



30 January 2023

Kia Ora our community

Welcome back to school for 2023 - it feels a little like 2022 with COVID lockdowns ...eek!!!

We are praying for all our families in whatever situation you may be in. We pray you are safe and dry and that you haven't suffered damage. If you have - we pray you will be surrounded by good help and that a solution will be found for the damage. Some of you staff we know have suffered damage, so we know it is widespread. We know many of you will be working hard within your local communities to help. That is so good.

**We are willingly complying with Civil Defence and the MOE in the interests of safety so [our students will not start this Friday but will start Tuesday 7 February as follows:](#)**

- **MAC:** all Y1-10 students
- **GCIJY:** all Y1-6 students
- **GCMY:** all Y7-10
- **BC Y11-13 and MAC Y11-13:** Our Deputy principals are still confirming their arrangements for option confirmations and we will inform you this week

School property has largely been spared from damage. We do have a few leaks, but they will be rectified soon.

We value you continuing your preparations to have your children or young adults back at school.

Students should have exactly the right clean uniform and required stationery all from the first day. We start on time at 8:40am sharp and appreciate smart drop offs and timely pickups at the day's end.

It has been a battle with this wet summer to keep up with school lawns and weed growth, but the team are doing their best to have it looking good for Tuesday 7th. Quite a number of property jobs were completed over the past weeks.

We trust that prior to this horrendously wet weekend, you have all had a great summer break of some description? We can't wait to work with you in the coming year.

***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***

Jeremiah 29:11

God bless one and all and much aroha

*Nga mihi nui*  
*Regards*

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