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# Newsletter

Term 3, Week 5, Wednesday, 21 August

Dear Parents and Whanau

Nearly half way through this term already!

## CROSS COUNTRY

We had runners compete at the Waiuku Group Day Cross Country at Awhitu Regional Park yesterday and from that we have runners that will be part of the Waiuku team going on to compete at the Franklin Zone Cross Country. Thanks to Awhitu school for their organisation of this event yesterday. Our school place getters (1,2,3) will receive their certificates at Assembly this Friday.

Zone Cross Country is scheduled for next **Wednesday 28th August**. Those involved will receive details from Ms Smith.

Placegetters in year groups for yesterday include Remy Burns (6th); Nikki Barton (6th); Samuel Morriss (11th); Taliyah Honey (7th); Eilis Roden (9th); Monty Shuker (3rd); Jethro Fanning (5th) and Emily Stormont (2nd).

## STARDOME

The four senior classes had a great trip away last week and found it really worthwhile. They would have liked to spend more time at Stardome but that's the price we pay for being so far out. The junior team are off there on Thursday 29th.

## POETRY

The four junior classes had their poem recital morning yesterday. It was great to see our younger children get up in front of an audience and say theirs.

## **NETBALL**

This has started with classes and looks pretty good so far. The staff had a practical session yesterday with a Northern Netball coach and learned lots. (Ms Smith cheats!)

## **BUILDING**

Fingers crossed they are still on track timewise!

We had a combined BOT and staff meeting on Monday after school to toss around some ideas for our non-teaching space funds allocation and have our architect coming on Friday to discuss preliminary ideas. I am sure you will agree that a bigger office /foyer space is a necessity as it can be pretty jam packed in there at times so that will form part of our plan.

## **ENVIRO UPDATE**

Our enviroschools facilitator, Mrs Adrienne Grant, was in school today working with our kids looking towards our Silver Reflection later in the year. We have a heap going on and very competent staff driving this. Watch this space!

## **SKOOL LOOP**

As well as Class Dojo that is used constantly, we also have Skool Loop for reporting absences, the latest newsletter, calendar etc. Many of you will already have this app and use it but there are those who won't. From the App store you can download the free app and then choose our school. This is a free service paid for by the advertisers you see along the bottom of the pages. There is a new parent interview time slot booking part that they are releasing shortly and it will be good to see how that works for us next year.

## **WAIUKU COLLEGE ENROLMENT**

This notice is for our year 8's who leave us at the end of this year to start the next phase of their schooling at High School in 2020.

Mr Tom Van der Laan, the principal of the college, will be spending an hour with our Year 8's on **Thursday 5 September from 9.30 - 10.30** here at school. At this he will hand out enrolment packs. We then collect the completed enrolment forms by a date (yet to be decided) and forward them to the college. There will be a transition day on **Wednesday 27 November from 10am-12pm** which involves the year 8's spending a couple of hours at the college doing 'taster' classes.

## **PTA**

Meeting Monday evening at 7pm in the staffroom.

Kind regards  
Carol Graham

## **VET VISIT - TOMORROW**

Emma, the vet, will be at school tomorrow at 1.30pm to talk with the children bringing a lamb or goat to Calf Club Day. Emma will also be vaccinating lambs and goats and can dock lambs while she is here. Thank you to those who let us know they will be bringing their lambs and goats.

Please don't forget to send your animal entry to school by Friday. We also need one for chickens and those planning on doing the Wind Spinner project. Wind Spinners will need to be brought into school on Friday 27th for judging. Entry forms are used to buy ribbons and for our programme so late entries are not possible. If you haven't chosen your lamb or goat yet please send in an entry form any way and just put still to be chosen on the form.

## **BUS AND MANUAL FEES**

Invoices will be sent home tomorrow for Term 3 bus and Term 3 / 4 manual fees. Thank you to those who have already paid these. Please respect that the school pays these fees on your behalf and prompt payment is appreciated.

## **BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**

Please save your bread tags. We will be a collection point for this initiative by Awaken Store. The tags are saved from landfill and recycled in South Africa to fund wheelchairs for those in-need. "Little tags make a big impact".

## **BEES**

Our Enviro team is entering a video competition through the Apiary Society. The main prize is a bee hive. Does anyone have a dress up bee costume that we could use?

## **KIDS CAN CRAZY MUFTI DAY**

This Friday we are holding a Mufti Day to support Kids Can. Please bring a gold coin donation. To simplify things we have a list of **CrAZy** options below:

## Idea Generator

Take the first letter from your first and last name - e.g. Mrs Kelsey will wear Marvellous Knitwear

A - Amazing	A - Apron
B - Bizarre	B - Bow Tie
C - Crazy	C - Cardigans
D - Dotty	D - Dress
E - Edgy	E - Earmuffs
F - Fantastic	F - Flip Flops
G - Glittery	G - Glasses
H - Hilarious	H - Hat
I - Intriguing	I - Instrument
J - Jolly	J - Jacket
K - Kooky	K - Knitwear
L - Loud	L - Leggings
M - Marvellous	M - Mittens
N - Neon	N - Necklace
O - Odd	O - Onesie
P - Purple	P - Pyjamas
Q - Quirky	Q - Quilt
R - Radical	R - Raincoat
S - Stripey	S - Socks
T - Tremendous	T - T-Shirt
U - Unique	U - Umbrella
V - Vintage	V - Vest
W - Wacky	W - Wig
X - Exciting	X - Xray
Y - Yellow	Y - Yachtie