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NEWSLETTER



WHATS INSIDE THIS WEEK

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OUR VISION

To provide in partnership with home and community the educational opportunities for all pupils to develop into life long learners who actively contribute to society in a positive way.



7TH JUNE 2017

Dear Parents / Caregivers

For those people who did not have to work on Monday I hope the Queen’s Birthday gave you a chance to enjoy extra time with your family.

Layken Stevens-Rapana and Cornelius Te Pau Konui Jacobs enrolled last week. We were happy to see them settling into their new classrooms.

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Again, a caring member of our community gave us a very nice surprise by knitting a bag of gorgeous warm beanies for our children. All our latest new entrants were very excited to be able to choose a hat to keep them warm in the coming colder months. Thank you to our anonymous donor – you are a treasure.



WHĀNAU HUI - FRIDAY 16 JUNE 9AM

At school we want to know if the teaching and learning programmes in and out of the classroom are meeting the expectations and children’s needs of all our students. We sought this information in the recent survey and now we would like to hear from our Maori whanau. Please come and join us in the staffroom on Friday 16 June at 9am for a chat over a cup of coffee so we can hear what you want from education for your tamariki.

BULLYING

Of late there has been a great deal of media coverage about bullying. It is a good time to talk about what we do in our school to ensure that as far as possible our children can learn and play peacefully and safely. We all agree that any kind of bullying is unacceptable and can do considerable harm. We remind our children of the importance of telling an adult at school if they have been hurt in any way. In class Circle Times such topics are often discussed and over the next few weeks teachers and students will be revisiting what bullying is and what to do about it to keep themselves and others safe.

What is bullying?

It is a deliberate action with an intentional desire to hurt someone – it is not accidental.
It is unfair with one person or persons being stronger/more powerful than others and has a higher status than the target of the bullying.
It is repeated over time – it is not a one off incident of aggression or conflict
It can be physical – punching, kicking etc or emotional - spreading rumours, name calling, teasing, threatening, excluding others.
Enclosed with this newsletter is our school wide Restorative Practice behaviour plan with the steps we take to minimise unacceptable behaviour and the consequences for such behaviour.
Next week we will discuss other aspects of bullying.

50 YEARS AGO – VERY FUNNY!

In the “50 Years Ago” column in the Daily News, Denis Garcia quoted that, “Many children had to be cautioned about their karate experiments on fellow students, the headmaster of the Bell Block primary school, Mr R M Wall said.”
Some things don’t really change much over time. Same, same but different!

FROM THE MIDDLE TEAM

This term has been racing along and we have all been busy in the Middle Team.
Some recent highlights for us have been:

- Continuing our Sport Taranaki sessions with Manuel where we have been learning how to catch and throw a variety of objects
- Our trip to Muru Raupatu Marae
- Learning about the protocols and expectations at a marae
- Increasing our knowledge and use of Te Reo in the classroom and playground
- Welcoming Mrs Thompson into Room 11

Later in the term we are also looking forward to:

- Cycle Skills
- Life Education Bus

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for notices regarding these events.

LOST PROPERTY.....

Please can all parents/caregivers make sure to come and check through the school lost property this week. It will be located outside Room 4 and on the courts each day this week. Any items left over at the end of the week will be donated to a good cause.

YEAR 3/4 DANCE – “SATURDAY NIGHT STARS” – THANK YOU PIHMS.

A group of students from PIHMS are organising a fun night of dancing and games for our Year 3/4 students on **Saturday June 17 at 6:30pm being held at PIHMS**. There is **only room for 50 students** and their parent. Return your request to attend with \$10 as soon as possible.

MOUNTAINAIRS BASKETBALL GAME TSB STADIUM THIS FRIDAY 9 JUNE 7PM

Come along and support our Jump Jam team. Discounted passes are available for anyone wanting to go who is not in the Jump Jam team. Come along and support our team’s half time entertainment. The school who brings the most supporters will be the winning school. Tickets \$5 per child and \$10 per adult - available from the office.

TUCKSHOP.....

THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL...Mini hotdogs & chips \$5.....Apply Slinky Tuesdays will continue until the end of term.
For new parents: the Tuckshop is situated next to the school library outside rooms 5/6 and 7/8.

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK.....

Parts of the Wharenui: Whakawae (noun) carved uprights on either side of the door of a meeting house.

More action from the recent Senior Inter School versus Fitzroy School:



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 June..... Mobile Dental Clinic in school
Thursday 8 June..... Y7 Debate at SHGC 10am
Y8 Debate at Francis Douglas Memorial College 1:30pm
Friday 9 June..... Celebration Assembly – 2pm in the hall
Monday 12 June..... ICAS Writing exam
Tuesday 13 June..... Senior School Inter school vs Welbourn at Welbourn 12:30pm
Wednesday 14 June..... ICAS Spelling exam
Friday 16 June..... Whanau hui – 9am in the staffroom
Saturday 17 June..... Saturday Night Stars dance at PIHMS – 6:30pm
Tuesday 20 June..... Parent Information – School Health Programme
Thursday 22 June..... BOT Meeting 5pm
Friday 23 June..... Celebration Assembly – 2pm in the hall
Tuesday 27 June..... PTA Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday 28 June..... Y7/8 Rippa Rugby at Yarrows Stadium
New Pupil Orientation Morning 9–10:30am in the staffroom
Thursday 29 June..... Inglewood High School Open Day – 1 - 3:10pm – meet in the hall
Friday 30 June..... Reports go home
Thursday 6 July..... Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 7 July..... Last day of Term 2

*On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal*