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Newsletter

Term 3, Week 8, 12 September 2018

Dear Parents and Whanau

SCHOODOCS

This is your login to our Schooldocs site should you want to have a look at our policies and procedures. You will see which are under review for this term if you are interested. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz and click Search for your school. The username is otaua (no capital) and the password is 2682. Please take the opportunity to have a look. There are two policies for review this term.

TREE PLANTING

On Monday this week a group of adults and students planted the fruit trees we had been given by the "Franklin Says Thank you" group. Some were planted on the back field to continue the line the pear trees have made and the four citrus were planted just inside the main gate. We also had Mrs Sally Clegg here from Trees for Survival and with the children, after the fruit trees were planted, they potted on about 1,000 tree plants for our plant growing unit. A big thanks must go to Mr Allen for the mulch, stakes and prior organisation as well as being here all day helping to plant. We also had Mr Kelsey, Mr Graham and Jazz Moutere here working hard! Thank you to Mrs Allen for being the main co-ordinator of the whole exercise! In a couple of years, the trees should provide some fruit for our kids :-)

X-MAN

Mr Paul Murray has been here this week working again in classes with the students on Zero Waste education. He is always a welcome visitor in our school and has lots to share with the children. He is a teacher, funded through contracting by Waikato District Council. Soon you will see a sign we will put up here stating that we are a Pare Kore school.

Pb4L

Some years ago, the MOE an initiative out for schools called Positive Behaviour for Learning. This is a 3-5 year programme that the whole school embraces and is about structures and systems. We have been lucky enough to be successful in our application for this and had our initial staff meeting to outline the programme yesterday. This will start with a teacher only day (prior to school starting in February). There will be lots more about this to come.

AIMS GAMES

Calee Dally from Room 8 Tui participated in swimming at the Aims Games in Tauranga this week. She achieved three PB's and by all accounts had a great time. Well done, Calee!

PLAYCENTRE VISIT

Room 1 Piwakawaka is visiting the Playcentre tomorrow morning around 10am.

DADS' BREAKIE

Just a reminder that this is happening for Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 7 next Thursday 20th September - 7.30 - 9.30am.

SCHOOL BUS

I put a dojo message out yesterday saying that as of Tuesday I will be notifying the parents of those children who have their names recorded in the bus monitor book after investigating the reasons why. There are a small group of regular offenders who are on their last warning. If unacceptable behaviour continues they will be prevented from

travelling on our school bus, making the trip more pleasant for the majority who are well behaved.

CHARTER/STRAT PLAN REVIEW

About this time of each year, we start our Charter/Strat plan review process ready to be submitted to the MOE by 1 March the following year. In an effort to include input from all stakeholders we will be asking for some input from you - parents, staff, students and BOT/PTA bodies. Watch out for this :-)

MAORI CONSULTATION

A couple of weeks ago I posted a letter to all families whose children's first ethnicity is Maori as required by the government. Thank you for the response we have received.

END of TERM 3

This has crept up (raced up!) really fast. We only have two weeks of this term remaining, finishing on Friday 28th September at the usual time. Term 4 Starts on Monday 15th October.

2019 START DATE

There are a variety of start dates for the Waiuku Schools and seemingly, no consensus. We have decided that our school year will start for the students on Monday February 4th with teacher only days in the week before that. Please note that Wednesday 6th is a public holiday for Waitangi Day.

Kind regards

Carol Graham

WAIUKU JUNIOR TOUCH RUGBY

A notice was sent home on Monday about Touch Rugby for year 5 - 8 students. Please note that we need to get our teams, referees, coaches and managers sorted, forms must be returned by Friday this week. It is always a struggle to get coaches and referees for the number of children who want to play. Please give some thought to this. Do you have any College age children who would be keen to help? At this point we

have one year 7 / 8 coach, Willy Muir and one year 5 / 6 referee, Nathan Lowe. Unfortunately no team referee will mean we can not register that team. Mrs Keely Muir has kindly offered to act as Otaua School co-ordinator.

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