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Dear Parents / Caregivers for Children in Years 3-6

This letter contains an outline of how our Student-led Conferences (SLC) will run on the 4th May. Please note that only the Years 3-6 children will come home at 12.50pm on that day. The SLCs start at 2.00 pm and finishing at 7.10pm. For the Years 1& 2 children it will be school as usual.

A Student-Led Conference will be as its name suggests - led by the student. Your child will celebrate what they have achieved and talk about what they are learning to do. There will be plenty of evidence of their learning at the conference in a variety of places e.g. in their books, in their group's work book / modeling book, maybe on the walls as part of the class's display and the class's wiki.

It is a great opportunity for your child will talk about their learning in terms of what they can do now and what the next steps in their learning might be.

At the conference tips may be shared with you about ways you can help your child at home.

As your child prepares for their conference they learn to describe and reflect on their learning which in turn helps them to learn.

The benefits of SLC are seen in many ways, for example, the children are actively involved in their learning process by taking responsibility for sharing what they have learned. This involvement adds relevance and meaning to their learning. Also Student-Led Conferences give you an opportunity to participate directly in the detail of your child's learning process.

The Student-Led Conference will be conducted in your child's classroom. The room will be set up to accommodate quiet areas called stations so your child can sit with you to share their work.

Each SLC will be 25 minutes long. There will be more than one SLC operating at one time at separate stations within the classroom. As this is a chance for your child to talk, the teacher will only be available for 6 - 8 minutes should you have any questions for them. Parents wanting a longer session with the class teacher can make an appointment with the teacher for the following week.

We consider SLCs to be professional meetings and so we expect that parents arrive on time and turn their cell phones off. We provide a child minding service for toddlers and siblings waiting for their SLC.

In SLC your role will change. **You become active listeners who:**

- Are partners with your child in their learning
- Provide reinforcement, encouragement and praise for the effort your child has made.
- Ask questions that help your child to talk about their work.
- Assist your child to share or set goals/ next steps that help them manage themselves

The following list of questions may be of help to ask your child during their conference.

- What are some things you cannot do now but hope to be able to do soon?
- Show me/ us your favourite piece of work and give us some reasons why you chose this piece?
- Describe your favourite activities or learning areas (e.g. maths, reading, music, science).
- What activities or learning areas are hard for you?
- What strategies do you use to help you with your work?
- What experiences/ things at school do you like the most?
- What experiences / things frustrate you the most?
- What are the most important things you are learning this year?
- What goals / next steps have you set or do you want to set?
- How can I help you?

We hope that you will see your child’s Student-Led Conference as a chance to learn more about their classroom and their progress.

As we value your feedback we may ask you to take time to comment at the end of the process.

If English is not the language used in your home we invite you to conduct your child’s conference in the language you feel most comfortable with.

We run a free child minding service in the library to support those families with younger siblings as we prefer each child to have this special time with the adults involved in their learning. We do not want your child’s conference being interrupted by siblings. To assist us with our planning if you know in advance that you will need child care facilities please fill out the form below and return it to school – thank you. Please note this service will be run by Michelle Stanaway and Lisa Harrison.

The library will be open during the SLCs as they are hosting a book fair. This is an opportunity for you to purchase books for your child at reasonable prices while also supporting the school library. Funds raised from the sale are spent on new library books. We appreciate your support – thank you.

Booking a Time:

We are encouraging our children to own this process as much as possible and to build their independence so we ask that together you and your child visit the School Interviews website to select a time that suits your family www.schoolinterviews.co.nz code: **kjrmn**.

Please complete by 13th April (after this date conference times cannot be changed electronically. To change after this date please contact the teacher) – Thank you

If you have any queries please ask your child’s teacher or a member of the leadership team for clarification.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Palmer

Need Child Care:

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I would like child minding facilities for children

Name/s: Age/s: SLC Time: Rm: ...

Signed: Phone