



# CAMPBELLS BAY SCHOOL

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## COMING UP

### TUE 12 DECEMBER

- Year 4 Swimming continues.....

### WED 13 DECEMBER

- End of Year Concerts 4.30pm and 5.15pm

### FRI 15 DECEMBER

- Second Hand Uniform Sale at 8.00am (see page ten)

- **End of Term 4 finishing at 12.30pm**

### THE WANTANABE STORY CONTINUES.....

When I asked Kotaro to share their family experiences with our community I really had no idea just how insightful these stories would be in terms of what it is like settling in a new land. Quite humbling in terms of the challenges and the help along the way. This week the story appears on page eleven.

This is the final chapter of their journey thus far.

## Arrangements for Christmas Concerts - Wednesday 13 December 2017



- **Years 0 - 2:** All students to assemble on the netball court at 4.15pm in readiness to walk into position on the bank in the corner of the field. The concert will start at 4.30pm. At the conclusion of their concert year 0 - 2 students will be walked to a vacant area on the field to be reunited with parents ☺
- **Years 3 - 6:** All students to assemble by 5.00pm on the netball court in readiness for their walk to the concert area. The concert is expected to be completed by about 5.30 - 5.40pm. Our CBS Kapa Haka group will proceed the year 3 - 6 concert, so expect kapa haka to be on stage at 5.00pm.
- **All soloists and Christmas Choir** are to meet on the netball courts at the same time as the Year 0 - 2 students at 4.15pm.
- **Kapa Haka** to meet Miss Rawstron in the bi-lingual Room (35) to change at 4.30pm.
- If your child is a soloist or Christmas Choir member and is in a dance or Kapa Haka they should get changed early and then meet the other Christmas Choir children at 4.15pm on the netball courts. It is the student's choice if they change in between kapa haka and singing and they would have discussed this with Mrs Knight or their dance teacher.
- All students are requested to wear Christmas-coloured clothing using the white, red and green theme. However, a combination of all colours is NOT required and there is no expectation new clothing will be purchased! Christmas/festive-type head wear is perfectly fine, reflecting what we hope to be a fun filled event.

**Please note** that all concert starting and finishing times are approximate only ☺

## Rain, hail or sunshine.....

The two concerts will go ahead on the field, as scheduled, unless we are subject to persistent rain. Should the weather be doubtful we will provide regular updates on our school website. Please do not ring the office! Obviously we are hoping for fine weather but in the event of dubious weather we will make a decision by 3.30pm on Wednesday.

As the forecast for Wednesday afternoon/evening is for scattered showers, we will be keeping a close eye on the weather and updated forecasts. However, scattered showers will not stop us. We are made of sterner stuff! Should the event not take place on Wednesday we will hold modified concerts on Thursday morning, possibly in the hall. Hopefully it won't come to that.

## Who Wears The (Pink) Hair Better??!!

Pictured are the principal (hard to believe) and the famous Miss Rowland from 6S. Miss Rowland is well known for her colourful hair styles while the principal is well known for not having a hair style at all. Thanks to Mrs Whitaker (of the chocolate fame) the pink hair was supplied to the principal and Miss Rowland now has some real competition in the stylish hair coloured stakes. Please understand, this is all for a very good cause.



To help raise much needed funds for the Auckland City Mission for their activities with the less well off (than us) during the Christmas season, you will be able to vote for: Who Wears It Better as follows:

This Wednesday students who come to school in mufti may place their votes (\$1 per vote) for either the principal or Miss Rowland. The more money they bring the more votes they have! Buckets for

Miss Rowland and The Principal will circulate to all classrooms so the money can be collected. On Wednesday afternoon/evening at the two concerts these buckets will also circulate. We expect to announce the winner on Thursday. Of course, the real winners will be those people who the Auckland City Mission helps during a time when hardship can be very confronting.

You can catch a glimpse of the hair styles, in person, in the bus bay on Wednesday morning and during the concerts on Wednesday afternoon. We hope this competition catches the spirit of the season and the imagination of our school community

## Last Day of School: Arrangements

Weather permitting, all classes will assemble on the court area in front of the hall at 12.00 noon for a final assembly. Should the weather preclude gathering outside students in year one will remain in their classrooms while all other students will assemble in the hall. Should we need to opt for the hall, accommodation for parents/caregivers will be very limited.

Sorry in advance but, hopefully next year our hall will be able to accommodate all students ☺

Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm.



## WELCOME

Sloane Rigden

Ethan Jiao



## TERM DATES

### 2017

#### TERM FOUR

16 October – 15 December

### 2018

#### TERM ONE

30 January – 13 April

#### TERM TWO

30 April – 6 July

#### TERM THREE

23 July – 28 September

#### TERM FOUR

15 October – 14 December

## Year Six Graduation 2017

What a great night we had last Wednesday for our graduating year six students. With almost 150 students to graduate it was a graduation on a grand scale starting with a sit down three course meal in the PA Rooms, followed by the graduation ceremony in a packed CBS hall and rounded off with supper for all the assembled guests.

The ceremony was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate successes achieved this year and to acknowledge the strengths of all students in the various realms of citizenship, sport, the arts and academic. A special thank you is extended to all the wonderful parents who helped with a variety of jobs to make graduation the success it most surely was. Thank you, also to all those teachers, from pre school to year six, who have helped our graduating students along the way.

### Award Winners

**Literacy Cup** – Sophie Lin

**Overall Academic Cup** – Arlo Feeney

**ICT Cup** – Aidan Rothery

**Numeracy Cup** – Shimpei Yumiba

**Progress in Mathematics Cup** – Andre Sun

**Progress in Literacy Cup** – Adam Qiu

**Creative Writing Award** – Isobel Baden

**Speech Award** – Portia Drummond

**Performing Arts Award** – Ruby O'Sullivan

**Drama Award** – Maya Copus

**Music Award** – Randal Yao

**Vocal Enthusiasm Cup** – Sienna Burton-Waring

**Art Cup** – Alina Jin

**Inquiry Award** – Deeja Ulrich

**Boys' Citizenship** – Jamie Hanton

**Girls' Citizenship** – Freya Smith

**Exemplary Attitude Award** – Hanneke Hectors

**Not Self But Service Award** – Georgia Fraser-Mackenzie

**Camp Award** – Noah Barr

**All Round Boy** – Josh Ford

**All Round Girl** – Satsuki Watanabe

**Boys' Sport** – James Charlesworth

**Girls' Sport** – Daniella Hall

**Champion Boy Kayaker** – Jordan Burbidge

**Champion Girl Kayaker** – Nicole Wang

**Champion Girl Sailor** – Satsuki Watanabe, Ruby O'Sullivan, Daniella Hall

**Champion Boy Sailor** – Jayhunn Seo, Edward Caisley, Tom Akers

Thank you to Autex and the Cunningham family for the sponsoring the topiary trees for the Year 6 Graduation. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

### Police Vetting: Urgent & Important!

Only adults who have had a police vet will be able to help with school activities from January 2017 onwards.

As obtaining a police vet takes time, if you are considering being available to help with school activities in any way in 2017 please act now, as follows.....

Please go to the school website to 'Police Vetting for Volunteers at CBS' under Parent Information and complete the form and attach photocopies as per the instructions.

Please note a police vet remains current for three years after the date of issue by the police.

### Absences

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school, we request you advise the school office before 9am, **not just the class teacher.**

Email: [safetycheck@campbellsbay.school.nz](mailto:safetycheck@campbellsbay.school.nz), use the Flexibuzz App or call 410 9551.

For extended holidays ie: more than one day, a request should be made to Mr McGowan for the time off. These requests can be emailed to:

[admin@campbellsbay.school.nz](mailto:admin@campbellsbay.school.nz).

This is a Ministry of Education requirement.

We work very hard at keeping your children safe at school and appreciate your assistance with our process.

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## Christmas Concerts

The Annual CBS Christmas Concert is this Wednesday!

**Years 0 - 2** will perform from the bank at 4.30pm.

**Years 3 - 6** as well as Kapahaka, will perform on the bank at 5.15pm with an expected finish by 6.00pm.

The Friends of Campbells Bay School will be organising fun rides just before the Christmas Concert starts, and straight afterwards at 6.00pm until about 8.00pm. The rides will be \$2 - \$4 and will not run during the concert.

**Have a picnic Dinner** - there will be hot food trucks ranging from \$5 - \$12, as well as drinks, from 4.00pm - 7.30ish.

20% of the rides and varying percentages from the food trucks and drinks marquees will benefit our school hall upgrade fund.

**Can you assist for half an hour at the drinks or ice-creams?**

Please go to [www.signupgenius.com/findasignup](http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup) and enter [friends@campbellsbay.school.nz](mailto:friends@campbellsbay.school.nz) to see where you could slot in to help.

Special thanks to Jeff and Tess from Skids who will supply Ice-Cream with proceeds going to the FoCBS.

## Two for the Price of One



The school is the beneficiary of the staffing arrangements in Room 12 today as two Miss Piries were in the class although payroll only pays for one!

With one Miss Pirie having completed her school year as a maths teacher in a secondary school it was time to help twin sister, Miss Pirie at CBS. Spot the difference? 😊😊

## Plant to Taste: Helpers Wanted

Plant to Taste is the gardening and cooking programme which students in Years 3 and 4 participate.

Next year we are looking for three parent volunteers to help with food preparation prior to the cooking sessions with the children.

Time is very precious when the children participate in the programme so some food preparation has to be completed before.

This is to ensure that all recipes can be completed in the time frame given, and that some of the more trickier prep is completed by parents. For example making caramelizing onions or grating beetroot.

We are ideally looking for three parents who are able to commit to helping for a whole term. Preparation should take no more than one hour and would be fortnightly.

If you are interested please email Patricia Meder at [patriciam@campbellsbay.school.nz](mailto:patriciam@campbellsbay.school.nz). Thank you.

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## Welcome – New Teachers in 2018

From left to right....

Ashley Berking (Room 9), Taryn Ramsay (Room 11), Bronnie Robertson (Room 24), Esther Frauenstein (Room 6 Silver), Rachelle Meller (Room 5 Green), Sarah Sweeney (Room 6 Green), Sophie Renouf (Room 13), Lizzy Dickie (Room 17)



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## Civil Defence Showcase



Last Tuesday, students from year two to year six presented their learning around Civil Defence emergencies to members of our local council, Civil Defence team and other community representatives.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to present all of the hard work all classes have carried out this year through our inquiry learning process. This authentic learning opportunity was presented to us by our local Civil Defence team and all students across the school have loved researching possible emergencies in our area and educating the community on how to be prepared.

The guests were blown away by Tuesday's presentation. They were shown TV adverts, pamphlets, key rings, websites and many other resources that the civil defence team looks forward to using next year and into the future.

Well done to all the students and teachers involved.

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## Congratulations former CBS Students

This is the time of the year when we acknowledge the performance of former CBS students. Last Tuesday Murrays Bay Intermediate School held their academic and sport prize giving ceremonies for year seven and eight students. Former CBS students who featured:

### YEAR 7

Class Awards: **Sasha Roberts, Sam Inglis & Jade Findlay**. Athletics: **Cameron Maunder**. Cross Country: **Cameron Maunder**. Hockey: **Cameron Maunder and Callum Walker**. Rugby League: **Christopher Fuatagaumu**. Sailing: **Lucas Day**. Surfing: **Charlie Twose**. Tennis: **Lucy Rich**. Triathlon: **Cameron Maunder**. Social Studies: **Isabella Drummond**. Drama: **Lyrakai-Lake Posimani**. The Caring Cup: **Lyrakai-Lake Posimani**. Citizenship for Year 7: **Lyrakai-Lake Posimani**. Year 7 Top Boys Sport: **Cameron Maunder**.

In 2016 at CBS Lyrakai-Lake Posimani won the Best All Round Boy Award and Cameron Maunder was the joint winner of the Boys' Sport Award.

### YEAR 8

Class Awards: **Lucy Jobbins, Belle Li, Aimee Klapp, Megan Beasleigh, Hannah Finley & Josh Peachey-Hale**. Golf: **Luke Old**. Gymnastics: **Tayla Helms**. Hockey: **Lucy Leith**. Multi Sport: **Teodor Morris Mandell**. Sailing: **Lucy Leith**. Surfing: **Marcus Fraser-Mackenzie**. Performing Arts: **Aria Ferris**. Endeavour and Personal Growth: **Sophie Morley**.

