



ST ORAN'S WEEKLY

Friday 2 May

Kia ora e te whānau



We've had a couple of particularly wet and windy days to finish off our first week back at school! We are grateful for our lovely warm rooms and the reliably good spirits of our students. As lovely as it is to have a break away from the school routine, it is nice to welcome everyone back to 550 High Street and be together again. At assembly Ms Gibbs spoke about the ANZAC Day commemoration that she attended with our head students and Mr Latailakepa. As Ms Gibbs said, ANZAC Day is a reminder of the values that helped shape our country: courage, camaraderie, perseverance, and selflessness. Ms Gibbs explained that these values can guide us here at St Oran's as we begin a new term.



We also spoke to students about the mana of our uniform and our expectations around how the winter uniform is worn. We appreciate you working with us in meeting these expectations.



As staff, we spent Monday focusing on cross curricular structured literacy. Our specific focus was on how we can enhance explicit teaching to improve writing skills and grow critical understanding of content for our students. I would like to acknowledge Ms Charlotte Machin-French who leads our cross curricular literacy strategy and professional learning. We are incredibly fortunate to have her knowledge, experience and skill set right here in our kura.



Earlier this week we met with Gemma Sandoe from Ronald Macdonald House, who dropped in with twenty cards written by families who have used the two rooms we sponsor. The cards were all moving, but one particularly stood out that we would like to share:

Dear Sponsor,

Words are just nowhere near sufficient to describe our gratitude for our room and the facilities here. You can, I am sure, imagine the huge amount of stress alleviated both financially and logistically at a horrifying moment in life. Our newborn suffered a stroke at birth and over the past week she has been supported in every way, to today when we can be transferred and almost head home. Heartfelt thanks to you all.

Arohanui.



Finally, our Library is embracing Autumn with their beginning of Term display. There are a lot of wonderful new books that the girls can get into. We look forward to the term ahead and the mahi to come. Noho ora mai, Cindy Ford.



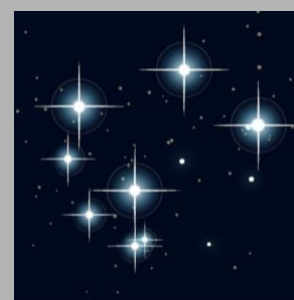
SOC Curriculum Review

We look forward to hearing your voice. Information has been emailed to all families.

Birthday Wishes this week to:

- Nieve B
- Lexie C
- Lara M
- Jzhayda W
- Emily S
- Am W
- Gabby D
- Alice McG
- Cara Y

If you have a relative who fought in WW2 whose photographs or story you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. Please email Melina Gilbert. mgilbert@storans.school.nz



Save the Date!
Matariki Celebration
19th June, 6.30am