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R.I.C.H Values

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Please pray for...

Our students, staff and parents as we start the new school year. May this year be filled with hope, happiness and a strengthening of our faith.

Challenge Chair

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Welcome to KingsView School

Mei

Erisson

Shuxian

Zeqi

Zerui

Gingnan

Yu Le

Angelo

Jakob

Claire

Jesse

Ashley

The week that was

Kia ora koutou, Ciao a tutti, Minasan, kon'nichiwa, Namaste sabhī ko, Bonjour à tous, Sawubona, Talofa lava, Kamusta sa lahat, Dàjiā hǎo, Olá a todos!

Welcome to Week 1 of Term 1, 2025!

I hope this newsletter finds all readers well. For anyone who doesn't know me, my name is Amos Pilgrim and it is my privilege to be Principal here at KingsView School. This is my fourth year leading our school, I live with Sarah my wife and our sons Noah (7) and Luca (2) in Kingston. Both our parents and our sisters and their families live in Christchurch so we spent a week there over the Christmas break and enjoyed catching up with everyone.

Sarah is a nurse and Luca goes to pre school so we've been in the routines and rhythms of work for about 3 weeks now. I know that our story isn't yours, so this week is all about establishing good routines, setting clear expectations and building and maintaining strong relationships with students and staff members.

Please see the left column for our 12 new students, including our short term International students, who have joined us so far this year. I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to Whaea Liz who is the new Manu Class teacher and Whaea Phil who is our new Release Teacher. Welcome to you and your whānau, Liz and Phil!

The week that will be

At 10:15am this morning we held a start of the year assembly to set expectations. I used the acronym B.U.L.B.S to help students remember the key messages. Feel free to give them a test..

B - boundaries and lining up

U - uniform

L - late passes

B - behaviour

S - students and staff.

Each week I write a newsletter which is sent via the Skool Loop app on Monday. The weekly newsletter contains what the school have been doing, the week ahead, a family devotion and the names of award winners.

Please don't forget that this Thursday the 6th February is Waitangi Day and a public holiday meaning the school is closed.

Lastly, I'd like to warmly invite you all to our weekly assembly which take place in the hall each Friday from 2pm - 2:45pm. We hope to see you there!

Monday 3rd Feb

- * First day of the 2025 school year
- * Maunga library session

Tuesday 4th Feb

- * After School Club 3pm - 4pm or 3pm - 5pm email asc@kingsview.school.nz to enrol.
- * Staff meeting @ 3:15pm
- * Pivotal Point screening
- * Rakau library session
- * Drum lessons
- * Kung Fu @ 5pm

Wednesday 5th Feb

- * After School Club 3pm - 4pm or 3pm - 5pm email asc@kingsview.school.nz to enrol.
- * Drum lessons
- * Pivotal Point screening
- * Wai library session

Thursday 6th Feb

Waitangi Day - public holiday

Friday 7th Feb

- * Buddy reading
- * Assembly @2pm

Coming Up

- * Pivotal Point screening Tue 4th and Wed 5th.
- * Teachers have CRT on Tuesdays and Wednesday with Whaea Phil.

Family Devotion

Saul's Transformation—A Changed Heart

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Memory Verse: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here!" – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Introduction

Have you ever made a big change in your life? Maybe you learned to be kinder, more patient, or more forgiving. In today's devotion, we'll learn about Saul, a man who went from being an enemy of Jesus to one of His greatest followers.

Read: Acts 9:1-19

Saul was a religious leader who believed Christians were dangerous. He hurt them, arrested them, and even approved of their deaths. But on his way to Damascus, everything changed. A bright light flashed, and Saul fell to the ground. He heard Jesus say, "Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Saul became blind. This physical blindness showed his spiritual blindness—he had been fighting against the truth. God sent Ananias to help. Even though Ananias was afraid, he obeyed God and went to Saul. Saul's sight was restored, and he was baptized! He was no longer an enemy of Jesus but His follower. He later became known as Paul and spent his life sharing the Good News.

Discussion Questions

How do you think Saul felt when he realised he was wrong?

What can we learn from Ananias about trusting God?

How does this story show that no one is beyond God's love?

Application

God can change anyone's heart, no matter their past. We should pray for others, even those who don't know Jesus yet. Like Ananias, we should listen to God and be ready to help others grow in faith.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us and changing our hearts. Just like You changed Saul, help us to follow You every day. Give us courage like Ananias to obey You, even when it's hard. Help us to love and pray for others, knowing You can change any heart. Amen.

Our Vision

Unlocking each child's treasure trove of gifts and talents.

**Absentees**

Please let the School Office know by 8:45am if your child / children will be absent for any reason or arriving late to School, via the absentee icon on Skool Loop.

Attendance

Please ensure your child is at School in time to demonstrate their organisational skills prior to 8:50am. Giving children time to build rapport with their teacher and peers as well as get themselves organised for the day including a sharp pencil, opportunity to go to the bathroom, fill up a drink bottle etc is important. Likewise after school it is important to promptly pick up your child after as staff have meetings and cannot be expected supervise children after 2:50pm.

Arrival and Departure

KingsView is open to students and parents from 8:30am. Please do not drop your child/ren off prior to this as they may not be supervised. Similarly, please ensure prompt pick up after 2:50pm due to staff and parent meetings.

Car Parking

Once you have collected your child please ensure they are safe on a very busy stretch of road.

Calendar

Please see our [school website calendar](#) and / or Skool Loop for this information.

Uniform

Need new School uniform? Here's the [link to our requirements](#). Don't forget your sunhat, drink bottle and to apply sunblock.

Public Health Nurse

Please find the [online contact link here](#) or call 03 450 9156

Bus

Please email our bus controller, Mr Pilgrim on principal@kingsview.school.nz if you've had any changes to the days your child/ren use the bus.

General

If you have changed your address, contact numbers or email address please let the School Office know as soon as possible. Also, if any details for your emergency contacts need to be updated, please email the School on office@kingsview.school.nz

May God R.I.C.Hly bless you and all you do in 2025,

Amos Pilgrim