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Newsletter

Wednesday 27th May , Week 7 Term 2

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Alert Level 2

Everything is going well at school under Alert Level 2. I enjoy my morning meet and greet chats with the children at the front gate, and Maria is welcoming students off the bus at the back gate so that we have an up-to-date register of who is on the bus at both ends of the day.

Our system for end of day pick up is also going well. Thanks to everybody who is waiting outside either gate and doing their best to social distance appropriately at the same time. I sent a Dojo message earlier this week with a reminder about safe road crossing. I know that it's not very pleasant to be standing in the rain waiting for your child to finish school, but it's very unsafe to be calling out to children to cross the road to the car. We want to keep all of our children safe at all times.

PTA Lunches

Mandy Burns, our PTA lunches coordinator, and I have been talking about Friday lunches. This will resume **next week on Friday 5th June**. By that time the kitchen will have been thoroughly cleaned and ready to go. We won't be offering Tuesday hotdog lunches at this stage.

Bus Conduct

A reminder to please return signed Bus Conduct agreement forms. There are a small number outstanding.

Property Maintenance

It's a busy week for us this week in regards to property maintenance. The heat pumps have been serviced throughout the school today, and our Be Safe electrical tester will be on-site tomorrow to check that all electrical cords meet appropriate safety standards.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Your child/ren may have enjoyed taking part in the Waiuku teddy bear hunt during Lockdown. This Friday is the official end of that fun activity and we are celebrating with a teddy bears picnic. Weather permitting, this will happen in our class groups on the school field. If it's a rainy day we will hold our own teddy bear picnics in class. For more details, see the flyer that will come home with your child/ren today.

Teacher Only Day Update

I mentioned in last week's newsletter the possibility of a teacher only day on Thursday 18th June. I have an update on that - this event has been altered and is only for our Within Schools Teachers who will be working with other teachers from across the Waiuku Schools on professional development. This means that Thursday 18th June will be a school day as per usual.

We continue to keep Carol and her husband, Ian, in our thoughts and prayers.

Take care everybody, stay safe.

Nga mihi,
Jocelyn

Bus Fees

As terms 1 and 2 were shortened in regards to bus useage we will not be charging ineligible bus fees for term 2. If your term 1 fees are outstanding it would be appreciated if these could please be tidied up. There are also a couple of families who paid their bus fees for the entire year. If you are one of those I will credit term 2 fees to an activity account. Please let me know if you would prefer that I credit this elsewhere.

Nature Warriors

You may have noticed our gardens looking empty, apart from some rogue potato plants. Our gardens will need to be shifted once the new admin building is started so for now we will not replant. We will just wait and see if the potato plants produce anything in the meantime. Our supporters Pam and Jeanette took quite a hit over the lockdown period with their business so they are currently in rebuild mode. We will be doing some seedling potting tomorrow and once these are established we will be able to plant them out or if we are still waiting for building to start we may offer them at a farmers market.

