

Tēnā koutou katoa parents, whānau, carers and staff,**Special welcome to our new students and their families.**

Welcome to our new students and whānau. At the end of last term we had a couple of students' transition into our school – Dhatri Yallampati at Arahoe 1 as well as Munira Hashi. This term we also welcome two more students Alyssa Tongiahoe and Shanne Parado at St Leonards Rd School, taking our school roll to 172 compared to 159 this time last year.

Sadly we say farewell to Lucia Bellon (student at Avondale Intermediate), who will be returning to France. We wish Lucia and family all the very best, and to keep safe.

Update from our Principal Louise

Tēnā koutou Oaklynn whānau - parent, caregivers, students and staff.

I am very fortunate to have been granted by our Board of Trustees a months' refreshment leave. Principal wellbeing is a big concern in the education sector of New Zealand - and so I am grateful for this opportunity to rest and recharge.

This will mean that I am away from school until Monday 24th August.

The school will be in the very capable hands of our three DPs - Joan, Kieron and Pilar ably supported by executive officer Rachel Russell and APs - Emma, Jonathan and Sian, and also therapy team leader, Sarah. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact any of the above personnel.

What's happening around the school**Junior School - Arahoe, Chaucer, Glenavon, New Lynn and St Leonards Rd schools****This week's focus: Arahoe Rm 1 – a few words from Naomi Laycock**

Term 3 has started well and our boys are loving some of the new programmes we have ready for them. This term we have the hall once a week to use for PE/PMP. We use a range of equipment to help develop motor skills and core strength. We have SO much fun. We do a daily block walk and try to get out to the park once a week for a walk, as well as having time climbing on ropes and using different muscles. Doing something physical each day helps get our brains and bodies ready for learning. We also LOVE sensory exploration!





Senior Satellites - Avondale, Green Bay School and Green Bay High schools

This week's focus: Te Aratika Tahī at Green Bay High School – A few words from Donna Conway Tēnā Koutou Whānau

2020 has been a new year of extreme challenges for us all. The new decade began well, but then collapsed into Covid-19 and all the regulations and protocols involved. The Tahī Whānau, however, have once again shown that they are resilient, dedicated and understand the meaning of hard work. Term 3 has begun in a real whirlwind of activities and learning which supports the completion of our SPEC Headway and TRUMP modules. Tahī students have been learning about communication and different ways to show meaning. They have learnt about how different languages of the world are made up of different sets of symbols, which when put together create meaning. They discovered how in ancient cultures and societies symbols were the means of communication and how these symbols represent real-world things and happenings to communicate messages as well as feelings. Tahī students have researched some of these traditional symbols and have learnt how to read the messages that they portray, creating their own stories using unique symbols to convey meaning.



Alternative Learning Environment - 6 x Base classes and OakTEC (tertiary education)

This week's focus: OakTEC – a few words from Bobbie Chadderton

We are always trying to find ways to develop skills that could support us post-school. At OakTEC we have Cottage Industry sessions where we are working on developing basic workshop skills that could be carried through to post-school life and support work options for our learners. Some of the things we have been making are mini pocket games, dog treats and jewellery



Life skills are a big part of our timetable, supporting us to learn to be independent adults. Browsing supermarket pamphlets, cooking and ironing are some of the things on our list. Recently, we were lucky enough to be given two old EFTPOS machines, We have been using these to learn about using a card to make transactions, knowing how to hide your pin number and check the receipt to make sure you have been charged the correct amount.



Therapy Team Update

A few words from our Therapists – Sarah Robertson, Therapy Team Leader

The therapy team have all come back from the holidays refreshed and ready for a more settled term post Covid. This term you will continue to hear about therapy around the school.

A requirement from the Ministry of Education is to seek ongoing consent for therapy services for our students. This week, you will see a note in the school communication book asking you to sign the form at the back of the book for term 3. We greatly appreciate you doing this.



Notices from Niva

Friendly reminder, if you change any contact detail (ie mobile number, email address etc), or move to a new house or area, please let me know so that I can update our school system. Also, if you have any taxi issues, give us a call at the office (09) 827-4748.

Upcoming dates:

Friday 21 August – Teacher Only Day

Friday 25 September – End of Term 3

Monday 12 October – Term 4 begins

Ngā mihi nui

Louise Doyle

Principal