



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-schoolers or know of any children due to start at Papanui Primary this year or early next, please bring your enrolment form to the School Office as soon as possible. This enables us to accurately assess numbers and classes.

FOSTERING WRITING AT HOME

NZ Post are dropping their Fast Post service. We all know that with email, texts and social media that letter writing has dropped away.

But everyone loves getting a letter! My mother was a great letter writer and she often wrote letters to her grandchildren with little pictures. I've kept this going for my grandchildren - along with Facetime. It builds a relationship and promotes literacy skills.

Letter writing by its nature encourages thought and reflection whereas emails can be quite reactive and instant when emotions are high. For this reason letter writing can work really well when children hit the teenage years and face-to-face communication becomes more of a challenge.

The Kahu pod have a book running where parents write to their children. I have been lucky enough to be included in the sharing and the letters have been very affirming for the children and quite touching.

Maybe this is something you'd like to try. Write a letter to your child ... and see where it takes you.

ELECTIONS

It's that time again ... unfortunately elections always seem to turn education into a political football. I wouldn't presume to suggest who you should vote BUT I do recommend that you vote. **As parents your vote counts for your children too.**

When I vote I try to ignore personality or party politics and base my choice on the what I think is the best Education Policy. The various education policies are listed at:

<http://www.interest.co.nz/news/87772/election-2017-party-policies-education>

GREAT and GRANDPARENTS DAY 24 August, starting at 1:30pm

Please pass this on to the appropriate member of your family. This is an opportunity for great grandparents and grandparents or "grand friends" to spend some time at school. The various Pods will be sending home invitations with RSVPs to help with their planning.



NIT DAY FRIDAY

I trust you all took the opportunity to check for 'wildlife' last Friday. Another safari this Friday is recommended. To get rid of this problem from our school everyone must take a co-ordinated approach – regular checking and a brushing programme as outlined in the last newsletter.

We would like to start our new healthy lunch programme as soon as possible. We have a new supplier who is going to provide a wide variety of yummy options for children's lunches.



As some families have credit to use up, the last Friday for ordering with Sydenham Bakery will be next week, 25 August. Ordering from the new provider will start on Friday 1 September. Please let the School Office know if you will still have outstanding credit and we will advise you of options for refund.

✨ Next week the new menu and prices will come home with the School Newsletter ✨

PHOTOS

This week class and individual photos came home. Please have all orders in to the School Office by Friday 25 August.

SCHOOL DISCO - "Get practising your dance moves it's Disco time"

Held in the School Hall on Friday 1 September. Juniors 6pm - 7pm / Seniors 7.15pm - 8:15pm. \$5 door sales which includes mid-disco drink and treats. Glow items will also be available for purchase. Please note this event is for Papanui students only. If you plan to leave your child please ensure you arrive to collect them from the hall at the end time of your child's disco.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 24 Aug Grandparents Open Afternoon
- 8 Sep Junior Cricket

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling
Paul