



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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We had an 85% turnout of families to the recent interviews (this includes Mrs Watson's interviews that will be rescheduled for early next term).

Extensive international research literature now supports the potential of parental involvement for improving children's academic achievements and social outcomes. Professor John Hattie, formerly of The University of Auckland, suggests that parental involvement has a substantial impact on children's academic achievement - bigger than the average effect size for all educational interventions.

For children, the involvement of their parents leads to improvements in attitudes, behaviour, and attendance at school, as well as in their mental health. For teachers, parental involvement improves parent-teacher relationships, teacher morale, and the school climate. For parents, involvement in their children's education has been linked to increased parental confidence in, and satisfaction with, parenting, as well as increased interest in their own education. From G Hornby ED REVIEW 2012

PTA

Last term the PTA donated the Imagination Playground to the school. This is an innovative playground equipment system that encourages learning, social development, movement, and above all fun. Using Imagination Playground blocks, kids can make objects like animals, rocket ships, and robots. They make imaginary places like houses, factories, and cities. They make new dramatic scenarios, settings, and games to play. Most important, they make the rules. Because Imagination Playground is child-directed and open-ended, it encourages self-expression through deep, joyful play. Imagination Playground encourages kids to play together in groups and being able to create their own play spaces encourages problem solving, creative play, and social interaction.



This is the result of the various fundraising activities that we've undertaken over past few months.

ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

DRUM AND GUITAR LESSONS FOR YR 4/5/6 STUDENTS

Next term there will be an exciting opportunity for any interested children to learn the drums or guitar. The guitar teacher is Jake Rose, who is a Yr13 student at Papanui High and the drum teacher is Jai Tudor-Oakley who is a Yr9 student at Papanui High. Both boys are young, accomplished musicians who are members of the Papanui High Jazz Band and Combo band and have been playing their respective instruments for many years. The lessons will be after school on a Thursday between 3.00 and 5.00pm:

- 20 minutes long, held in the library and junior resource room
- \$15 for 20 minutes for guitar
- \$10 for 20 minutes for drums

There will be an opportunity for you to get further information and meet the teachers (and their mothers - Darnelle Tudor and Nicky Zampese) on the first Thursday afternoon of Term 3. We will send out a reminder notice about this on the first day of next term.

NITS

Pharmac have a product that is available free through GP called Dimethicone 4% lotion. If parents don't have transport to get to GP they could use the Partnership Community Workers to help them get to GP - <https://www.pegasus.health.nz/images/pdf/PCW-Contact-Details-and-Practice-Allocations---Updated-March-2017.pdf>

DON'T FORGET 'DECORATE A BIKKIE DAY' TOMORROW
\$2 to the School Office to ice and decorate your own biscuit to support the Blind Foundation

DENTAL CARE OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Community Dental Service will operate an **emergency service** over the school holidays. The service will be available each working day from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street. This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. Appointments for the emergency clinic - just ring 0800 846 983.

PTA NEWS

Firstly a huge thank you to all those who have supported our fund-raising adventures this year to date. From the funds raised the PTA have subsidised some new additions to the school such as the new and improved basketball hoop, which gets a huge amount of use by both the school children and the community. Another new addition is the large construction equipment, this has been a big hit! The Pukeko pod created a wonderful video of them using this equipment, which was shared with the PTA, to say thank you. Without support from our families this would not be possible so again thank you.

As a PTA we are establishing a wonderful new group, given many of the former members have moved on as their children have left. We would love for this group to grow so if you are interested in playing an active part in the school please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday 8th August from 7pm.

CONFOIL

There are still catering size rolls available as follows:

- 4 Foils (44cm x 90m- wide)
- 1 Foil (30cm x 150m - standard)
- 2 Clingfilm

If you would like to buy any, please see the Office. Thank you everyone who supported this fundraiser if you have not picked up your order, it is available from the Office.

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling **Paul**

The 2017 General Election will be New Zealand's biggest and most important event this year involving around 2,300 voting places, 18,000 staff and millions of voters.

You could be a part of making it all happen.

We're hiring people with different backgrounds and skills for a variety of roles in offices and voting places. You don't need to have election experience because we provide training and support.

We're looking for people who can:

- show a strong customer focus
- follow set processes
- work under pressure
- work with a diverse group of people
- be politically neutral
- pay attention to detail

We need people to work throughout the country before, on and after election day – **Saturday 23 September.**

Our team will reflect New Zealand's diversity so that voters, their friends and whānau see themselves reflected in the election.

This is a great opportunity to be involved in something really important for your community, while gaining new skills and experiences, and getting paid.

For more information:



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KidsFest is calling all aspiring Filmmakers - aged 8 - 13, to enter The Star KidsFilmFest Competition, in association with Film Canterbury. We're on the hunt for the best 60-second films shot on any device. Your masterpiece will be judged by our panel of experts and the winners will be announced at our glamorous red carpet awards for kids! Go to kidsfest.co.nz for more information, or join the Facebook group 'The Star KidsFilmFest' for up to date info and tips to get you filming. Be sure to keep the afternoon of Saturday 22 July free to join us and celebrate our up and coming young filmmakers! Walk the red carpet and pose for the paparazzi like a superstar, attend the live screening of the winning films and be in to win great prizes. Email kidsfest@ccc.govt.nz for your submission form now!

Active Kids Holiday Programmes - Registrations now open for July school holidays, book online! Week 1 – Mon 10th – Fri 14th July *Lincoln *Westburn *Papanui, Week 2 – Mon 17th – Fri 21st July *CHC Boys High *Rolleston. Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure, delivered by enthusiastic, fully trained staff. Junior and Senior Team Leaders. OSCAR approved; WINZ subsidies apply. Ph 03 373 50 60, Email: activekids@sportcanterbury.org.nz. www.sportcanterbury.org.nz.