta, Coral Griffiths, Aleisha Avinesh, Aishnoor Kaur and Aaron Matthes.

School Lunches

For our new families: The school is part of a scheme where healthy lunches are provided for every student each day. We partner with FED who supply a range of hot lunches. We are also part of Fruit and Schools, with additional support from Kidscan.

Tech Fees

Year 7/8 students attend Te Atatu Intermediate School every Friday developing skills and working on projects of a high quality in Technology and I.C.T.

There is a fee of \$10.00 per term (\$40.00 per year) which covers the purchase of materials that are required for the technology programme. Payment accepted through cash/ Eftpos or Internet Banking by Direct Debit to our ASB account:

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Please include the word 'Tech' and your child's name for reference when making the deposit.