

Selwyn Park School

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Term 4 week 9

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Important Dates 2021

Tuesday 14th December—Prizegiving

Wednesday 15th December— End of Term 4

Thursday 3rd February 2022—Term 1 begins



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Kia Ora Whanau,

Well whanau, we have reached the end of a very unusual and unsettled year. We are getting a number of enquiries regarding the end of the year.

Some of our staff and their families have had a pretty tough run of late. Two weeks ago Mrs Ellis's mum passed away suddenly in Christchurch. And then this Monday Mrs McEvoy's mother passed away at the Kauri Court Rest Home after a long illness.

We have sent flowers and our sincere condolences to both Leonie and Glenys. Death is never easy to cope with and at this time of the year and after such an unsettled time, it seems somehow extra stressful.

At the end of the year we are losing two very long serving and very valued staff members. Mrs McEvoy, who has been Deputy Principal here since 2002 is resigning as is Mrs Rope who has worked here since 2000 as our R.T.L.B. Both have made a massive contribution to our school for close to twenty years. We wish them both a long and enjoyable retirement and thank them with respect and admiration for the massive commitment they have made for the children of Selwyn Park School.

Mrs Rope will be replaced by Mr Adrian Humm. I'm sure some of our parents will have been taught by him at Dargaville High School, or possibly Intermediate.

Mrs McEvoy is to be replaced in Term 1 by Mr Truter, ex St Josephs Principal, and Ms Hewetson. Each teacher will work .5 which effectively means one week a fortnight. It will probably not work like that, more likely they will work 3 days one week and two days the next, so that over the course of two weeks they will have worked 5 days each. This detail is still to be worked out. We are very, very lucky to have been able to bring on these very experienced teachers. They both offer skill sets that compliment each other. We are looking forward very much to working with Richard and Danya.

Programme for next week:

Monday 13th: Monday Funday

Tuesday 14th—Prizegiving starting at 9.30am, children will be able to be picked up at 11.00am. They will be given their reports and will be free to begin their holidays. We will not be letting children go without permission from home. So no permission, means the children will stay at school until 3.00pm.

Wednesday: Teachers will be planning for 2022 and would really very much appreciate children beginning their holidays.

Prizegiving:

Normally, in years not affected by a Pandemic, we have a pretty big and formal prizegiving, with speeches and awards presented by various organisations and also a large crowd of parents and wider whanau.

This year this will not be happening because of Covid regulations.

The maximum we can have onsite outside is 100 people and that includes the children. If everyone turns up that would mean we would have 110 children here. However, it would also mean that we would have to scan vaccine passports, to make sure everyone coming through the gate was fully vaxxed. Masks would have to be worn. If we chose not to scan the vaccine passports we would only be allowed to have 25 people onsite, including the children. We would have to insist also on physical distancing and mask wearing.

I'm sure that you can see from what I have written, that having a normal Selwyn Park Prizegiving is really an impossibility. So as not to offend or discriminate against anyone by telling them that they cannot enter the grounds because they are not vaccinated or because they wont wear a mask, we will have only the children and staff at the prizegiving

We will take photos of the occasion and every child who gets an award will be photographed and their photos will be uploaded onto our website and the official S.P.S. Facebook page. We will also do portraits for major prize winners.

Enjoy your Christmas break with your children and wider whanau, but please stay safe.

Next year will be another experience .

The chances of us having Covid cases in our schools in the Northern Wairoa are quite large. We have protocols in place to enable us to cope with these issues. We will also have a cell phone app in place. This will enable us to communicate with our parents rapidly. See below for initial details.

Nga Mihi.

Vern Stevens



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