



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

TEACHER STRIKE ACTION:

As previously advised, teachers have voted to take strike action as part of their pay negotiations. The strike action is scheduled for **Wednesday 15 August**. Our Board of Trustees has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and have decided that we cannot provide the normal teaching services during the strike. Therefore **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED**.

It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike. Some after school care providers are offering a 1-day programme on this day.

We know that this closure is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern. Thank you for your understanding.

One-Day Programmes to cover Teachers' Strike on Wednesday 15 August are offered by the following organisations:

- The Gate, 26A Wood Street, Papakura. "Planet Action" - open 6.45am - 6.00pm \$40 flat fee. Phone 298 1807 for details and to book a space.
- Pulman Park: 9.00am - 3.00pm \$40. Additional before and after school care also available at an additional cost. Phone 295 0020.

OUT OF ZONE

Applications for possible out of zone places for students who will be in Years 1, 2 & 4 in 2019 will be advertised in the next few weeks. Application forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from our website. The closing date for applications is 3pm on Wednesday 17 October. If required, a ballot will be held on Wednesday 24 October. *Note: Parents of current students who have out of zone new entrant siblings starting next year will also need to complete an application.*

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION SURVEY:

Tomorrow is the last day to complete this survey - either online or via the paper copies available at the 3-Way Conferences. Thanks to those who have already attended to this.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING (FPS):

Congratulations to our FPS teams who received the following successes in the recent competition where the topic was "Toxic Materials":

Year 6: Ainsley Kairua, Liam Sayers, Lyn Kim, Leo Wicks (2nd in their group)

Year 7/8: Jackson Wright, Devon Brown, Justin Deng, Geethika Avala (3rd in their group)

Year 8: Jacqueline Turner, Hannah Reid, Richie Cleland, Rory Brownie (1st in their group)

ECCS CROSS COUNTRY:

46 students took part in this event held last Wednesday at Te Puru Park, Maraetai. The weather played its part and our students competed extremely well over the 3000 metre course. Thanks to those parents who provided transport, supervision and marshalling. Thank you also to Miss Paula McMullen for her organisation of this team. Special congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 20 for their year:

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| Sienna Pirie (Year 4) | Finished 8th in Year 5 Girls |
| Jessie Cunningham | Finished 13th in Year 5 Girls |
| William Dumper | Finished 13th in Year 5 Boys |
| John Waters | Finished 5th in Year 6 Boys |
| Liam Sayers | Finished 19th in Year 6 Boys |
| Neve Chalmers | Finished 18th in Year 7 Girls |
| Reuben Smith | Finished 2nd in Year 7 Boys |
| Jordon Laker | Finished 8th in Year 8 Girls |
| Meg Shuker | Finished 10th in Year 8 Girls |
| Robbie Cunningham | Finished 9th in Year 8 Boys |
- Good luck to Robbie, Meg, Jordon and Reuben who have qualified for the Counties Zone Cross Country Champs next Thursday in Pukekohe.

COUNTIES NETBALL TOURNAMENT:

Last week Taylor Bell, Teina Stephens, Trinity Naera, and Shontay Petera represented ECCS in the Counties Netball Tournament. The Year 7 teams (Teina & Trinity) both finished 4th and the Year 8 team (Taylor and Shontay) finished 8th. Congratulations to these children for the way they represented the school. Thank you also to Mrs Jilly Leger for her organisation and support for these students on the day.

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn Malcolm - Principal

COMING EVENTS

Thur 9 Aug	Ist of four weekly gym sessions Yr 3-8
Mon 13 Aug	FODS Meeting 7pm in staffroom
Tue 14 Aug	ICAS Mathematics Exam
Thur 16 Aug	Whanau Meeting 6pm in staffroom
Fri 24 Aug	FODS Mufti Day for Calf Club
Thu 30 Aug	Reading Together for NE Parents
	Calf Club Leading Demo + Dose 2 Vac
Sat 29 Sept	Calf Club Day



HOOKED ON HUMANITY AWARD



BROOKE LAKER and **KATE ALBERTS** shared their recently learned relaxation techniques with a new student who was upset in the playground. They transferred their new knowledge, advising and helping her with slow breathing until she had calmed down. Well done Brooke and Kate. We love the caring and kindness you showed.

