



St Claudine Thévenet  
School

Week Six Term Two    Friday 9 June 2017

Be humble in your confidence yet courageous in your character  
(Melanie Koulouris)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our theme for the last two weeks has been *confidence* – We were delighted to see the confidence of our students in so many ways. They have participated in their cross country races with such confidence. I hope you have all had a chance to view the videos- the last one (Year 3) is now ready to be uploaded. The students have also entered positively into the spirit of the fundraising for this event...We are so pleased with the result thus far. Thank you also for your patience as we work out all of the processes for collecting and ordering of prizes. This is the first time we have used this system so it does take a little bit of new learning on our part. We hope we have this sorted now....

Our theme for the next two weeks is Hospitality – It is important all of our students know how to host visitors, how to welcome them to our school and how to ensure new people feel welcomed. The gift of **manaakitanga** (hospitality) is a traditional value in Maori culture as it is in many others. We are also called to offer a spirit of welcome in terms of our faith community – to stretch out our hand in generous welcome- we want all visitors and new people to feel like part of our school whanau.

We were due to host the team from the Education Review Office next week but due to illness the review has now been deferred. We look forward to hosting them at some time in the coming months. I know the staff have been well prepared for the visit and I appreciate their efforts immensely.

In terms of illness, we ourselves have had many absences, both staff and students. It appears that there are a couple of nasty bugs around which are obviously spread easily. A few reminders in terms of staying well this winter:

If your child is not well please keep them at home until all symptoms are gone.

If your child's bug includes vomiting – please ensure children do not return to school until they have been free from vomiting for at least 24hours.

Remind all children to wash their hands regularly, to use tissues and discard them appropriately and to cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.

These may be common sense things however as winter is now with us it is important that everyone is reminded of these so as we can keep our school community as well as possible.



Have a great weekend  
Sue Jury

## Our next two weeks in view:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12 Theme: Hospitality	13 Yr 5/ 6 Interschool Cross Country	14 ICAS – English 9am  Kapa Haka 1.30	15	16 Bookclub orders due in  Cultural Festival Day
19  Theme: Hospitality	20	21  Yr 8 Girls SHC Visit 10.30-12.30  Pasifika 1.30pm	22  Kapa Haka – Wgtn – Principal Conference	23

### **Our Mid-Year Data:**

Last month the mid-year data was shared with the board – We are pleased to share this with you:  
This table reflects the percentage of students achieving at or above the mid-year expectation across the three areas:

Groups	Reading	Writing	Maths
All Students Yr 3-8	78%	72%	75%
Maori Yr 3-8	74%	68%	60%
Pasifika Yr 3-8	77%	72%	74%
NZE	72%	65%	73%
Asian	90%	85%	90%
Boys Yr 3-8	68%	60%	73%
Girls Yr 3-8	86%	82%	76%

This data gives us great information about there to target both our extra support and our planning. Teachers have analysed their own class data and have created plans to improve the outcomes for all students as the year progresses.

### **LET'S GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME:**

Over the last few weeks we have noticed more and more students arriving late to school.... We understand that the winter makes it a little colder and darker when children are getting up. We also know, however that when younger children are regularly late to class they miss most of the important morning routines – it is harder for them to settle and can be a barrier to connecting with others. As they get older they are more than capable of getting ready and getting to school on time – provided you are supporting them in this. This week I was in the front office and counted 42 students who arrived at school between 8.55- 9.15 am. School begins at 8.40 and it is our expectation your child will be here at school by 8.30 and ready to go when the first bell rings.

