



FLAXMERE COLLEGE

Te Kāreti o Paharakeke

18th March, 2020

Tēnā koutou katoa.

I know many of you have questions about the impact COVID-19 will have on your family and your child's ability to attend school. As a country, we are told that we are well prepared and that there is no need to take drastic action, as we do not currently have a community outbreak. While this is good news, it is very important that we are prepared. Our students, staff and whānau still have a very large role in preventing the spread of COVID-19 through:

- Awareness - know the symptoms and where to get good information.
- Vigilance - stay away if you are ill.
- Good hygiene - hand washing, good cough and sneeze etiquette will prevent spread of a range of ills as we move into the cold and flu season.

Here is the latest information specific to our school:

- School is open and we expect all healthy students to attend school.
- If your child is sick, please keep them at home.
- I have told staff to stay at home if they are sick.
- We are reviewing whether trips will take place. **We have postponed the Nga Tikanga noho marae next week.**
- The school has gone through hygiene requirements with students. Could you also remind students of these requirements.

Please be assured we will keep you up to date with any new information via our school **facebook page**, via email and newsletters.

Nga mihi, Jim Hay-Mackenzie, Acting Principal



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Congratulations to our Student Leaders for 2020. Left to right: Sam Teleso, Meiata Nepia (Head Girl), Raana Te Hau, Liam Turner (Head Boy), Jahydee Moke, Rebekah Price, Josephine Lolohea (Deputy Head Girl).

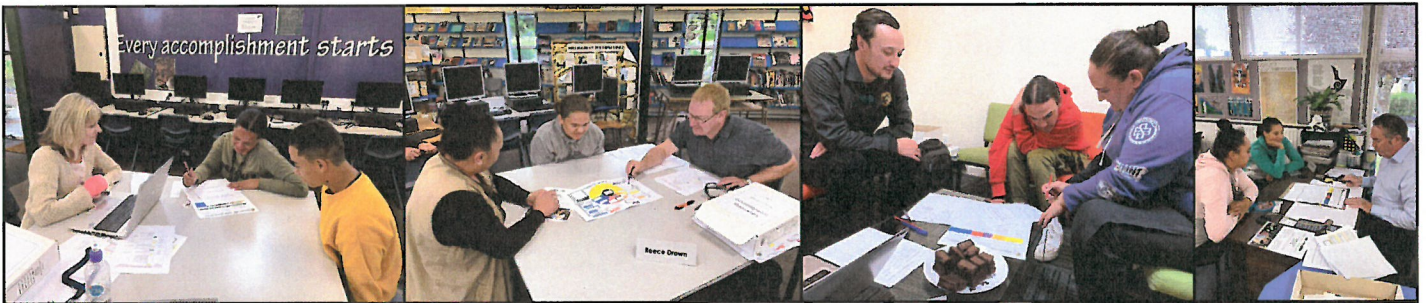
FREE WARRIORS JACKETS



With a drastic change in weather, students are encouraged to collect a **free** Warriors jacket from the school office. These are warm and shower proof. School jerseys are available for purchase from the Warehouse. Hoodies or non school uniform tops are not to be worn to, from or at school. Thank you for your support, and the support of Kidscan in providing the jackets 😊

WHĀNAU LEARNING CONFERENCES

Thank you to all whānau who attending the Whānau Learning Conferences last week. There was a great turn out and positive feedback from whānau who met with their child's mentor and discussed their goals and progress. If you couldn't make it on this day, we encourage you to phone or contact the office to make a booking at a time that suits you.



CONGRATULATIONS to Josephine Lolohea and Sekolastika Brown on their selection as our College Pasifika Leaders on the HB School Community group. They will represent the school at meetings to discuss pasifika issues and help to organize events such as polyfest and cultural days. Head Boy, Liam Turner will also support this group during the year as required.



FESTIVAL OPERA. A group of music and dance students attended the Festival Opera in Napier, along with other area schools. Opera's most famous and spectacular pairing, 'Cavalleria Rusticana (CAV) & I Pagliacci (PAG)' has captivated audiences over generations. The students had a great time and enjoyed the performances very much, while representing our kura with respect and pride.

WEETBIX TRIATHALON. Earlier this term 30 Flaxmere College students pitched in and set up the Hastings hosted Weetbix Kids TRYathlon with Frimley Park being transformed into a triathlon mecca! Students were involved in running the athletes' village whilst others marshalled on course. It was amazing to see our rangatahi taking action to ensure all 1,894 participants were safe and had fun - mission accomplished!

The next day we received an email from Porritt School Principal, Mr Paul Gallagher. "Yesterday our school participated in the Weetbix Tryathlon at Frimley Park and enjoyed a most successful day. This was in part due to the outstanding organisation, but also the impressive efforts of your students at the event. They were efficient, friendly and extremely helpful to the kids competing in the triathlon. Your students were an absolute credit to your school, and renewed my faith in the next generation. Please pass on my sincere thanks to your students. They were all wonderful ambassadors for Flaxmere College".



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Thank you for taking the time to give us this fantastic feedback! Well done to all students and staff involved.