

As 2022 draws to a close we can all breathe a sigh of relief that we got through the year and kept the school open. We hope that 2023 brings a more settled world. We continue to see a huge growth in independence as students manage their learning and make progress after 2 years of lockdowns etc.! I'd like to thank the community for their continued support for our school in what has been yet another very different year.

This morning we celebrated the achievements of our current Year 8 students - they have been leaders in our school and have achieved excellence in many fields. It is to their credit that 31 out of the 62 students have made gifted and talented classes, sports or arts academies or received grants or scholarships from their respective high schools. We wish them well in their future and will follow their progress with interest. Special thanks to our wonderful staff (teachers, learning assistants, admin staff and caretaker) who make this place such a great place to work. We are truly blessed to have such a skilled and dedicated staff. I wish you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

Farewells

It is with great sadness that we farewell Barbara Yates after 22 years of outstanding work with our students especially those with special needs. She has touched the lives of many families in our community, sharing her wealth of knowledge and skills, to ensure that students have a successful experience at school. Barbara has an innate ability to connect with all students and get the very best out of them. Barbara is highly respected by staff and parents and will be sorely missed by our school community.

We also farewell Camilla Ashley Wilson who also leaves us after 10 years working with our special needs students as a learning assistant. Camilla is much loved by the students she works with always bringing a sense of fun into all she does.

Julie Svensen leaves us at the end of this year as she relocates to the beautiful Coromandel, intending to enjoy walks on the beach, fishing and coffee mornings. There maybe some relieving in local schools added into this as well. Julie who joined our team 5 1/2 years ago, is a gifted teacher who always had her students' best interests at heart. Popular with staff, whanau and students she will be sorely missed by all for her sense of humour and the fact she loves a good joke.

Pauline Ogden who taught in Ahuru on Fridays also leaves us – Pauline is another one of those wonderful teachers who makes a special connection with all students always encouraging them to achieve personal excellence. We are pleased that Pauline is available to relieve in our school next year - we look forward to working with her.

Welcome

Lily Wakenshaw, ex pupil of our school joins us next year teaching in Ahuru with Kura. Lily is in her first year of teaching - we were fortunate to have her complete a practicum in our school earlier this year.

We also welcome Hayley Morris, an experienced teacher currently working at Epsom Normal School, to our team. Hayley brings many skills having worked in a Kahui Ako as a Within School Lead and leading in her school in science - an area she is passionate about.

2023 Start date

A final reminder that school starts on Tuesday 31st January at 9am.

2023 Stationery lists - to order this please click on the link www.myschool.co.nz

Please look after our school

You are welcome to use our grounds over the holiday break but please look after our school. If you see anyone causing damage to our grounds please contact the community police—we love the way our school is looking.

Congratulations to our Year 8 Award Winners 2022

Dux	Lola Porter	
Citizenship	Ben Phipps	
Excellence in Mathematics	Blake Butler	
Excellence in Literacy	Lola Porter	
Excellence in Technology	Leo Marygold	
Te Maunga Teitei	Keira Bale	
Personal Growth & Commitment to Learning	Analiese Marygold, Lily Ward-Mok	
Sporting Excellence	Lennox Makatoa, Sienna Ape-Esera & Chardae Heke	
Laycapif	Benjamin Dykes	
- donated by the Hinton Family and comes with a \$200 scholarship.		
Peter Pirie Cup	Thea Petersen	
Performing Arts (The Chicks Award)	Tatiana Spearing	
Camp Citizen	Jack Lethbridge	
Kia Kaha	Aiyanna Bates-Wellm	
Excellence in Science	Finn Roehlecke	
Excellence in Visual Art	Nea Brown	
Waitakere Way Award	Paige Kopittke	

KEY DATES

15 Dec - Year 8

Graduation

16 Dec - Last day of school 12.00pm finish



Last day 2022 Term 4

16 December

12.00pm finish,

The school bus will run at this time.

Term Dates for 2023

Term 1

31 January - 6 April

Term 2

24 April - 30 June

Term 3

17 July - 22 September

Term 4

9 October - 15 December



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2022 YEAR 8 GRADUATION

