

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Judging from the photos which have been coming through it looks like many of you had a lovely Mother's Day last Sunday. I guess those visits to the cafe or that special coffee will have to wait just a little longer.

We are now into our third week with a skeleton staff here at school and a small number of 17 students in 3 bubbles. School will remain at level 3 for the rest of this week and then be open to all students on Monday. I appreciate that this has not been easy for most parents and I appreciate your patience while we get things prepared for the children's arrival. I am sending out a letter to families today outlining the steps being taken to keep your children safe while trying to resume some sense of normality here at school. Please read this letter carefully and contact us if you have any questions. I ask that you contact the office if your children will not be returning to school on Monday.

Tomorrow the teachers will be having a whole staff meeting online and then some will be helping to set up classrooms. Your teachers may not be available as much as they normally are on a Thursday but they will be checking in with you at some point during the day.

I have to say how pleasing it is to receive lovely positive comments from the community. Our staff have been working hard and have not had a holiday since the summer. The last 'school holidays' was spent getting prepared for online and distance learning. We all appreciate those thoughtful comments.

We do look forward to welcoming back your children, we have missed them immensely over the last 8 weeks. Over time we hope there will be more and more aspects of normal school life coming back and I will be sure to keep you posted. Next week will be our last weekly newsletter. From then on, we will resume our larger fortnightly newsletter.

See you very soon

Nga Mihi

Sean Valvoi



OUR STAFF

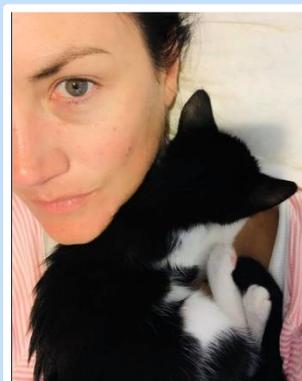
Mother's Day Celebrated by our Staff

Mother's Day is always a special day for our staff too. We love the chance to spend time with our families, even though some of us had to do this virtually this year.

Here are some pics of our staff celebrating Mother's Day.

Mrs Chatteron with her new kitten.

Mrs Ross with her children Cameron and Chelsea!



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Poems for our Mothers

There once was a very fine mother
Who was much better than any other
She came my way
On this very special day
And I'll never trade her for another
Karla, Rm Kanuka

My Mom comes from India
She likes to go to the cinema
My mum is caring
She is always sharing
She likes to eat pizza
Harnoor, Rm Kanuka

My mother
I love her
She's the best
Like the rest
I just want to hug her
Zoe, Rm Manuka

Three babies born in Middlemore
Who knew we would grow up and make her brain and ears sore?
Making some heart-warming memories along the way
Hoping she would hear us say
That we will love her forevermore
Maria, Rm Manuka



A delicious breakfast
for Xavier's mum.
How yummy!



A homemade breakfast
and a home-made card.
Perfect in every way!
The McCallion Family.

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Some of the lovely Mother's Day art from Junior classes



Eden R9



Muhammad R15



Kara Junior Hub



Haali R11



Cooper R15

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