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## Getting to Know You Interviews

The 'Getting To Know You' Interviews on Thursday 25 January, with your child's 2018 teacher, are available for booking now:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Use code: **awsdx**

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## Awesome Fundraising Achievements

With lots of talk about Christmas and what items might be on our Christmas lists this year. Some of our year three students also began thinking about others for whom Christmas may not be such a happy time.



Some of our year three girls took it upon themselves to run a fundraiser for a charity called Foster Hope. Foster Hope is a charity that fundraises for children who are placed in Foster Care over the Christmas period. Their aim is to ensure that children who are in care during this festive season have a reason to smile on Christmas morning.

Lily, Sorcha, Isla and Isabella from Room 37 and Lonnae from Room 36, decided they would like to sell ice-blocks to all of the year three children to raise money. They began by each designing a poster advertising the details of the sale and displaying these in the year three

classrooms. On Monday morning they went to each classroom and gave a speech telling the children about the charity and what they were doing and why. During the week they collected donations towards the ice-blocks. On Thursday the girls delivered the yummy ice-blocks to each classroom. It was a perfect treat for a sunny afternoon.

In total they raised over \$230! This money will be used to buy presents for children placed in Foster Care this Christmas.

All in all it was a roaring success and the girls are looking forward to their next fundraising mission, which next time they hope will involve the whole school.

Thanks to everyone who supported this cause, special mention to Aly Donoghue, Tanya Murray and Jerry Mauger who helped the girls with their fundraiser and in particular to the Mauger family who donated all the ice-blocks to ensure that all the money raised went to Foster Hope.



## Arrival of New Classrooms

No, it's not your eyesight! The new classrooms have not yet started to arrive as per the schedule in the newsletter last week. They are now due to arrive after 10.00 pm on nights of 17, 18, 19 & 20 of December.

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## 'The Pain'

The office team, plus former CBS student and all round great kid, Camryn (aka Kathy), participated in one of those runs/walks up hill and down dale that makes you wonder at the sanity of participating in such a voluntary event!

Congratulations to the team who flew the CBS flag so valiantly and have all turned up to work today!



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## Return of sports bags and POD Trophies

Could all outstanding team sports bags or player of the day trophies be returned to school by Wednesday of this week. Touch Rugby bags can be returned on Friday morning. Thank you.

## All things Miniball

Our miniball teams have been very busy as miniball came to close for 2017. Last week saw playoffs and finals for year three to year six teams. The following teams are to be congratulated on finishing top of their leagues, which are played at Harbour Basketball:

**Year 6 CBS Red** - winners of Year five and six League 1 (Josh Ford, Logan Ferguson, Aidan Rothery, Oscar Neville, James Charlesworth, Ryder Heath and Tom Akers)

**Year 3 CBS Warriors** - winners of mixed league orange (Boston Kelly, Lennix Kelly, Kerri Hulme, Jaxxon Gordon, Luke Gillies, Lucas Gilberd, Jasper Scott, Phoenix Broderick)

The following teams received runner up placings in their leagues:

**Year 5 CBS Gold** - runners up in the Year five and six League 3 (Dylan Henderson, Xavier Chang, Sam King, Oliver Smithson, Spencer Marran, Nick Yang and Cooper Hulme)

**Year 3 and 4 CBS Heat** - runners up in the mixed league gold (Henry Dowson, Corban Huang, Daniel Yao, Min Seo Bang, Jerry Zhang, Matthew Zheng and Oliver Furness)

**Our CBS Strikeforce team** is a year three and four team which competes in the Wednesday league run by the Breakers. This team played against Mairangi Bay in the final of their grade, winning the final to finish top of their grade. Well done to Blake Meldrum, Conor Baden, Alexander Lee, Cooper Coulter, Ryan Stoddart, Alexander Bartlett and Wade Jiang.



