



25th March 2021

Greetings all

I hope you had a lovely long weekend with your children. Personally, I checked out the Greenstone and Caples rivers which was a lot of fun, but discovered the ready made DoC tracks only after I'd done a significant amount of bush bashing and river crossings with fly rod in hand!

This week we've had a few fun things on. As I write I'm looking forward to the **Puberty evenings** which Victoria Stevens and I are hosting on wed and thurs. Between school years 6-9 most children go through puberty and this can be a real time of uncertainty in the growing young person's life. Puberty is where you change biologically from a child to an adult, from an individual who cannot give rise to their own children to one who can. This is the biggest change in one's life, after the birthing process, and comes with huge hormonal and physical changes. Young people often experience anxiety, fear and confusion as they navigate the changes that are occurring, many of which can be personally quite embarrassing. Our aim with these evenings is to give children and their parents information that they can start the conversations that will help them during this time.

Sometimes we as adults may joke about the "sex talks", but I would encourage our families to take this seriously even though your child may be a little embarrassed by it. I find the embarrassment doesn't last long since they are genuinely interested in this topic - more so than many others! The more it is unpacked, the better armed they will be when changes happen to them.

On the same topic, **Health and Sexuality Education consultation** is something we are required to do as a school and I will be talking with the Board at the next meeting as to how we should go about assessing our parents' views on what we should and shouldn't be teaching. If you've got any thoughts, please feel free to discuss with me anytime you're available or send me an email ([principal@kingsview.school.nz](mailto:principal@kingsview.school.nz))

On Wednesday, our students competed in the **Zone athletic sports**. We had the largest number of qualifiers ever in the school's history and so Mrs Stevens had the joy of taking a largish team there, thank you to the parents who assisted during the day. The results are below. Congratulations to the students - it's great to have so many of you competing and doing so well.

This week we interviewed for a **New Entrant teacher** to teach in Room 1 while our lovely Mrs O'Shea is on maternity leave from Easter this year through to Easter next year. We had a number of applicants but the successful appointee was someone many of you know: Miss Amelia Ferguson. Congratulations Amelia - it'll be great to have you with us. Please pray also for the Board of Trustees as they seek the next permanent principal for the school.

**Parent teacher interviews**

These will be running on Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 2 (11-12th May) and I will advise you in Week 1 of the process for booking to have a talk with your child's teacher. They will be ten minutes in duration. Please prioritise these dates.

Many blessings

Peter Ferrar

**Interim Principal  
KingsView School**

### **Students of the week:**

Room 1 student of the week:

Isabella Magalhaes has been an amazing helper. We always talk about being kind and looking after each other in Room 1. Isabella always offers to look after the new children and help them in the classroom. Well done!

### **Zone Athletics Day:**

Cloe Du Randt qualified 4th in Shot-put for Year 7 girls and Monty Novacek is going through for the long jump. They will both proceed to COPSSA on Mon 29th March.

### **Participating students were:**

**Tom, Davi, Ethan, Zara, Grace, Lauren, Montry, Emma, Finn, Taimu, Cloe, Azaria, Jade, Cruz, Lu and Abby**

I was really pleased with everyone's give it a go attitude. While it was a little chilly, that didn't stop our students from getting on and giving it a good go. Some made it through to semi-finals or finals in track events but everyone was showing good sportsmanship and our school values of resilience, integrity, compassion and honour.

Here is an excerpt from a parent's email to me tonight - "I felt so proud being a Kingsview parent...as I looked across the field, all kids from Kingsview sat quietly in their respective areas reading books, playing cards or having quiet conversations, keeping themselves busy. Those competing had a great attitude to their event(s). Well done to you and the rest of Kingsview staff for clearly doing a great job raising and teaching the kids!"  
Victoria Stevens

### ***Snapshots from school this week, including Athletics Day:***





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### Working with wood

◀ KINGSVIEW students, from left, Jade Anderson, 12, Harrison Higgins, 11, Cloe Du Randt, 11, and Noah Bray, 12, show off their woodwork projects to Mitre 10 Mega Queenstown marketing & promo manager Toni Boatwright and general manager Paul Reeve.

Thanks to hand tools donated by Mitre 10, the youngsters are knocking out woodwork projects every afternoon. New principal Peter Ferrar says it's not just about imparting woodwork skills, but teaching collaboration and encouraging creativity, "because that's why we just won the America's Cup".

"The kids have just loved it," Ferrar says.

"They're doing it all themselves — we've given them very little criteria."

— PHILIP CHANDLER

It was wonderful seeing our senior students featured in the Mountain Scene this week!