



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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I find it rather amusing that in education and other sectors it is acknowledged that collaboration is a crucial competency that is needed for success but when we ask politicians to do it (MMP) it is suddenly incredibly hard and fraught with difficulties. I trust that when we get our government settled, whether it is a team of two or a team of three, we will see some collaborative leadership that will deliver a country that is fair and successful.

SWEETS AT SCHOOL

I'm sure you're all aware of the issues around sugar in children's diet and the effect on their health. As parents you make the majority of decisions about what children eat and as responsible parents you will keep track of the nutritional value of the food provided - especially in the lunchbox.

As a school we

- Encourage healthy eating
- Are a water-only school
- Teach healthy eating through the curriculum

From time to time teachers will provide 'sweet treats' but we are mindful that we don't do this too often. Recently there has been an increase in children who are celebrating their birthdays bringing in lollipops or other sweet treats to share with their classmates.

Without wanting to be the fun police we won't be allowing this in the future because

- As a school we are required to promote healthy eating
- Some parents may not wish their children to receive lollies
- Of possible issues around allergies and health
- Of potential issues around peer pressure or competition

However, from time to time, there may be some situations that require flexibility in this position and they can be worked through with the teachers in advance.

PTA NEWS

Again we would like to send out a big thank you to all those who have supported our fundraising efforts this year to date. We have had a really successful disco this term, of which both kids, parents and teachers I'm sure really enjoyed, nice to have a good old dance once in awhile!! This term we have also helped with the purchase of new basketball and touch uniforms which will be worn proudly by our representing school teams. Without the constant support from our families this would not be possible so again thank you.

Quiz Night – You may have noticed some Quiz Night posters around the school. The PTA is hosting an adults only, fun filled Quiz Night on Saturday 4 Nov at 7pm. There will be lots of laughs to be had and great raffles on offer. So purchase your tickets today and support this local school community event. **BYO Alcohol/Beverages. Nibbles provided. \$10 per ticket per person. Limited tickets, so get it quick!!**

As a PTA we are establishing a wonderful new group, but unfortunately we will be losing members at the end of this year due to children moving on from Papanui Primary. We always welcome new members and I'm sure there are many of you out there that would make a great contribution to the PTA and it's a great opportunity to meet new people. Please feel free to come along to our next meeting to see what the PTA is all about. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17 October from 7pm.

TOUCH RUGBY - If your child has handed in a permission slip to play, please now pay \$30 to the school, either by cheque/cash or through the 'School Shop' on the Papanui Primary Website

MUFTI DAY - Friday 29 September (tomorrow)

Children will need to bring a **NON-PERISHABLE** grocery item for the Christmas Hamper Raffle (**please check the use by date**). There was a note sent home yesterday.

SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

As the weather warms up, more children, especially the older ones, will be making their own way to school. Getting out of the car to walk, scooter or bike is great in so many ways - more exercise, less traffic. However there are some reminders that need to be given:

Ideally children should be coming to school with someone - perhaps another PPS child who lives nearby:

- Their route to school should be 'walked through' with you first, so potential risks can be identified "sneaky driveways" especially for scooter riders ... and safe places to cross roads and safe places to ask for help are noted etc.
- Talk through any "what if ..?" scenarios

It is important for our children to be alert to potential hazards without being alarmed – a tricky balance to strike sometimes but you know your children well and will match your talk to suit the individuals.

2018 TERM DATES

The Board have confirmed the 2018 term dates. The public holidays are included for your convenience - please note that schools get the Tuesday of Easter weekend as a gazetted holiday:

Term 1	Monday 5 February - Friday 13 April <i>Waitangi Day - 6 Feb,</i> <i>Easter 30 Mar - 3 Apr, Good Friday, Easter Monday AND Tuesday</i>
Term 2	Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July <i>Queen's Birthday - Monday 4 Jun</i>
Term 3	Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday 15 October - Friday 21 December <i>Labour Day - Monday 22 Oct</i> <i>Canterbury Show Day - Friday 16 Nov</i>

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling

Paul

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Dental Service over the School Holidays - Emergency service over the school holidays. This is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. Available each working day from 8:45am to 12:30pm at Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street. By appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain due to an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

Gem Show - Saturday 30 September, 9-5pm and Sunday 1 October, 9-3pm, gemstones, fossils and minerals. 10 Waltham Road (Next to Waltham School). \$2 Adults, \$1 Children.

School Holiday Golf Coaching Programmes - Have fun learning golf these school holidays, programmes running 2-13 October, venues include Hororata, Rangiora, Russley, Waimairi Beach and Waitikiri. Contact rachel@canterburygolf.co.nz or 359 4000 ext 2 to find out the details of a programme running near you.

Willowbank Spring Festival - Lamb feeding, sheep shearing, animal petting area, farmyard games, \$2 donkey rides. Also book in to be a Junior Keeper 10-14yrs (bookings essential). Join the fun now!

Legacy Sister Empowerment - Are you battling behind closed doors with depression, lack of self-worth, alcohol or drug abuse? Do you sometimes feel like your at the end of your tether and that the trials of life are simply more than you can bare? Are you lonely, afraid or do you just need to know that someone cares? Legacy Sisterhood Empowerment is a safe haven that you can come to be empowered by women who, through their own life experiences have seen, battled through, endured and overcome similar life issues that you may be experiencing. It is an opportunity for women from all walks of life to gather together where we talk in confidence, we share in love and we cover with humility and grace without judgement to inspire hope for a new and better tomorrow!

If you or someone you know needs our help please contact me Tracee McDermott on 021 026 77205 or come along to our 15-week programme that starts on Tuesday 10 October, 7pm in the Papanui Primary School Library. Come! Be strengthened, empowered and transformed! #WeCare