



Thursday 31 January 2019

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome back to school for 2019. A very warm welcome to our new students and families. Welcome to our new staff members – Miss Jess Tisdall, Mrs Jodie Taylor, and a big welcome back to Mrs Hayley Simpson and Mrs Kim Reilly. The staff have been working together over the past few days and we have been looking forward to the children arriving today ☺.

Our first full school newsletter will be out next week, as usual it will be emailed to you every second Thursday during term time. A few quick notices for the start of the school year are below.

Please ensure your children have uniform **sunhats** at school every day this term – it's shaping up to be a hot and sunny one!

Hei konā mai
Kim Alexander
Principal

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NOTICES FOR WEEK ONE

Coming Events

Tuesday 5 February	Global Play Day, PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 6 February	Waitangi Day Holiday
Thursday 7 February	Meet the Teaching Teams evening
Friday 8 February	Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 14 February	Year 5-8 Swimming Sports

Meet the Teaching Teams (and other parents!) Community Evening

All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to meet your children's teachers next **Thursday 7 February** evening:

Years 1 & 2 and Years 7 & 8	6.30 to 7.00pm
Years 3 & 4	7.00 to 7.30pm
Years 5 & 6	7.30 to 8.00pm
Informal meet up in hall	Until 8.30pm

Head towards the teaching block for the specific year levels and you will be directed to the meeting location.

This evening is also an opportunity for you to meet new folks and catch up with other parents, caregivers and staff. Please join us in the hall after your meetings, for tea and coffee, anytime from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.



Global Play Day

We are planning our first ever **Global Play Day at Prebbleton School!**

Since 2015, many countries around the world have participated in Global School Play Day. This event happens every year on a set date; last year there were 388493 participants. The purpose of the day is to celebrate the importance of unstructured play in children's lives - no screens or technology permitted. We are wanting to give it a go, we suspect the children will **love** it.

Details:

- Tuesday 5 February - 9am-3pm
- Your child needs to bring an item from home that they would like to incorporate into their day (insect net, bubbles, crafty things, games) - ***no technology/screens please***. Please make sure your child is prepared to share and take responsibility for the item that they bring and that they are clearly named.
- We are using the day as a starting point for our Term 1 whole school topic 'conflict' which will involve teaching negotiation skills, dealing with conflict and getting on with others.

Other than that, children are to come to school as usual, in school uniform and with a **wild imagination!**

Swimming Sports

We are looking forward to our Years 5-8 senior swimming sports, to be held at Canterbury Swim School in Yaldhurst on **Thursday 14th of February**, approx. 9:30am-2pm. Students will bus from school at approx. 9:10am.

All students require a swim cap for this event.

Join us on Facebook

We now have a Prebbleton School Facebook group – become a member by finding us (the cover photo is of Moana block at sunset), and then request to join. We will use it to post reminders, photos, highlights and celebrations.
