



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

PARENT CONFERENCE REMINDER: Next Tuesday and Wednesday we have our mid Year parent conferences. Most families have returned their preferred times and on the 30th of June the teachers will send home a notice with the confirmed times for your parent teacher conference. Please help us ensure these run smoothly by being on time. These parent conferences are important because they allow our teachers to share the learning the students have done so far, the strengths of your child, and where to next in supporting areas for future learning. Teachers look forward to parent conferences. They help us celebrate the good learning and they often comment on how meeting parents helps them understand the students they teach even more. If you are unable to attend please let your child's teacher or the office know as soon as possible. See you next week.

JUNIOR SYNDICATE INTERNATIONAL DAY: Last week the Junior School had international day. It was a day of celebrating and doing fun things across the junior classes. Here are some stories from the students about what they did.

International day was so much fun. China was my favourite country. In China they have fighting moves and finally you can eat with chopsticks. I think China is great.

Jaden Daji , Room 10

Yesterday Room 24 celebrated International Day. First we flew to Mexico and we made sombreros. Next we flew to France which was Paris. We took a picture to put in our passport. Then we flew for hours to get to Canada. We did a worksheet and made the Canadian flag. Lastly we flew to Japan and made colourful kites.

Dorothea Aiatia, Room 24

Yesterday Junior School had international day, it was cool. First, Room 12 flew a airplane to China. We made a book with facts and we made colourful fans. Next, we went to London. Did you know the big clock is called Big Ben? We made Big ben using newspaper. After, that we went to India. We made awesome flowers with sparkly jewels. Finally we flew to Tonga. We had to do three challenges so we could go back to new Zealand. All schools should have international day because it teaches you lots of things about other countries.

Bhavesh Mohandas , Room 12

On International day I went to England. I learnt about Big Ben. Big Ben is an old bell tower. In 1856 the first bell broke and in 1859 the second bell cracked. In 1862 they put in the last bell and it lasted for many more years.

Yszraelie Kiu-Rokotuiwai , Room 9

HAPPY EID TIDINGS: This week we had a range of families celebrating Eid and the end of Ramadan. We hope this was a special time for these families. "Eid Mubarak". Our staff were also treated to some lovely food for morning tea by two of our teachers, Mr Mohammed Khan and Miss

Farisha Begum. Thank you, Mr Khan and Miss Begum, what a nice way to celebrate Eid for our staff.

MATARIKI: May and June are important months for our Maori community in terms of preparing for and celebrating the Maori New Year. Traditionally this was a time to prepare the soil for planting of crops. Symbolically and like many cultures the winter time also symbolises the end of the years cycle, the old giving way to the new. If you like the cycles of life. It is a time to prepare and enjoy future times on a personal and whanau level. In school, over the next few weeks our students will be continuing their learning with elements and themes relating to Matariki. Our Maori Team have provided our teachers with a range of interesting resources to help our students enjoy this traditional Maori celebration. Happy Matariki to all our families.

Choir Dates

Please be advised our choir festival dates were incorrect in the last newsletter. My apologies, please see the correct choir dates below.

- Dress Rehearsal Tuesday 5th September
- Performance Wednesday 6th September at 6:30 p.m., Vodafone Event Centre, Manukau.

Our choir will also participate in, ‘The Kids Sing’ which will be in the Auckland Town Hall. This will be on Monday the 14th of August (Day session time to be confirmed and then Gala Concert starting at 6:30 p.m.).

LEAGUE TOURNAMENT: Next Tuesday, the 4th of July, our league team is playing in the Auckland champion of champions tournament. Good luck to the team we hope you play up to the potential you have shown at trainings.

SAFE HOLIDAYS: This is our last newsletter for the term and so we would like to wish all our students a happy and safe holiday break. We hope as a family you are able to find some family time despite the work time you have over the holidays. Our last day of school this term is Friday the 7th of July, at 3 p.m. We return to school on Monday the 24th of July at the usual time of 8.50 a.m. Safe travels to all our families, have a great final week of term as we look forward to wrapping up this term and commencing again with a very exciting Term 3.

ASSEMBLY: Our last assembly for the term is next Friday 7th July, commencing at 2.10 p.m. Room 2 are facilitating our end of term assembly.

MUFTI DAY: Tomorrow, Friday the 30th of June students are permitted to wear clothes other than their school uniform upon donation of a gold coin. These donations will be sent to support The Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust.

KIWI GAMES FUN SPORTS PROGRAMME: For children aged 5 – 11 years. Last Saturday in Term 2: 1st July. 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Papatoetoe East School, 138 Tui Rd. Gold coin donation. Contact Mr Glenn at PACT Office 279-8340 or 0274 381646.

LUCKY LUNCH WINNER: Well done to Noshida Paulo from Room 9 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 _____

CHILDREN WAITING AFTER SCHOOL: Parents, please keep in mind that once the bell rings at 3 p.m., teachers are either straight into meetings, or busy planning and preparing for the next sequence of lessons. Please be on time to collect your children. If you are late for an unforeseen reason, please call the office and we will ensure your child is informed that you will be late. However, please note our office and teaching staff are continuing with their work and shouldn't be expected to look after children after 3 p.m. Bizzy Bodz, our resident before and after school provider is available if you require before or after school care, their phone number is 530 9020 or email, admin@bizzybodz.co.nz Parents are able to apply for the government subsidy. This includes parents who are both working. Please discuss this with Bizzy Bodz if you are interested. Please see the link for more information about this subsidy below. (After school and before school care subsidy information) <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/oscar-subsidy.html#null>

SAFETY AFTER SCHOOL AND WALKING HOME PROMPTLY: Parents please remember, from time to time it is a good idea to discuss with your children regarding their safety when walking home. Firstly, remind them that when the bell goes they leave school and walk straight home. This should be the most direct way possible and the way that they have discussed with you. Please remind your children that it is a good idea to walk with other children, although they should not then walk their friends home, or play after school at a friend's home if you do not know about it. Some children use the walkways and alleyways around the the streets. Please remind your children to stay on the paths and not to climb over fences, or pick up things that could be sharp or dirty. Teachers will also remind children of safety after school.

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE: A big thank you to our parents for an improved effort in keeping the front of the school clear during our busy pick-up and drop-off times. Please keep up the good work as we think of our school motto, 'Others before Self'. If we live this value we will continue to be good role models for our children.