



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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REPORTING TO PARENTS

Thank you to all the parents who turned out to hear about their children's learning. We have the two formal reporting times at the end of terms 2 and 4. You can however contact your child's teacher at other times if you have concerns. Teachers' email addresses are on the school's website <http://papanuiprimary.ultranet.school.nz/Web/34/>

TEACHERS' AWARD

Teachers rejected the Ministry of Education's offer and voted for industrial action. This is planned for Wednesday 15 August. The negotiation between the NZEI (teachers' union) and the MoE are still continuing and we are hopeful that a resolution can be reached.

If it does go ahead the fact that it is the first strike by teachers in 24 years will not lessen the inconvenience for you as parents.

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

In the past I have written in newsletters about the importance of managing your child's screen time - managing the amount, the frequency and timing (not just before bedtime), and the content - and being 'present'. I don't mean sitting down beside them all of the time, but having an awareness of what they are watching by taking an 'inquiring' interest.

I was having a professional conversation with an educational psychologist recently and she recounted a situation with her nieces and their viewing. They were watching a Disney channel programme in which the characters' relationships were negative and were modelling undesirable traits. She spoke to her brother who hadn't viewed the programme but had assumed that the Disney channel made it ok.

This anecdote brings me to today's provocation. I've just read an article about "*The Dangers of Distracted Parenting*" by Erika Christakis. It's thought provoking and challenging - how does parental screen time (smart phones particularly) impact upon children?

I am not telling you how to parent or criticising you if you own and use a smartphone. All I am asking you is to think about what the writer is saying and reflect upon it. **Being a parent is the most important thing you do.**



I will summarise the main points but the full article is available at

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/07/the-dangers-of-distracted-parenting/561752/>

The writer quotes various research and experts which are referenced in the article. I'll just provide you a few bullet points:

- Parents now have more facetime with their children than ever before
- Engagement between parent and children is increasingly low-quality
- Parents ... present in their children's lives physically, but they are less *emotionally* attuned.
- "Partial attention" can interrupt emotional cueing and responsive communication which is the basis of most human learning

- “Serve and return” style of communication that is emotionally responsive has a huge impact on a child’s vocabulary **
- Language is the best single predictor of school achievement**
- Child development is relational**
- Never easy to balance adults’ and children’s needs, much less their desires
- Occasional parental inattention is not catastrophic (and may even build resilience)
- Short deliberate separations between parent and child is ok - “go outside and play”
- Always present physically, thereby blocking the child’s autonomy, yet only fitfully present emotionally due the dings and beeps from a smartphone is not great parenting.

The writer is not saying to throw away your smartphone nor is she saying that you’re a bad parent if you do use your phone in the presence of children.

- Adults are suffering too, always on - always working, always parenting, always available, always on top of the news. Stuck in a digital spin cycle

You and your child/ren may well benefit from less “techno-ference” or smartphone addiction.

** Most of you will be familiar with Nathan Mikaere Wallis. The link below is to a YouTube library that expands on a number of points raised in this article.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMoiXf87U3mWHukcYhPzYuMNoTx4YcUT>

DAFFODIL DAY MUFTI DAY - Friday 31 August
 Wear something yellow
 Gold coin donation to the Cancer Society



WINTER TOURNAMENT

Our netball, football and rugby teams participated in the North Zone winter tournament on Tuesday. It was a big day for children with lots of games crammed in. All teams gave their best efforts and represented the school well showing grit and determination along with good sportsmanship.

Thank you Lovey for the picture - if any parents have photos from the other sports please email them through.

DOG BIKKIE DAY

Tomorrow is the last day for making dog biscuits and helping to support the Blind Foundation. It is not too late to donate - please bring your \$2 to the School Office. Thank you to all those who have already donated.

TOMORROW’S COOKIE MAKERS ARE KAHU



PTA NEWS

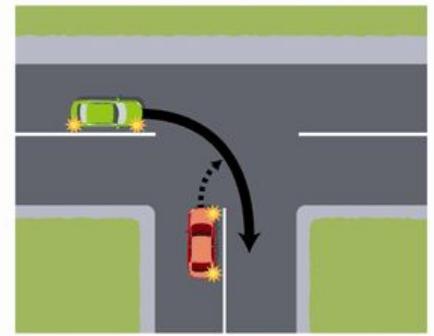
A huge thank you to all who helped with the cheese roll marathon yesterday! Over 4000 cheese rolls were made in a 4.5 hour period! Amazing effort ladies. Also a big thank you to those who grated cheese, lent slow cookers etc! Last but not least, a big thank you to Alana Loader for your amazing organization skills, this would not have been so successful if you were not the gdriving force behind this! You’re amazing!

FRASER STREET

Please be aware when exiting Fraser Street and turning right onto Cranford Street, to give way to cars turning into Fraser from Cranford.

Two near misses were observed this week of families failing to give way to other motorists.

New rule from 25 March 2012



Vehicle turning right from terminating road has to give way

UPCOMING EVENTS

Room 6 Interviews	Early in term 3
15 August	Proposed Teacher Industrial Action
16 August	Grandparents Day
21 August	School Photos
31 August	Daffodil Day Mufti Day

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling
Paul

COMMUNITY EVENTS

School Holiday Program - July school holiday program is being held at St Lukes Church on the corner of 278 Main North Road and Daniels Rd. Second week of the holidays; Tuesday 17th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th, 9am to Midday. There will be art & crafts and games; \$3 Per child per morning. To book a space please call Margaret on 352 5153.

Fun Things to do over the School Holidays:

<https://cccgovt.nz.cwp.govt.nz/news-and-events/newsline/show/2760>

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