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Thanks

... To those who attended the interviews last term ... remember that teachers remain available by appointment.

... to Paula Hannam who has made some lovely pallet furniture for the juniors (and the library!). Thanks for sharing your talents.

Library - Special Commendation

... thank you to the AWESOME parents who visited our school library last term & signed our visitors book - The winning visitor is Shontae Summers. A book will be presented to Baylee-Rose at the next assembly.

Parents - don't forget to pop into the library in the coming weeks & sign the visitors book & go in the Term 3 draw!

People of the Week

... Hendrix Yakas who was very kind in helping a friend out at school this week. Good work Hendrix.

... Our school choir!

Term Calendar (Items will be added as these come to hand)

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| 1 Aug. | ... ICAS English Exam (note change of date) |
| 6 Aug. | ... Choir practice - Forum North |
| 8 Aug. | ... ESOL trip |
| 9 Aug. | ... Taniwha Challenge - TeHoro School (pp 16.8) |
| 13 Aug. | ... ICAS Maths Exam |
| 14 Aug. | ... School Cross Country |
| 22 Aug. | ... ESOL Farm Visit |
| 26 Aug. | ... Meeting of the Board of Trustees |
| 3 Sept. | ... School Talent Show |
| 10/11 Sept | ... Choir Festival |
| 18 Sept. | ... Northland Cross Country |
| 27 Sept. | ... Final day of term 3 |
| 14 Oct. | ... Commencement of term 4 |

Please note the slight changes to both ICAS test dates - necessary due to clashes with other events.

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From recent weeks ... please visit our website and click on newsletters

Yellow zones in carparks - please do not park in these areas, for the safety of other drivers & children!

Cambridge Meeting

*Parents wanting to know more about our Cambridge programme (year 7 and 8), are invited to a meeting 3:15 pm, Room 12, Wednesday 7 August. Few NZ schools offer this programme at this level (and even fewer offer it for free). We are keen for as many parents as possible to understand what this programme has to offer, and the exceptional leg up it gives students on transition to secondary school. This programme will be of special interest to parents of current year 6 children. **See you there!***

Please note, we also have information on our website (Cambridge and Year 7 and 8 tabs), and are more than willing to meet with parents one to one. High schools are consistently telling us that our students are around a year ahead on entry to Secondary School, this can have very positive long term educational implications.

Commencing Virtue term 3

This week we emailed support material for the Helpfulness Virtue. A reminder that our overarching virtue this year has been "other centredness". Children have been learning that when we help others, we show others they matter, and it also makes us feel great too. Helping others reminds us that the world does not revolve around us, that we have a duty to care for others, and that, when we do this, we miraculously feel better inside ourselves.

Helpfulness is just another way to be other-centred. Please ...

... take some time to read (and then use) the support material emailed to you earlier this week and attached to this newsletter.

... discuss the importance of helpfulness with your children

... talk about the satisfaction you get when you practise helpfulness

... set some helpfulness goals and let us know of any special moments



School Cross Country

... will be held on Wednesday 14 August on the Smith property across from the school (same location as last year). Please make sure your child comes to school each day with suitable running gear - especially shoes suited to road running.

Zone Cross Country - Te Horo Taniwha Challenge - Year 3-8s - 9 August

Permission forms have been sent home for the Taniwha Challenge (Cross Country at Te Horo School). This is an optional event, if your child has not brought home a permission form, and you would like them to participate in this event, please contact the office for a form.

All permission forms and bus money for this are due back at the office early next week please.

If you would like to order a hangi for you or your child to eat there, please ensure it is paid (to the bank or cash to the office) by next Friday - 2nd August at the latest.

Change of Clothes

Due to current weather conditions we suggest that students (especially younger students) have a spare change of clothes in their bag for wet weather accidents. This set of clothes could also be used for cross country practice runs which are being held most days. Thank you.

Junior Readers & Journals - Amnesty!

Can you please have a search around and return any School Readers or Journals to your classroom. Thank you we appreciate the safe return of these precious resources.

International Schools Competitions

Practice papers can be swapped right up to test day. Congratulations to all of those children, and there are quite a few of them, who have stuck to the 2 tests a week pattern.

High School Presentations/Open Evenings

Parents of year 8 students will have received a comprehensive outline of forthcoming secondary presentations and open day dates. If you have misplaced this, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We will keep you advised of other dates as these come to hand.

... parents of year 8 students are asked to keep us informed please of any change in intended secondary school. This is so that we can do our best to get you the information you need and so that we can of maximum assistance with class placements.

Year Technology Classes

Parents of year 7 children are reminded that technology classes (formerly woodwork, cooking and soft materials) started for our year 7's this Friday, and will take place every Friday until the end of the year. This ensures that our senior pupils receive an equivalent (or greater) specialist teaching component in these subjects than year 7 and 8 children at other schools. We would like to especially draw your attention to the following ...

... children will be offsite at the Hukerenui Technology Centre for the duration of Friday

... they will need to have footwear and clothing suitable for a workshop context

... children will also need to take their lunch and drink bottle with them to the Tech Centre

AIMS team - Update

Fundraising efforts for our AIMS team will be under way soon. Thanks so much, in advance, for any support you are able to give our team.

To learn more ... check out - <https://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/>

Attendance Term 2 ... looking to term 3

The school is required to monitor attendance rates (and morning arrival times) and to investigate in the event that attendance falls below the Ministry benchmark. Regular school attendance is a critical component of educational success. If you received a letter last term advising of less than ideal attendance please make contact with us so that we can work together to improve your child's school attendance. Sometimes the solutions can be quite simple ones. An attendance audit will be repeated one month into this term.

Homework

Please do your best to ensure that children complete their homework on designated afternoons, or drop a quick note or email to their teacher if things are getting a bit hectic at home. Most of all we do not want to be chasing homework from children whose circumstances make homework "too big an ask" for them. While we think that there is benefit from doing homework for most children, we are more than happy to excuse students from homework at a parent's request.

Measles

The Board requests that parents monitor their children for any sign of measles and seeks medical advice where necessary. In the event of a diagnosis or even a suspicion of measles please keep your child at home and advise the school. The school will keep you updated should we have any sign of an outbreak here.

Auckland University Researcher

One of our former students - Shari Cave is doing post graduate study in psychology at Auckland University & will visit us on 28-30 August to collect data based on her interactions with some of our 5, 6, 7 & 10 year old children. They will simply participate in a fairly straight forward computer game followed by a brief interaction with Shari. Each session will take 15–20 minutes. The goal of the research is to gain insight into links between memory & cognitive development.

Next week consent forms will be sent home. We encourage you to participate but this is optional.

Any questions please contact Kevin.

Scotty Gregory

We were thrilled to be contacted by Scott this week who will be up soon on holiday & is willing to come to school to talk to the children about his rugby career to date. Scott is also going to donate one of his jersey's to school. Scott is an awesome young man & the sort of role model we are keen to promote. *In addition to talking to the school, Kevin is keen for him to have a deeper discussion with a group of keen students. If you have a child who is a very keen rugby player & you think they would benefit from this please email the school next week. Limited to 20 children .. so first in.*

Finally

Welcome back. Plenty of exciting events planned including Cross Country, Choir, Talent Show ... and lots more. Looking forward to seeing you around the school. Please let us know where we can help. And a special welcome to our new families!

Regards,
Kevin Trewhella
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School Lunches

Wednesdays - \$2.00 (note price increase): for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - Order by 9am Thursday.

Snack Boxes – delivered with a juice box for \$6.00 each

A choice of ☐ Mini Hotdog & Chips ☐ Fish Bites & Chips ☐ Chicken Nuggets & Chips

Tasty Toppa's delivered with a juice box for \$5.00 each

A choice of ☐ Lasagne Toppa ☐ Macaroni Cheese Toppa

Or **Simply a Hot Chip Box** for \$3.00 each

These Old Favourites are still on the Menu ...

☐ Sausage Roll, Museli Bar & a juice \$4.00 ☐ Crispy Chicken Salad Wrap & juice \$5.00

Swap any juice box meal for a Flavoured Milk for just \$1 extra (Chocolate or Strawberry)

Please Note - We cannot supply lunches on a Friday if the order is placed after 9am on the Thursday morning.

Community Notices

Senior School Camp Fundraiser

Flipout Fun Fundraiser for Year 7s 2020 Camp. See the poster at school or the mini version sent home today. Suitable for all ages, with a section reserved for younger children. Payment \$20/ticket can be made to the school bank account or cash to the office. Pickup prepaid tickets at the office. Limited tickets, so don't miss out.

NEW MATARAU AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A new After School Care Program is now available
every afternoon in the school hall 3pm - 5:45pm.

We provide afternoon tea, lots of fun games and activities, movies,
arts, crafts, and a fun space to hang out with friends and make new ones.

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