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# Newsletter

Term 4, Week 2, Wednesday 23rd October

## Dear Parents and Whanau

The rain is currently belting against my window - so this is meant to be spring weather?? Best it cheers up a bit, soon!



### BUILDING

According to plan, Room 7 should be completed by the end of next week, minus the canopy. The roof will be done on the deck behind 5 & 6. Plans are well on the way for our new admin building..

### ENVIRO UPDATE

We have a group of students (Rat Rangers) going to Tiritiri Matangi for the night tomorrow led by Mr Andrew Saunders and funded by DOC, staying the night at a DOC camp there . I so hope the weather improves for them! Mrs Kelsey has done the organisation from this end for this - thanks, Maria - it's been a big job!

### PTA

Please see the accompanying flier from the PTA about a disco to be held next Friday night and please remember the 'Black out' day this Friday to support the All Blacks in their semi final quest at the weekend. Gold coin donation. There will be lunch orders as normal.

## **PB4L**

All staff attended a PLD session yesterday after school looking at where we are at so far and what comes next. There will be a schools' cluster meeting next month at Drury School for the tier one schools' coaches and leaders.

## **YEAR 8 DANCE PRACTICE**

The first of these with other schools, in preparation for this year's Social, was held yesterday at Glenbrook School. The next one is scheduled for next month.



## **ATHLETICS**

Students have begun practising athletics skills in preparation for our Athletic sports. The Year 4-8 day is Thursday 7 November and the Yr 0-3 will be on Thursday 21 November. Waiuku Group Day is the 14th November.

## **KAHUI AKO**

All the Within School teachers from each school in the Kahui Ako will be meeting and working in our MP room for the day tomorrow.

## **CALF CLUB GROUP DAY**

This is scheduled for tomorrow at Rugby Park. We have ten children and their critters going from here. (Speaking of critters. .... A highlight of our holiday were the foxes, deer, and chipmunks that wandered into the backyard of where we were staying at about 5ish each day. There were squirrels everywhere also).



## **BOT Meeting**

This is scheduled for Tuesday 29th October at 6pm.

Kind regards  
Carol Graham

## **CALF CLUB WIND SPINNERS**

Congratulations to all the children who did such an amazing job with their wind spinners. **Ralph Saunders'** spinner was chosen as our representative over at Yard Art in Pukekohe. If you are over that way call in and vote for Ralph's spinner. If you haven't collected yours from the MP can you please call in and pick it up. Thank you.

## **BREAD TAGS**

We are still collecting bread tags to be sent for recycling. The money made from this goes towards wheelchairs for communities in Africa.

## **PHOTO DAY**

Please see the attached flyer regarding our school photo day. Steve from Masterpiece Photography will be here with his crew on **Friday 8th November**. All children will have their individual and sibling photo taken on the day and an envelope with a proof attached will be sent home. Class photos will also be taken and these can be ordered on the same form.

If you have pre-schoolers they are welcome to have their photo taken with their sibling / s however we cannot allocate times as our first priority will be the children at school. Please let us know if you want to bring a pre-schooler in so we can let Steve know and give you a time range.

## **CARNIVAL TIME - THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER**

We offer a fun, safe and secure environment for families to come along and enjoy participating in various exciting activities at our church. The Carnival will be held on Thursday 31st October starting from 5.30pm - 8.00pm. We recognise that parents are looking for a positive alternative to Halloween and our volunteers have prepared a great family evening for our community.

## **BUS FEES AND OVERDUE MANUAL FEES**

Invoices will be sent home in the next two weeks for these fees. We still have some outstanding from term 3 so prompt payment would be appreciated.

## **YEAR 5 - 8 CAMP 2020**

Preparation for this is well underway. Fundraising has started and \$1,600 was raised from the grocery raffle and also a \$300 donation from the PTA to our teachers who manned the BBQ on Calf Club Day. This money will be allocated across all children so PLEASE do your bit when and where you can.

Chocolate boxes will be arriving this week and one box will be sent home with each current year 4 - 7 child unless you have previously let us know you do not want to take part in this fundraiser. Remember that any profit from chocolates sold will go directly to your child's camp fees.