Last Friday, a touring Academy team from the Hawkes Bay, were visiting Auckland and asked to play against our year six CBS Red team. We played them at the MBIS gymnasium. Being a representative team, the standard was high and the visiting team's skills and team work were very slick. The game consisted of four quarters of 10 minutes each and some of the rules played were new to our team. Our boys can be proud of the effort they put up. They worked hard as a team and improved with every quarter. The visiting Hawkes Bay

team had amazing shooting skills and this put them ahead on points at the fulltime whistle. All in all it was a great learning opportunity for our team and an enjoyable experience for both teams.



## Inter School Athletics

Last Monday a team of 56 students from year three to year six travelled to AUT Millennium to compete in the Mid Bays Inter School Athletics Meet. There were four events on offer- long jump, high jump, sprints and softball throw. All athletes had to compete in all four events, with the day ending with the excitement of the 4x100m relays. The CBS athletics team trained hard for this event under the guidance of trained athletics coaches and all team members attended a weekly early morning training session. Hard work pays off and CBS had many athletes placing in the top three of the various events. It was a great team effort to end the day as top school, bringing home the trophy. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who came along to help out on the day and to all the family members who supported and cheered us on.

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Congratulations to the following athletes who placed in the top three in their various events:

#### **11YR OLD BOYS**

Xavier Gordon: 3rd long jump, 2nd 100m sprint, 3rd 70m sprint

Noah Barr: 3rd softball throw

Jordie Burbidge: 2nd Long jump

Josh Ford: 2nd high jump

#### **11YR OLD GIRLS**

Katie Lee: 1st 100m sprint, 3rd 70m sprint

Stephanie Severin: 2nd 100m sprint

Abby Thomas: 1st 100m sprint, 1st long jump

Reese Steinberg: 1st high jump

#### **10YR OLD BOYS**

Travis Findlay: 2nd 200m sprint, 1st 100m sprint, 1st 70m sprint, 1st softball throw, 1st long jump, 3rd high jump

Janik Brooke: 3rd 70m sprint

Cade Gillies: 2nd softball throw

Zhan Bowden: 1st high jump, 3rd long jump

#### **10YR OLD GIRLS**

Lena Turnbull: 3rd long jump

Jody Rawstron: 3rd 70m sprint

Kate Jobbins: 3rd high jump

Meadow Mauger: 3rd high jump

Deeja Ulrich: 2nd high jump

Yuelin Zhu: 2nd high jump, 1st softball throw

#### **9YR OLD BOYS**

Toby Cleghorn: 2nd high jump, 2nd 100m sprint, 3rd long jump,

Kade Duncan: 1st high jump, 1st long jump

#### **9YR OLD GIRLS**

Ava-Rose Rona-Luke: 1st softball throw

Miya Stott: 1st 100m sprint, 1st 70m sprint, 1st long jump, 2nd 200m

Emma Young: 3rd 70m sprint, 2nd 100m sprint

Charlotte Houliston: 3rd 200m

Isobel Houliston: 3rd softball throw

Ella Brooke: 2nd 70m sprint

#### **8YR OLD BOYS**

Caleb Maunder: 1st long jump, 3rd 70m sprint, 3rd 100m sprint, 3rd 200m sprint

Lennix Kelly: 2nd high jump, 1st 70m sprint, 1st 100m sprint

Jino Yoo: 1st high jump, 3rd long jump

#### **8YR OLD GIRLS**

Kenzie Bowden: 2nd 100m sprint, 2nd 70m sprint, 2nd long jump, 2nd high jump

Isabella Tan: 3rd 100m sprint, 1st long jump

Arabella Nevile: 1st high jump

Paige Tyson: 2nd high jump

Lucy Henderson: 1st softball ball, 3rd long jump

Jannet Cho: 3rd softball throw



## World Hockey League- Primary School Festival

During week six of this term the World Hockey League was held at Harbour Hockey Stadium at Rosedale Park. This saw the top eight women's teams in the world competing. As part of this event, there was a primary schools hockey festival played. Primary schools, from as far north as Orewa and as far south as Counties, participated in this festival. CBS entered two mixed year five and six teams. It was a pretty grueling day of hockey with teams playing thirteen games of hockey between 10:20am and 5:30pm. All participants were given a goodie bag from Hockey NZ and tickets to stay on and watch the international games that evening.

