



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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WELCOME to Davneet Tiwana who started in Room 3 this week. We are sure Davneet will have a lot of fun learning and making new friends at Papanui Primary.

FAMILIES IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

In Newsletter 24 on 10 August I wrote Digital Citizenship. The digital world is an important aspect of your parenting as you are raising what they call “digital natives” “or screenagers” so I thought you may be interested in a somewhat challenging article in yesterday’s Press - the full article is available at <https://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/digital-living/96704174/How-to-tackle-screen-addiction-with-children>

The article is reviewing a book “Unplugged Parenting”, by leading clinical psychologist and mother Elizabeth Kilbey, “A mother of three (aged 16, 14 and nine), she even confesses that her youngest child, Eliot, was given his own tablet at the age of four. “It was an entirely pragmatic decision made to preserve family harmony,” she says. “I need my tablet for work but he would keep taking it, so I bought him one.

But although it is teenagers who appear fixated on screens, Kilbey believes that children between the ages of five and 12 who are most vulnerable.

Once a child reaches primary school, deep inside the brain crucial connections are being made that shape a child's identity and lay the groundwork for social interaction and emotional resilience.

“Children take in so much at this stage; they observe and copy,” says Kilbey. “They learn how the world works and observe the emotional compromises necessary in daily life. A child who spends their free time upstairs alone and online is missing out on testing their own physical boundaries.”

The article concludes with a few suggestions including,



But parental mindsets need to alter before real change can take effect. And that means not just pulling the proverbial plug on our children, but our own behaviours, too, and holding our nerve.

“Modern parents feel obliged to entertain their children which they really don't need to do,” reassures Gilbert. “Being bored is part of life and children are predisposed to amuse themselves.”



I wouldn't want you think that I'm anti-digital devices - far from it as Facetime keeps me in contact with Marley, Yolanda and Tyler, and I haven't written a cheque in years thanks to internet banking. All I'm saying is, it's about balance and parents thinking about their parenting - it is the most important job we have!

BASKETBALL YEAR 3 and 4

The school is entering one team next term, unfortunately we didn't have enough players for two teams.

PPS RUGBY TEAM

Children from the Papanui Panthers rugby team are participating in the Mitre 10 Cup Adopt a School Programme this term. Matt Todd, Ere Enari and Caleb Makene are coaching the children in preparation for a tournament in Week 10. Last night, students had the opportunity to play a curtain raiser game at AMI Stadium against Redwood. The team really enjoyed the experience of playing in front of a crowd and even took home the win! Thanks to all the parents who were able to help with transport and supervision at the venue.



CARETAKER

With Chris's recent retirement the board will soon be advertising for a replacement to start in 2018. While this process takes place the board have appointed Penney Teape in a temporary role until the end of the school year. Penney has been volunteering at the school for a number of years assisting Chris around the school so knows the place and the people really well.

PTA

Every year the PTA run a very popular and successful Christmas Hamper Raffle. The hampers are made up of donated items that families and some businesses provide. We collect these items from children on Mufti Days - one this term and another in November. If you work somewhere that may be interested in adding to our hampers contact the PTA via their Facebook Page or the school office.

MUFTI DAY - Friday 29 September (last day of Term 3)

Children will need to bring a NON-PERISHABLE grocery item for the Christmas Hamper Raffle (please check the use by date).

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling

Paul

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Redwood School Fair - Sunday 24 September, 10am to 2.30pm, 51 Prestons Road. Auction, White Elephant, Stalls, Rides, Food, Entertainment and more.

Marist Harewood Cricket Club – This year's season kicks off on Saturday 21st October. Registration: Saturday 9th and 16th September, 10am-12noon and Wednesday 13th September, 6pm-8pm. Held at MHCC Clubrooms – Redwood Park, Sturrocks Road, Redwood. Cash, eftpos or online payments accepted. You can register online at anytime. Follow the link on the website www.maristharewoodcricket.co.nz. Junior Registrations CLOSE Friday 22nd September 2017.



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