

# Newsletter No.4

TERM 1, 2024

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Pupils and Friends of the School. Tena koutou katoa.  
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

## **P** RINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora koutou



**Classroom Replacement Project:** Thank you to the Aberdeen staff for their patience and support while the classroom building project was being completed. Staff have worked without a staffroom and library for almost two years.

The students from Rooms 20, 22 and 23 will start term 2 in their new classrooms after the holiday break and the staffroom and library will be in use again from the beginning of Term 2.

**Junior Toilet Upgrade:** Work on the junior toilet block will continue throughout the school holiday break.

**Smart Watches:** There are a number of Aberdeen students who wear smart watches to school. If your child has a smart watch, please reinforce with your child that when at school they must only use their watch to tell the time. Phone calls made on smart watches or gaming is not allowed in classrooms or at break times. If any student needs to phone home, they are able to discuss this with the office staff and use one of the office phones to ring home. Any inappropriate use of smart watches will lead to the smart watch being held by the teacher for the day 😊

**2023 Achievement Data.** An insert showing the 2023 Aberdeen School end-of-year achievement data in reading, writing and mathematics is included with this newsletter.

**2024 Achievement.** Near the middle of next term parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled and mid-year student reports will be given out during these conferences. Further information about this will be provided early next term.

**Shoes for School:** A reminder that at Aberdeen we ask that students wear predominately black shoes, boots, or sandals with their uniform. We do not mind if there is a bit of white or another colour on their black shoes. Black crocs are also allowed.

Thank you to those families that have already adhered to our footwear requirements. Next term staff will be checking student footwear to ensure that predominately black footwear is worn to school. White or black socks or black/navy tights should be worn with our uniform.

We wish you and our students a safe and happy holiday break 😊

Lesley Lomas, Principal

### Contact Details

Please make sure you inform the school office if your contact details have changed. It is very important that we are able to contact someone in the event your child is sick or hurt.

Thank you.

### Informing the school of a child's

#### absence:

Note ... when texting (021 857622) or phoning (847 7312) in an absence, please ensure you give a reason for the child's absence. This is a requirement for the Ministry of Education.

You can now advise via the Skool Loop App.

### 2024 School Term Dates

Term 1: 30/01/2024 to 12/04/2024  
Term 2: 29/04/2024 to 05/07/2024  
Term 3: 22/07/2024 to 27/09/2024  
Term 4: 14/10/2024 to 13/12/2024

The current values focus is:  
**Be Thinkers**



**Lost and Found Property**  
Parents / Caregivers please write your child's FULL SURNAME and at least the first initial of their first name on all uniform and items that your child brings to school. All named property will be immediately returned to the child's class teacher. Please regularly check that the name is still easily read. Any unnamed property will be collected and placed outside the lost / found property shed during the school day and will be there until students have gone home. Students / Parents can check for items lost during the day in this bin, or at Friday assembly, or on the photos on our Facebook page. The current process for any unclaimed lost property is on the school website.



**KELLY SPORTS**  
**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
Mon 15 April - Fri 26 April

Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including Dodgeball Blitz, lots of sports, awesome games & MUCH MORE!  
Some activities may need to be rescheduled for other evening events! Go online to check out a full programme timetable for your venue.

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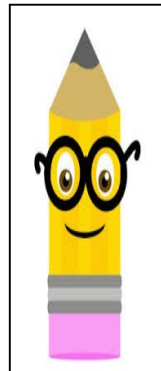
Enrolments Open for Term 2  
**KIDS MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES**  
In Hamilton for 9-12 year Olds

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**CLASS TIMES**  
Wednesdays  
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm  
Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts

Teens & Adults Classes Also Available

www.scothalvoicestudio.co.nz



**Garage SALE**

Saturday, 20 April - 7am - 2pm  
St Columbas Catholic School,  
50 Rifle Range Rd, Dinsdale, Hamilton

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

Hot drinks available  
Eltpos available  
Home Baking

Toys, Sports Items, Books, Household Goods, Bric a Brac, Clothing, Crafts and lots of other bargains!

**Dates to Remember**

12/4	End of Term 1
29/4	Day 1 of Term 2
8/11	Grandparents Day