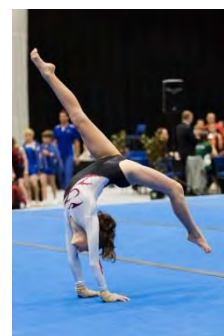
Both our teams are to be congratulated on the spirit in which they played their games and for their team work on the day. Our CBS Green team (Jamie Maunder, Joe Leith, Toby Worrall, Carla Pethers-Boak, Kate Jobbins and Nehal Naidoo) placed fifth overall out of sixteen teams. Our CBS Blue team (Danni Hall, Ashley Brown, Maddy Ford, Drew Briggs, Josh Ford, James Charlesworth, Oliver Managh and Gus Holgate-Simpson) went through the day unbeaten. This put them in to the final to play an exciting game against the team from counties. Our CBS Blue team dug deep after a long hard day of hockey to win the final 4-1 and remain unbeaten for the day. The lucky children in this team were presented with a brand new Kookaburra stick from Hockey NZ.

Thank you to Carolina Parslow, Samantha Hall, and Cameron Maunder who helped with the coaching and umpiring of the teams on the day. Thank you to all the parents who supported us and cheered on our teams.



## Gymnastics

Congratulations to Reese Steinberg in year six on making the North Harbour Provincial Gymnastics team. Reese placed 5th on bar on the first day and 3rd on floor on the second day and was 13th overall at the recent nationals competition.



## Flippaball

Yesterday, the last games of flippaball were played for the year, at the AUT Millennium pools. Our teams showed good depth with a team each from the juniors, the middle school and the senior school playing in the final for first and second place. Our year two and three (junior) team, the CBS Sharks played against the Kristin Sharks, narrowly losing 4-2. Our year five and six team, CBS Red, managed to hold the Westmere Sharks to 0-0 at half time, however the opposition proved to be too strong on the day converting three goals in the second half. Our year three and four team (middle school), CBS



Stingrays played a nail biting final against the Ponsonby Dolphins. The Stingrays managed to score the winning goal in the final seconds of the game, to win the game 3-2. Congratulations to James Houliston (coach) and his team- Caleb Maunder, Isobel Houliston, Charlotte Houliston, Blake Hulme, Mia Hanton, Arabella Nevile, Wade Jiang, Daniel Yao and Dylan Bryce-Borthwick.



Thank you to everyone who has helped to make it a successful and fun year of flippaball for 2017.

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## CBS Student Shines At International Shynchronised Swimming Event

Year six student, Georgia Fraser-Mackenzie, recently travelled to Singapore to compete in the Singapore Synchronised Swimming Open (24th -26th November) as a representative of North Harbour Synchro. Georgia swam a solo in the 10U category and narrowly missed a placing. She also competed with her team against a number of other 12U teams from China, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore. North Harbour Synchro is proud of their team spirit, sportsmanship and achievement in placing 2nd overall. Well done and congratulations Georgia!



## Friends of Campbells Bay School - Second-Hand Uniform Sale – Term 4, 2017



The Friends of Campbells Bay School (FOCBS) will be running a second-hand uniform sale on the last day of term 4 Friday 15 December at 8.00am - 9.00am

Helpers for the sale wanted please – (email [beccahammondslt@gmail.com](mailto:beccahammondslt@gmail.com)/text 021 129 5273 to let me know if you are available). Helpers get first pick of the items!

Buyers: Please come to the sale with cash or cheque only and bring a reusable bag for your purchases.

Sellers: Please drop off your clothes ensuring you have followed the instructions below:

Fill in the registration form which is available from the office or the CBS school website

Set a price for each clean labelled uniform item you wish to sell, taking into account the condition of the item. Please price to the nearest dollar as this will help with change. As a guide donated good quality uniforms are sold at half the price of new uniforms.

Safety pin (please do not staple) a small square of cardboard (approx. 5cm square) with the following information - Size, Description, Price. An example is below:

Size – 8
Sports Shorts
\$15

Bring this to the school office any day leading up to the sale with the registration form

FOCBS will collect 20% of the sale price as a fundraiser for the benefit of the school. After each sale, we will pay you 80% of the sales price for those items that were sold, preferably via bank transfer or return your unsold items. We aim to have this completed within 2 weeks of the sale.

