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## PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

First week gone already and as usual the school is abuzz with the joys of our tamariki and the energy that they bring to our place of learning. Once again TPS is the vibrant and exciting place it always should be! The holiday break tends to create an opportunity for the kids (and teachers!) to regenerate those batteries, hence the noise levels at the start of the term are a tad louder than those at the end of the term.

As a principal I am lucky enough to come into contact with so many people and am fortunate that, as schools are such positive places, those I meet so regularly are unfailingly chipper. One group in particular never cease to amaze me so today I dedicate my Prattle to them!

Despite the fact that Mothers Day is now heavily commercialised (like most things these days), the truth is that it is a day that is so well deserved and so very important to recognise. I think its fair to say that as we grow up we tend to look at our mum's without realising just how much they do for us because they are always just there. A very big constant in our lives as we move from childhood to teenagedom and beyond.

Always there and so many roles that they play - all of them unpaid too. The nurse, the chef, the social worker, the homework supervisor, the taxi, the 'cuddler', the list is endless. And on top of it all, whether a working mum or not, and no matter how hard the day has been, there is always a cuddle to be had.

Mums are amazing. Mums are forever! So to all of the mums at TPS and within our community, I say thanks. You are doing an outstanding job, and at the very least on Sunday the 13th, I hope that you get the biggest hug and the 'shoutiest' and most heartfelt "Thank you, I love you Mum", from your kids. You deserve it!

Marty Hantz

*"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take"*

### Book Club



Don't forget to check out the Lucky Book Club catalogue that came home this week. Check out the amazing package deals on offer with incredible savings from \$75 to over \$200! There's something for the Shopkin and LOL Surprise fans. Keep an eye out for the \$2 books especially all the Minecraft Zombie lovers!

If paying by cheque, please ensure it is made out to Scholastic. If you're ordering an item as a gift, please put your contact details on the form and write 'GIFT' clearly near the top of the order form. We will contact you as soon as the books arrive. Please clearly name your order with both your first and last name. Orders are due back to the school office this Thursday 10th May.

Don't forget to bring your Westpac Chopper Colouring Competition into the office, with your gold coin donation!





## THANKS TEACHERS!

It doesn't take much to say thanks but too often we forget to! I'm not going to forget the staff... this week they've given up a great deal of time to meet with the parents. While some of this is in school time, much of it is not and, just like the rest of us, they have families and lives too.

As a teacher I am only too aware of the time and effort that not only goes into teaching but also into the preparation for such interviews. Many a late night or weekend! Having a dozen interviews a day, in quick succession is also very draining too.... great to be able to share with you all of the successes of your children though! *So, thanks to all of you teachers! We love you!*

## CHURCH ROAD PARKING

With the extra space now available on Church Road for parking, we should see that it will be more efficient to pick up and drop your children off.

A reminder though that the Church Road parking is a 'drop-off zone' only. If you need to walk your children into school then we would ask that you use other car parking areas, such as Ngarimu Crescent, to do so.

It is also important that we respect our neighbour's driveways too. While you might be in a hurry to get your children to school, they might equally be in a rush to get to work!

## SCHOOL SUPPORTERS

A big thank you to Rembrandts Fine Arts for the support that they have continued to give us through the school fete. Owned by a local family that have long ties to our school, their support has made a significant difference to the success of the Fete! Thanks Rembrandts!

## SCHOOL OFFICE

A friendly reminder that the office is not a thoroughfare for our students before and after school. They are to use either the alley way by the hall, entrance by Room 12 or Ngarimu Crescent. Please remind your children of this. If they are late to school, they are required to come to the office and report in. Thanks in advance.

## A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY...

Just a reminder our preschool library sessions are continuing this term. This is a very relaxed story time for young children to come in and meet Claire our librarian and become familiar and comfortable in the school/library environment. All welcome.

Dates for this term:

- Tuesday 15th May and 29th May – 9am
- Tuesday 12th June and 26th June – 9am
- Tuesday 3rd July – 9am

We have a fantastic range of new books this week, including a small series of Secret Seven books written for the younger readers. These books are written for children just beginning to read chapter books. A perfect introduction for younger readers to enjoy classic tales from Enid Blyton.

We also have 'Wonder', a funny, touching and honest book exploring truths about human behaviour. This book has been made into a film and is suitable for year 5 - 6 readers.

'Lyla' is a novel based on a personal story about one girl's experience of the 2011 Christchurch earthquake and its aftermath. An insightful read for year 5-6 readers.



# COMING SOON TO TPS.....



Soon we will be resuming lunch orders (on-line). More details to follow soon!

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