



**GOOD LUCK AND SAFE TRAVELS MISS GAGEN:** In Term 2 Miss Gagen will be on leave travelling around the world visiting far away destinations. We wish her all the best in her travels and we look forward to seeing her back in Room 21 in Term 3. While Miss Gagen is away, Miss Grace Farrant will teach in Room 21. Miss Farrant has spent a number of days this term in Room 21 learning about the students. We welcome her and we look forward to her joining the Junior School team next term.

**UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS:** Forms have been sent home for parents who have different contact details to those held by the school. Parents can update their physical address and/or their phone contact numbers including both landline and mobile. We will only change our records if a form is returned to the school. If we do not receive a change of details form, we will assume your contact details have not changed since last year. It is essential that we have your current details in case contact regarding your child is required.

**KEEPING SAFE:** Now that it is getting darker earlier and daylight savings has ended, you need to make sure your children are more alert and aware if they are walking around the street or in a park when it is getting dark. Make sure that if they are out walking and they are on their phone they look up every now and then and take in the surrounding area and who else is around. It is not a good idea to have earphones in and listening to music as you cannot hear anyone. Tell them that if they feel unsafe run to a house or shop where they know they will be safe and there will be other people that can help them. If someone approaches your child and says something like they are there to pick them up, a good idea is to have a password that the family know, if the person doesn't know it, tell them to find someone they can trust and tell them what has happened.

**SAFETY GOING HOME:** There have been some recent incidents involving students from around the country being approached by strangers. Teaching your child the right responses to various situations can help keep them stay safe if they're ever approached by someone.

- Create a safety password that you share between you, your child and the trusted adult who may be picking them up from school or home. Your child should never go with anyone, even someone they may know or someone who offers them gifts, unless the adult can tell your child the secret password.
- Sometimes, making a ruckus is a good thing! In situations where someone tries to forcibly take your child somewhere, tell them to raise a loud commotion – scatter the contents of their backpack, push nearby objects over, etc. – and scream, “This person is not my parent/guardian/family!”
- Teach your child who they can run to for help if they're ever approached by a stranger that makes them feel uncomfortable. The police suggests that they ask for assistance from anyone with a uniform or name tag, preferably a female.
- At the beginning of the year walk with your child to school and check the safest and quickest way to school.
- Make sure your children know what the plan is if you are unable to pick them up.

**ASSEMBLY:** Our last assembly this week will be hosted by Room 11. This is the end of term assembly and will begin at 2.00 p.m.

**ANZAC DAY IN THE HOLIDAYS:** A reminder that Anzac Day falls in the school holidays this year. Please see the details below if you are interested in attending a service with your family. ‘Lest we forget’ at this time, as we honor the servicemen and women of our country.

Papatoetoe (Dawn Service), at Papatoetoe Crematorium, starts 6 a.m. (Assembly time: 5.45 a.m).

Papatoetoe (Civic Service) at Papatoetoe Central School, cnr St George Street and Great South Road, 10a.m. For more information on Anzac services phone: Linda Darnill, 027 465 0494 or 027 488 9562

**LUCKY LUNCH WINNER:** Well done to Matthew Haricombe from Room 6 who was the lucky lunch winner from the last newsletter. On Mondays or Fridays, the lucky lunch winner is able to order their free lunch from the auditorium.

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Please sign and return this slip to school tomorrow so your child's name can be entered in a draw for a free school lunch.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_