



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

No 4

1 March 2018

WELCOME to Joseph Palmer who started school in Room 10 this week. We know you will have a great time learning and making new friends.

PAID UNION MEETING - Thursday 22 March

The NZEI has called for Paid Union Meetings to consult teachers about their Collective Agreement that expires in June 2018. Under section 26 of the Employment Relations Act (ERA) 2000, paid union meetings are an entitlement for all union members.

Classes will operate as normal until 1pm. Children can be picked up at 1pm although there will be supervision over the lunchtime 1pm -1:45pm. **All children need to be picked up by 1:45pm.**

BIKES IN SCHOOL

<http://bikeon.org.nz/bikes-in-schools/> Check out the above website or just Google “Bikes in Schools”.

You will all be aware of the cycle track that is being constructed around the field. The track is about 370m long, 2m wide and will be asphalt. This will be a real asset not just for bikes but effectively extends our playground and play options in winter time.

The track is only part of the deal - we will also be getting 49 bikes and 250 helmets of varying sizes. These will all be stored in a new container. The bikes are not just smaller versions of adult bikes but they have been designed specifically for children. The designer and builder is an Australian dad who got his inspiration to design a ‘child specific bike’ out of his oldest son’s adversity. If you are interested follow the link <https://www.bykbikes.com/>



This is all possible through the support and generosity of the following organisations...



And last but certainly not least are our own **PTA and Board of Trustees.**

Over the past few years the **PTA** have purchased a number of ‘big ticket items’ (notably a lot of new furniture for the classrooms and library, the imagination playstation and sports uniforms) as well as continuing to provide subsidies for swimming and various activities. As well as all of this they have also put funds away each year and were able to contribute \$15,000 towards the cost of the Bikes in Schools programme. This is an amazing job from a group of hard working parents.

BIG DAY OUT

After a cool start the sun came out and we had a warm 23°C. The adjustments that we made to the day after last year's feedback from the children, parent helpers and staff improved the experience for everyone, so thank you.

The Jellie Park staff were very complimentary about the parent helpers around the pool and liked the orange caps for identifying those children who needed closer watching.

Thank you also to the PTA for providing a sausage sizzle and a special thank you to Alana and Glen Loader and Jeremy McGowan who were our Master Chefs on the barbeque, and all of the wonderful helpers on the day.

PTA News

PTA meeting is Tuesday 6th March at 7pm in the Staffroom we would love some new members !!!

PTA EASTER RAFFLE ~ FRIDAY 9 MARCH ~ MUFTI DAY

- Children will bring home raffle tickets on Thursday 8 March for you to sell to friends, neighbours, workmates.
- Children to please bring an Easter treat on the Mufti Day as a donation that will go into the prizes - Easter Hampers
- Raffle tickets and money are due back to school Friday 16 March
- Raffle drawn and prize winners notified Tuesday 20 March



If you don't think the Easter Theme is appropriate your donation could be a healthier option or around a gardening theme - seeds, bulbs, or even a tube of toothpaste! Our wonderful PTA team will show their creative side to accommodate these into the prizes.

THANK YOU



COUNTDOWN on Moorhouse Avenue gave the school a wonderful fundraising opportunity last weekend - thank you to Natasha Patterson for setting this up. A team of keen parents sizzled their way to raising just over \$500. A big thank you to Stuart and the team at Countdown and Toni Kerr, Rachel Maule, Alana Cunningham, Katey Bruce, Anita Smart, Carolyn Brazier, Carl Christensen, Jo Rhodes, Tracey Grant and the McDermott Family.

PARENT/TEACHER/CHILD INTERVIEWS

We had an amazing turnout of parents - nearly 90%. If the timing didn't suit please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually agreed time - we still want to see you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 6 April | Botanical Gardens/Museum visit - Piwakawaka and Weka |
| 5 -16 March | Dances for School programme for all children |
| 16 March | Dance performance @ Casebrook Intermediate Hall (prob. 1pm) |
| 6 March | Playhouse Theatre |
| 12 April | Cross Country - change of date |

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling
Paul

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Marist Hockey Junior Club - 2018 Registrations now open. Returning players or new players are invited to register online <https://memberdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=16493>

Alternatively come down to Marist Park on Sunday 11 March 2018 from 11-2pm and meet the team and register onsite.