



New Swing at Highfield



Kia Ora Tatou Katoa

It is a real honour to be sitting here writing my first newsletter as Principal at Highfield School. The whole school were amazing during the powhiri on Monday morning and I came away with a sense of emotion and pride. During the powhiri I talked to the children about who I am and some of my experiences to date. I also used this time to explain my aspirations for every child who attends Highfield. Below is a version of what I spoke about.

"I grew up in a Royal Air Force family which meant I had the opportunity to live in different countries. Due to my parents job I was sent to boarding school from the age of 7 and during this time I had the most inspiring and passionate teachers who cared about me, guided me and encouraged me. I have travelled through 6 continents, experiencing different cultures, extreme environments and the most humble people.

These experiences and many more have helped to shape who I am today and I want to utilise this to help the children at Highfield have a love for learning and an appreciation of our world.

I want everyone at Highfield to feel safe and be happy.

Highfield will be a home away from home, where we will learn to live together and accept, embrace and celebrate our differences.

Highfield learners will be optimistic and have an important appreciation for challenge - mistakes become part of our everyday lives and we install resilience and a growth mindset into our way of thinking. Therefore we become solution focused and use innovation, creativity and collaboration to help solve these problems.

Highfield will give students a range of opportunities and possibilities - so that they can be motivated to build their own high expectations and be excited about their future pathway and successes.

Students will be taught how to be good listeners, learners, thinkers and eventual leaders.

Through a close connection with our community we will create an honest, respectful and fun culture where we will all have opportunities to flourish and thrive.

He Aroha whakato, he aroha puta mai

If kindness is sown, kindness you shall receive"

In only a few days of being the Principal I have had a visit from all children in Room 1, who gave me beautiful posters describing who they were and what they liked. I watched children writing in Room 5, spent a morning with boys from Year 7 and 8 and taken lunch time rugby training. It is great to see what the children at Highfield are doing.

A formal powhiri will be held on Monday 29th July at 9.45am to warmly welcome our new students Aurora & Imalia - Rm13, Dziah - Rm2 and Gordon Rm3 to our Highfield whanau, Mrs Christine McGeever, who will be teaching in Room 8, Lisa Hull & Janice O'Driscoll, who are teacher aides in Room 15. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

It has been decided to hold our school interviews on Monday 5th August and Tuesday 6th August. Both these days are 3.15pm to 7pm. I would encourage all of you to attend, as they are a great way to touch base with your child's teacher and to discuss their mid term report. Please use the link www.schoolinterviews.co.nz enter event code **urk2g**

I have an open door policy and welcome any parents to drop in to discuss any concerns or issues that they may have. I welcome the opportunity of meeting you and thank you for sharing your children with us.

I look forward to the future.

Ngā mihi

Stuart Wilcox

School Notices

Relax Kids SC Classes

Creating Calm, Confident Kids
Fun and Creative Relaxation Classes For Positive Wellbeing

10 Aug - 14 Sept (6 weeks)

Little Stars 3-4 Yrs

12.45pm-1.15pm

Magical Adventures 5-8 Yrs

2pm-2.45pm

Chill Skills 9-12Yrs

3.15pm-4pm

Secure your place today, email:

relaxkidssc@gmail.com

Saveloy Tuesday's

**These will be
available for lunch
all of Term 3
every TUESDAY.**

\$2 each

**Orders will be taken
before school on
Tuesday's**



School Photos

**These will be
taken this
term on
17th & 18th
September**

3 Way Conferences -

These are a chance to discuss progress your child has made and reset goals for Term 3 and 4. We hope that you and your child will join us on either

Monday 5th August 3.15 - 7pm

Tuesday 6th August 3.15 - 7pm

Bookings for this can be made online by going

to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code **urk2g**.

If you have problems please see your classroom teacher or the school office to make your bookings.



TERM DIARY 2019	
TERM 3	
Tuesdays & Fridays	Breakfast Club – 8.20am-9am
29 July	Powhiri – 9.45am
05-06 August	School Interviews – 3.15pm-7pm
17-18 September	School Photos
23 September	South Canterbury Anniversary – School Closed
27 September	Last Day Term 3

Powhiri

On Monday the school community had the pleasure to welcome our new Principal Mr Stuart Wilcox and his family to Highfield School. The following is a link to the video of it for those who could not join us

<https://youtu.be/YPC3W4sYmyc>

PHOTOS FROM POWHRI

