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Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

Mark Twain

### Close of School:

Term 1 is quickly coming to a close and finishes this week: **3pm Friday 13 April**

Term 2 starts: **9am Monday 30 April**

This term is a 10 week term with only one break and that is Monday 4 June which is Queen's Birthday.

### Office Staff:

For the whole of the next term we will be down on one office staff member so please be patient when coming to the office as Chris is essentially doing two jobs. If there is someone out there that has experience with the MSM Programme eTap or knows someone that knows this programme and could work a couple of hours a day please contact the school.

Your co-operation during this time will be much appreciated.

### Contact Details:

With winter fast approaching we would like to ensure that we have all the correct details in case children become sick at school and we need to contact someone if they are too unwell to continue at school for the day. Term 2 and 3 which are normally the terms that illness increases are the terms that this information needs to be accurate on their school files.

### Holiday Basketball Programme:

A basketball programme called "HOOP STARS" is being run during the holidays. There are costs for Full time whole families etc.

Registration forms will be available at the office with information concerning the costs, clothing you should wear and what the students need to bring.

Contact Sue Pene. Mobile phone: 021 2225515

### Cohort Entry:

As the Labour Government have changed some of the rules to cohort entry, the Board of Trustees have made a decision to delay this until the start of Term 3. The Board are waiting for the outcome of the changes before they adopt any such scheme.

**Otongo Road Football Club** are looking for three 5yr olds, and five 10yr olds to fill their team. If you are interested, please contact Ben McFarlane.

Email: themcfarlanz@gmail.com

**Topguns Tennis Holiday Programme** for 5-7yr olds and 8-12yr olds are being held at Lynmore Tennis Club. Racquets available, just bring food and drinks. \$30 per day. Sessions are from 9am to 12 daily. Contact Guy Beamish to book (guybeamish@gmail.com)

### Resignation:

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my resignation to the community. I couldn't do it earlier because it must follow a process and officially go through a Board meeting which was held last week. I have accepted a job funded by the Ministry, the Principal's Federation and Te Akatea (NZ Maori Principals) where I am working with Principals in mainstream schools with a high Maori percentage to lift achievement.

I would like to thank the community and the many parents that I have come in contact with who have made my position a pleasure to work in. I believe your children are a 'gift' and that whoever my replacement may be, will be very lucky to have the opportunity to move our children's education into the future.

There is a final assembly this Friday (13th) where I would like to take the opportunity to thank the community, Parents and Whanau. If you wish to come along, this starts at 2pm and will finish at 3pm. NB: The school office will be closed during this ceremony.