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Kia ora e te whānau

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Athletics Day was an amazing experience, and I hope that all our rangatahi enjoyed themselves immensely. I know some of the competitions were hard-fought, and it's always fun to see everyone in their house colours.

On Wednesday, we celebrated our student leaders and our most high achieving academic students. It was delightful to see so many students gaining merit and excellence endorsements. To get an overall endorsement, you need 50 or more credits at merit or above. It is an immense achievement, and a testament to hard work and persistence over a year of learning. Our student leaders have been selected for the range of skills and qualities that they bring to our kura. It was wonderful to see them turned out in their blazers and number one uniforms.

As we move into the steady work of Term One, our students will be establishing their routines and setting their foundations for success. Our school values are there to guide all the work we do. In particular, the value of Manaakitanga. When we look closely at this pou, the three components are enhancing mana, positive relationships, and valuing diversity. Part of this is the relationship between our rangatahi and our school environment. It's been great seeing so many students cycling to school and being thoughtful and considerate of pedestrians as they make their way out of the grounds. We know the vast majority of our students are very mindful of the environment, and probably know a lot about the effects of rubbish in our waterways and food chains. However, we have noticed an increase in rubbish being left lying around, and want to encourage all our young people to be careful of their litter, and put it in the bin when finished.

Next Monday, we have school photos. Please remind your rangatahi to look extra smart for their photograph. Our Year 13s are then out at camp. I'm looking forward to getting out to see them on Thursday. I've seen the schedule, and it looks amazing. I'm sure they're going to have a great time, and I hope they return with an even stronger sense of purpose and enthusiasm for their goals this year, whether academic or in sports, arts or culture. Our young people have such a range of talents and skills, and I'm looking forward to seeing what they can contribute to our shared work this year.

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