

ENDEAVOUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

| August 2018 |

Upcoming Events	Contact Details
15 August - SCHOOL CLOSURE - NZEI Teacher Strike Day	86 Endeavour Avenue Flagstaff,
17 August - Cross Country & Pizza Lunch	Hamilton 3210
21 August - Cross Country postponement date	PO Box 12417 Chartwell Square, Hamilton 3248
28 August - Interschool Cross Country (Year 4-6 selected students only)	07 855 5257
1 September - Quiz Night! (PTA Fundraiser)	www.endeavour.school.nz
3 September - School Photos - PhotoLife	https://www.facebook.com/ EndeavourSchoolHamilton
26 & 27 September - School Production "Follow the Stars"	office@endeavour.school.nz
School Events Calendar	

A Message from Mr Freke

Greetings to you all,

As you are aware, learning is more than just reading, writing and mathematics. We have two big events coming up that cover the wider curriculum. Our whole school cross country/fun run is scheduled for next Friday. As well covering aspects of Physical Education curriculum, it also challenges the students and helps develop resilience. I am aware that we not all 'natural runners' so our 'fun run' component is about getting out and giving it a go. Remember that everyone is welcome to join in so come along in your house colours and join us for a run.

Our other big event covers our Art curriculum. I am referring to our School Production. *Follow the Stars*' is coming together well and rehearsals will be starting soon. If you are keen to help in any way, please get in touch with your child's Ako group teacher or Michelle Ryan.

Sadly, we are saying farewell to Mrs Theobald (Miss MacIntosh) who leave us to go and work overseas. We wish her well and hope time at Endeavour serves her well in the future.

Good luck to all those involved in sport this weekend. Remember to play hard but fair.

- Marcus

ADMINISTRATION

NZEI Kua Tae Te Wā Campaign

Thank you for the many positive messages of support regarding our strike day on the 15th of August.

One of the key issues for teachers is the workload and pressure they are under to deliver the learning programmes our children need (and you expect as parents). The days of 'worksheets for everyone' are gone. As parents, you expect your child to receive a personalised learning programme that targets their learning needs in reading, writing and

math. Our teachers work hard to deliver individualised programmes and to achieve this, they must plan and assess learning progress for every child in their groups on a regular basis. This takes a lot of time and expertise; on average teachers work between 50-55 hours a week.

One of the things teachers are asking for is increased resourcing so teachers have the time and resources to better meet the needs of your children. 30% of teachers leave the profession in their first four years, citing pressure and stress as the key reasons.



This is all contributing to a looming shortage of teachers. The strike on the 15th of August is from 7AM to 7PM because this reflects the real time teachers work. Endeavour School is closed for instruction for this period of time and for Health & Safety reasons children cannot attend school. Now is the time to contact friends and family to see how you can support each other if this is a problem for you. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your support.



Kiss & Drop Zone

Some information for our new families who may not be aware of how our "Kiss & Drop" zone in front of our school works:

Please **<u>do not park</u>** and leave your vehicle unattended in this zone. It is intended for parents to drop-off and collect children, without leaving their vehicle.

In the afternoons, the Kiss & Drop Zone is supervised by one or two staff members to assist with delivering students safely into vehicles.

Please do not block our patrolled crossing on the road and if you are unable to get into the Kiss & Drop because it is full, please do not stop on the road as this backs traffic up right down Endeavour Ave.

Thank you for your co-operation and patience.

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Linc-ED Survey

If you haven't already, we would really appreciate 5 minutes of your time to complete our <u>Linc-Ed Survey</u>. This will help us develop Linc-Ed as best we can to suit our families.

Linc-Ed is where all student progress reports will be provided from now on, so please make sure you touch base with us if you are having difficulties logging in. We can arrange up to three separate parent accounts per student.

Please visit our <u>Linc-Ed information page</u> within the website for more information on how to log-in and access your child's Digital Report.

Cross Country & Pizza Lunch

Next Friday, 17th August, is our annual Cross Country!

Parents and whanau are more than welcome to come along and watch. We would also love you to join in the Fun Run with your child at the end.