Donations of uniforms - FOCBS gratefully accept any donations of uniforms, 100% of these sales will be collected for the benefit of the school. Please drop off donated uniforms at the school office. If no registration form/ tags are in the bag with items we will assume they have been donated).

Queries to Becca Hammond - email – [beccahammondslt@gmail.com](mailto:beccahammondslt@gmail.com)/ text 021 129 5273

Thank you - Tēnā Koutou

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## Watanabes' story - Story 7 Life is unexpected.....

The second crisis came in April, 2015. The expiry of my post-study work visa was just two months away and there was almost no hope that I would get an employment which was required for the visa extension. I knew sooner or later I would have to tell the children about our possible departure from the country but did not know when was the right time to do so. One day during the first school holiday of the year, we dropped by Milford Beach after dropping my wife off to work. The three of them were very excited when they saw the beach. Watching them I was thinking that they would be devastated if I told them we would probably have to go. Satsuki and Riku had been well integrated into CBS and the local communities, having good teachers, friends and neighbours. Kanjiro was about to graduate from kindy, which turned him into a Kiwi boy, and would soon join his siblings at CBS. I sat them on a bench overlooking the blue ocean. I think I unconsciously chose Milford beach to protect myself from a mental breakdown. If it had been at home, I couldn't have coped with the stress which I was feeling at that time. I started talking but all I could say was "It is most likely that we will have to leave this country. Sorry, kids." Before I finished the sentence, my eyes were blurred with tears. My children started crying too. Just cried and cried. No one spoke. I have no idea for how long. It was my children who broke the silence. They asked me "Do we really have to leave? Are there no ways at all?" My heart told me how much I was loving New Zealand, it's the people and nature. On the other hand, I was so exhausted by then that a part of me was saying "Go back to Japan or Singapore. That's where things will work out for you".

For a moment I was speechless. Then those familiar faces began floating on my mind. Our friends, neighbours, teachers, parents and children at CBS and Milford Kindy. They had been extending goodwill to us since we arrived on the Shore. I thought to myself that our future was in this country, not anywhere else. The only way out of this situation would be I take up a further education, which was the last resort and I was not willing to take it because we needed some financial assistance to make it happen. I simply said I would see if there was still something I could do and we went home. That evening I was talking with my family in Japan over the phone to ask them for help. My family in Japan, who always believe New Zealand is the best place for the children to be, told me not to leave but remain in the country. During the crisis, we received massive support from the people around us. Every time I felt their great mind and spirit, I was grateful. There was happiness within the hardship. To move onto further education, I had to pass an English test which was harder than the one I took two years before. On the day of the test, I asked Mr P to look after my children because my wife had to go to work. When I was leaving his house, he said to me with a smile "You'll definitely pass the test because you've been listening to my difficult English." He was right. I passed, which secured us at least one more year in this country. Just after the test came Kanjiro's graduation from kindy. We were given his portfolio in which the teachers had written the progresses he made. I was going through the book page by page and two photos caught my eyes. One was a photo of Kanjiro in a cloak standing on a tree stump, the other was a photo of his good friend N and him hugging each other. Those photos seemed to be roaring "Hey dad. I'm not gonna go anywhere!" The decision I made was right, I thought.



Thanks to the support from the community, Kanjiro became a member of CBS. The three have all been enjoying their school lives so much that they want to go to CBS even during the school holidays. I wouldn't say that every aspect of their school life is perfect but the positive overrides the negative. As a child, I was never super-excited about school except school trips and sports-days so I often wish I could wind back the clock and redo my primary school at CBS. However, as a parent, I have been receiving tremendous benefits from CBS through school pickup or parent volunteering. For me, the community is ... it doesn't get any better. Going to CBS is one of my most favourite activities in my current life. I suppose one of the reasons why I love this country is that the adults (parents at CBS in this context) remind me of the adults I saw in the good old days of