FODS CORNER



FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP:

Thank you to everyone who was able to support this fundraiser. The chosen rewards will be delivered to school in the next week or so.

MUFTI DAY: On Friday 24 August, in exchange for wearing mufti, children will be asked to bring in an item which will be used for some of the stalls on Calf Club Day. A flyer will be going home next week with all the details.

CALF CLUB SPONSORSHIP: As always, we are on the look-out for sponsors for this annual event. Any contacts you may have will be greatly appreciated.

CALF CLUB DAY STALLS: Once stall-holders and stalls are finalised for this year, we will be requesting all families support Calf Club by rostering themselves onto one of the stalls for a short time throughout the day. Details will follow but please be prepared to help out.

SECOND-HAND BOOKS, TOYS or CLOTHING (in good condition please): Donations of these items can be left at the school office. *No second-hand items or bric-a-brac this year please (other than toys, books or clothing).*

NEXT MEETING: Monday 13 August 7pm in the school staffroom. All welcome and new families required. See you there!



STARS OF THE DAY & SMART CARD STUDENTS

Tyson Hauparoa	Rm 19	Rosie McCaw	Rm 6
Kayleigh Summers	Rm 3	Joel Jenkin	Rm13
Zoë McLeod	Rm 2		

CALF CLUB DAY ANIMALS:

Entry forms: All students entering a lamb, goat, chicken or general pet will need to complete an entry form. These forms are available from the school office.

My Animal & Me Photo Competition: Take a photo of your child with their calf club animal showing the special relationship and bond that they have. The photo could be quirky or funny - it's up to you. Use your imagination. There will be prizes for the best photos. Drop your photo into the school office before Wednesday 26 September.

Rearing Information: Helpful rearing information (together with all entry forms, leading courses etc.) are available from the Calf Club section on the school website.

Chicken Food: Still available from the school office @ \$2 a bag.

Vaccination Dose 2 plus Leading Demonstration: Thursday 30 August 2.30pm down by the school hall.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

PUKEKOHE RACEWAY DUATHLON:

Tuesday 25 September. Entries close 18 September. Parents will need to register their children and take them on the day. Year 3-8 students can compete individually or in a 2-person team. Register at www.bsgevents.co.nz

WINTER WELLNESS - FOCUS ON KIDS: Are you sick and tired of your kids being sick and tired? Let us help you get your kids looking, feeling and moving better. Call Auckland South Chiropractic on 298 5012 to find out more.

NEW AND NEARLY NEW SALE: Papakura Parents Circle: Clothing and gear for baby, maternity and children aged 0-11 yrs. Saturday 1 September 10am



Principal's Awards



Harry Hatu	working at improving his writing
Madison Court	treating others kindly and working independently on all her tasks
Luke Thompson	sharing thoughtful ideas in class discussions and being keen to take ownership of his learning
Khan Hemopo-Ramsamy	having a positive attitude towards practising his reading and writing. Keep it up!
Porsha Smith	demonstrating kindness and helpfulness when welcoming new children to Room 1
Husina Dost	making good progress in reading and maths by working steadily and with enthusiasm
Skye Salisbury	her responsible attitude to learning and positive participation
Skyla Smith	making better choices and working hard in class
Paige Koppens	working well and making great progress in all areas as a Year 2 learner
Lachie Vroegop	all the effort he is putting into all writing tasks. What a fabulous writer you are becoming!
Blake McMurtrie	consistently trying his best in all areas of the curriculum and being a focused learner
Mya Pahulu	working with others constructively and being a helpful and positive member of the class
Jackson Hatu	showing great ability in understanding the text by searching for clues beyond the text
Zoe Lalach	a consistently hard-working pupil who is keen to help others
Ethan Brown	his positive attitude, taking responsibility for his learning and being committed to doing his best
Alysha Thexton	settling into Room 4 routines quickly, having excellent listening skills and being helpful to others
Tristan Majoor	his improved behaviour and listening. Keep it up!
Ritchie Cleland	using imaginative visual strategies to show his thinking in art and science
Andre Anand	showing perseverance when learning new knowledge in maths
Connor Sanford	taking an active role in group reading lessons and offering his knowledge and experiences
Navjoot Singh	showing a responsible attitude towards his learning by prioritising goals to practise