If your child would like pizza slices for lunch that day, you can order these through the online shop.

<u>The cut-off for orders is midday on Wednesday 15th</u> <u>August.</u>

<u>Click here for Timetable and Information on our 2018</u> <u>Cross Country</u>.



Watties Cans for Good!

We are continuing our support of The Salvation Army this term with their "Cans For Good" promotion.

If you would like to contribute, you can drop canned food items off to the office **by Friday 24th August** (Week 5) and we will pass them all on to The Salvation Army.

We will still be supporting their Wishing Tree appeal in Term 4, as we did last year.



Thank-you to Calnar!

Endeavour School would like to say a huge "thank you" to Richard & Chantelle at



Calnar Point of Sale, Hamilton, who have very kindly donated an EFTPOS terminal for the school office. This is a big cost saving for us as a school and means we can direct these funds to other places. We would love if any of our Endeavour families could support Calnar with their EFTPOS needs.

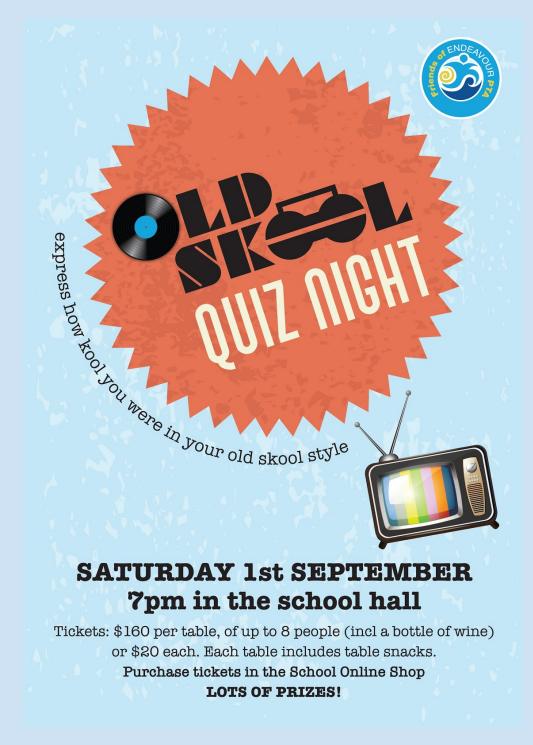
Thank you, Calnar! <u>www.calnar.co.nz</u> 07 839 4703

FRIENDS OF ENDEAVOUR

Quiz Night

We have ONE table left for our upcoming Quiz Night so get in quick!

We are also still looking for donations of prizes for the Quiz Night if anyone is able to (or has friends/family that can). They will be gratefully received!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fun Facts for Scarlet Fever

There have been a few cases of Scarlet Fever in local schools recently, so our Public Health Nurse has shared some information for families:

Scarlet fever is a bacterial infection caused by certain strains of the group A streptococcus bacteria. Signs and Symptoms of Scarlet fever can be;

a) sudden onset of a sore throat and high fever followed by

b) a rash which appears as pinkish-red spots or blotches that often start below the ears and spreads quickly over the rest of the body. As the spots spread the skin starts to look like sunburn with goose pimples. The rash may last 2-5 days.

c) 'Strawberry tongue'. This is when the tongue is redder than normal and the bumps on the tongue are bigger than normal.

Scarlet fever is very contagious and is spread by sneezing and coughing. Scarlet fever occurs mostly in children aged 4-8 years.

Treatment consists of antibiotics, rest and fluids. It is very important to finish the whole course of antibiotics to prevent complications.

To help prevent the spread of infection in the family **a**) isolate from younger siblings **b**) separate drinking and eating utensils used by the infected child **c**) good hand washing.

Children should be kept away from school until they have received at least 24 hours of antibiotic therapy and there are clear signs of improvement.

For more information see from https://www.kidspot.co.nz or https://www.dermnetnz.org

- Beth Munro PHN (Public Health Nurse)

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INFORMATION EVENING 2019 THURSDAY 7PM 16 AUGUST





OPEN DAYS Wednesdays August 22 & 29 9am-2:30pm All welcome



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