

Well...we have made it through the academic year 2020! In my 23 year teaching and leadership career I have never experienced anything like it. I am so proud of the way our school whanau have supported each other in these most trying of times. Christmas on the Green was a great reminder of how fortunate we are to be able to celebrate together, and the importance of our community.

The staff at school have been immense this year! When we did our bubbles, we had more teachers volunteer than we needed, when we needed to do additional professional development to ensure we could deliver online learning, they all embraced it enthusiastically. They always had the dual focus of the social and emotional wellbeing of your children together with meeting their educational needs. They celebrate every milestone of progress of our children and are truly invested in each and every learner at our school. Our office staff, Maeke, our lovely caretaker and the leadership team that I am lucky to have, also worked tirelessly ensuring the health and safety protocols we were instigating were put in carefully and with the children in mind. We are very lucky to have such a talented and dedicated team. We have already turned our eyes to next year to ensure your child makes a great start to 2021.

Thank you to our community. It has been a tough year in many ways for many of our families. We have thoroughly appreciated your support this year. Every affirming email, every offer of help on a trip or sports event and the way we came together for school events, such as Christmas on the Green, has shown the support you give us as a school. For that support I thank you.

I look across the world to my friends and family in the UK and the USA and I feel lucky to be where we are. We are lucky to be in a place where we can now enjoy our summer break, head to the bach, meet with friends and family, take the boat out and just enjoy our beautiful part of the world. I would like to wish you and your whanau a wonderful Christmas and summer holiday.

I look forward to an exciting 2021.

Ngā mihi

Stephen Grady
Principal
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Property Update

During the holiday period we will have various groups on site completing projects. These include a security system upgrade, new phone system, completion of the year 3 playground, new bell and speaker system and CCTV. This is paid for from our Ministry of Education grants. There will also be painters onsite!

We will also be using our tank water, which was connected to field taps to be able to water our new field over the summer. Maeke and myself will be on site at various points during the break to prepare the site for 2021.

The pool pump is currently being repaired ready for the summer. We will let you know when this has been completed to ensure the water quality is safe for swimming!

Year 6 Trophy Winners 2020

Excellence in the Arts

Leane Swanepoel

Oliver Hartnall

Citizenship Cups

Jedidiah Patayon

Zoe Cleland

Excellence in Writing

Lawson Roberts

Excellence in Maths

Finn Lowrie

Cup for Excellence in PRIDE

Tannah Strombeck

Speech Cup (Winner of Speech Competition)

Aayoung Joung

Lupton Family Cup this year is awarded for Diligence Cup

Diligence Cup

Maya Williams

Principal Cup for Academic Achievement

Runner Up

Nathan Park

Winner

Aayoung Joung

The 2020 Sportswoman of the Year

Isla Laursen

THE 2020 Sportsman of the Year

Brody Kirkland

