



**Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone**

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Yesterday at 8:30am I took the opportunity to check the crossing lights at Main North Rd & QE2 and Main North Rd and Cranford Street. Driver behaviour on the turning arrows leaves a lot to be desired - I saw a number of vehicles enter the intersection on orange and even red arrows. This poses a risk for people crossing on the green person as these cars will still be completing their turns. Children especially will be focused solely on the green person and crossing when it appears. If you use these crossings please take care and take the time to warn the children.

### **A.N.Z.A.C. PARADE**



#### **The Guard Honour**

#### **Year 6 Presenters**

We had our annual A.N.Z.A.C. parade last week. The school Honours Board is now 101 years old and is taonga - treasure for the school so it is appropriate that it is at the centre of our service. The children from Piwakawaka got into the spirit by making and laying their own wreath.

### **MINDSETS**

One of the big influences on a child's mindset is the "talk" they hear, and the praise that they get. There has been considerable research around praise over the years which is summarised below. This may help you think about your interactions with your children and other people;

- What you are praising.
- When you are praising.
- How you are praising.
- How much you are praising.

#### **Process Praise**

This is praise that emphasizes a child's **efforts, actions, and strategies**. Examples of this kind of praise include

- You are really trying hard, or trying your best
- You are really persevering with this task
- You've done some great thinking
- I like how you tried a new strategy when the first way didn't work

This praise has been shown to encourage children to develop a growth mindset, develop a child's self-belief and their motivation.

#### **Person Praise**

This praise evaluates a child's traits – like their intelligence, and is often very global. Here are some examples of person praise:

- You're really good at this
- You are a smart boy
- You're a good girl.

This praise encourages a fixed mindset and has been shown to decrease motivation,