Japan where people were much closer, helping one another and, most importantly, down-to-earth. During the postwar era, Japan made remarkable progress in business, technology and manufacturing. As a result, Japan became one of the powerhouses on the globe. This is, I think, fabulous. However, Japan and its people seem to have lost something fundamental, which shouldn't have changed, in exchange for that power. Just recently I asked Mr W1, a CBS parent who is a car mechanic, if he could fix my car. His workmanship was what I saw in Japan 30 years ago. It is sad to say that the modern Japanese society is losing that workmanship. As far as I can remember, Japanese people used to enjoy and appreciate the nature more. Mr B, who is also a parent, taught me how to bodysurf. I found it real fun. But at the same time I realised that bodysurfing was not only a physical activity but also a mental one. The more I dived into the water, the more I felt I was connected to the nature. I'd lost that great feeling for a long time. I really love the "regular members" of school pickup moms and dads. We have known one another for long enough that they have witnessed our children's growth and I witnessed their children's growth. Mr W2, who is a long-time observer of our children, knew Riku was interested in skateboarding and wanted to own a board so he gave him a custom-made skateboard as a birthday present. (He made another one for Kanjiro too!). The "mom community" has also positively influenced me. Through the talks with them and observations, I realised how tough it is to be a mother. I came to show, more than ever, my appreciation to my

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mother who brought up the three of us. I also want to thank the teachers and students at CBS. Their lovely smiles always energise me. All these experiences I've had at CBS are priceless.



Time flies. Kanjiro is now year one, Riku year four and Satsuki year six. Last Wednesday was the graduation ceremony. The ceremony began with the national anthem. I sang for the first time (I sometimes sing it to myself but had ever sung on any formal occasions). During the ceremony, students' names were called for their achievements. I was very happy to see them standing up with a broad smile and pride when their names were called. Everyone was shining. On that evening, Satsuki was awarded a prize. I'm an old-fashioned Japanese who still believe it's a virtue to suppress any personal feelings on that kind of occasion (this is a Japanese way of thinking which goes back to the samurai era). To this samurai Japanese, Mr O said, "That's her achievement so you should be proud of her." I thought about what he said for a few days and now I no longer hide the fact that I'm proud of her. I'm also really proud of the CBS community from which she has received

tremendous support. When Satsuki arrived at CBS, she was a little shy girl but the teachers, friends and parents she met shaped her into what she is today. The same thing can be said about Riku and Kanjiro. Although they have been taking different development paths, there is one common thing, that is, like John wrote in his letter, "they are being raised by the village". Without the CBS community, none of my children would have come this far. The letter also mentions the support and effort from the teachers, parents and other people, some of which are invisible to the students and even us adults. As Little Prince says "What is essential is invisible to eyes". This is what I really want my children to learn from their education and pass on to the next generations.

The other day someone said to me with a little bit of sarcasm, "New Zealand is the last bus stop on the earth". When I heard it, I couldn't put up any counter-arguments against the statement. But now I put it this way. "New Zealand might be the last bus stop but it's where people are the first ones to dive into the future while other nations are fast asleep". New Zealand might be a small nation but it's made up of great minds. In this nation we can still find kindness, honesty, fairness and humanity which are long gone from a lot of countries so I strongly believe that New Zealand can become a mind powerhouse which is needed for the future of the planet. CBS is an incubator for the future superheroes.

#### Afterword

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who read my story and gave me positive feedback, which meant a lot to me. The story ends here but given that my life goes on, it is rather an end of a chapter. I'm opening a new chapter and now I feel a little bit braver than when I was opening this chapter. In this sense, I have also been brought up by this caring community. I would also like to thank my wife, Makiko, for proofreading my writing. Our editorial session often went into the late hours. We were sleepy but had enormous fun.

Lastly, my huge thank you goes to Mr McGowan for giving me this wonderful opportunity to share my stories and his encouragement which always motivated me to a great extent.

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

11th December, 2017

Kotaro Watanabe

**NOTE:** Satsuki Watanabe received the All Round Girl award at the year six graduation last week.



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I am a fourteen year old girl, attending Westlake Girls High School in year ten, previously CBS student.

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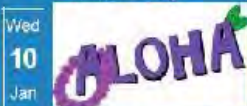
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