

Kia ora koutou  
Dear Parents / Whānau

As Term two closes, the winter bugs have well and truly taken hold and there are signs that another Omicron wave is hitting across the country, although to date numbers are low at school. Winter colds and flu are also playing a part which makes it difficult for both teachers and students to keep up with the learning. Well done to those students who have successfully completed the term and for seniors the first semester.

While there have been ongoing challenges, it has been our aim to keep school as 'normal' as possible over the last term. Watching students enjoy the uninterrupted winter sports programme, student assemblies, performances and report interviews are all part of school life and have been helpful in returning to school as we know it.

Thank you to all of those involved in the Mahurangi exchange, whether as a student, coach, manager, transport provider or supporter on the sideline. There was a great spirit with the exchange which reflects both the 59 year tradition and a sense of gratitude that the exchange was possible.

At the end of this term, we farewelled Kylie and Saia Pomana and wish them all the best as they leave for a teaching position in Hong Kong.

All the best also to Linda Merriman who has a Sabbatical in Term 3 and Millie Mathiesen who has refreshment leave to visit overseas family.

#### A reminder about **School Board Elections**:

Next term we will be electing board members for the next three years. Nominations will open for the election of five parent representatives to the school board **no later than 15 July**. NOTE: This starts during the school holidays. Nominations can be made online through the following link [www.myschoolelection.nz/mynomination](http://www.myschoolelection.nz/mynomination). The returning officer for the triennial board election is Bernardine Vester. She can be contacted at [returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz](mailto:returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz).

The timetable for the election is:

- Main Roll closes: Wednesday 13 July
- Call for Nominations: No later than 15 July
- Supplementary Roll closes: Monday 1 August
- **Nominations close: Wednesday 3 August**

If there are more nominations than vacancies, then parents and caregivers will receive an invitation to vote either electronically or by post.

- Voting starts: Wednesday 10 August
- Election day is September 7
- Voting count: Tuesday 13 September
- New board in place: Wednesday 14 September

Hopefully the holiday break is a chance for both students and staff to refresh and that the time will be a circuit breaker for winter illnesses. Wishing everyone a safe and welcome break.

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