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TE REO TE KURA

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Dear Parents
Welcome back to Term 2 and a special welcome to our new families and enrolments. We hope you enjoy our school environment and we like you to be involved in your child's education. There are a few reminders I need to give out now that winter is here.

UNIFORMS:



This year we have warm hats for the winter. It is a green Beanie with Gold "Finlayson Park" on it. These can only be purchased from the school office. **Cost:** \$6. These Beanies will be the only acceptable winter uniform hats.

PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHING and SHOES clearly.

JACKETS:

School Uniform Jackets are available at the "Uniform Shoppe" or Uniform Plus Manurewa. (These are not compulsory) but if your child wears a jacket that is not green they will be required to put it in the cloak-bay till home-time. We would prefer they wear a bottle green jacket or sweatshirt to match our uniform colours.



HAIR:

We only accept students having "**normal**" haircuts. There have been too many odd looking haircuts lately and students say "Dad just cut it like that" or "my brother did it". Dyed hair is not acceptable either.



This is outside our policy and your child knows what is acceptable. They may be teased. Please do not put your child through this.

EARRINGS:

We only accept one small stud in each ear and there are a few students with large studs and some with sleepers. Can you please take these dangerous things from your child's ears as they may rip through the ear when your child is playing and tumbling.

BEANIES:

We have Beanies for sale in our school office they are \$6 each.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY:

School will be **CLOSED** on **Monday 7 June** for Queens Birthday Weekend. School will finish at 2.45pm on Friday 4 June.



STATIONERY:

There are several families who have not yet paid for Stationery even though you promised to do this on a weekly pay-off scheme. We need you to pay this off please.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS:

National Standards:

This Government is proposing to bring in a system of publishing all Students achievement results. They want to set up National Tests and all School's student results will be published. **THIS WILL BE VERY BAD FOR NEW ZEALAND'S EDUCATION SYSTEM.** Other countries have tried to do this and these are some of the things that they have found:

- Schools teach to the tests to get higher results
- Students learning needs are not met
- Schools whose students do not achieve at high enough levels are labeled "Ghetto Schools"
- Schools only want to enrol the brightest students (not special needs students or those excluded from other schools).
- It is Hard to employ teachers in "labelled" schools

When Anne Tolley first became the Minister of Education she said she did not believe in League Tables – **NOW WHAT A TURNAROUND, SHE SAYS IT WILL IMPROVE REPORTING TO PARENTS!! NOT SO!!!**

It will not be good for Education. Schools will not be able to be flexible in teaching styles.

Schools may be labeled as failing even though we have students with differing abilities and they take a little longer to achieve. It is radically unsound. All cultures will have to achieve the same levels at the same time.

OUR SCHOOL LEARNING

PROGRAMME:

Your child's teaching team will have advised you of the Big Ideas, the Values and the Key Competency that your child is studying this term.

After consulting with you and the staff last year we have chosen the following as a basis for studies.

BIG IDEAS:

- Globalisation -Tikanga/Culture,
- Sustainability -Enterprise
- Systems -Humanity

Within these big ideas all the Curriculum areas will be studied (e.g. Science, Social Science, Health/Physical Education, Literacy, Mathematics, Technology, Arts, Learning Languages.

VALUES:

Respect, Integrity, Perseverance, Diversity, Diversity, Manaakitanga (caring/courtesy). (All of the school's 4 C's fit into these – Commonsense, Courtesy, Cooperation, and Consideration.

TE HURINGA/TE ROOPU REO

RUA:

A Big Thanks to all the Whanau that supported our Whanau hui last week and the trips hui. It is pleasing to see you here to support your child's education.

Reminder Whanau Hui on Thursday night at 6.00pm in the Hall "Whakaari" night for Te Huringa parents. Celebrating your child's study so far this year.

PARKING FINES:



Manukau City Council are enforcing parking fines around schools. When children arrive or leave school each day, your behaviour can either protect or endanger them. Please

choose safe parking over convenience at all times. Enforcement by Police and Parking Wardens is designed to keep all road users safe.

TEAM 3 WHANAU HUI:

Wednesday 12 May at 5.30pm in B13. Look

forward to seeing you there.

LUNCHES:

We have noticed a high number of "snack packs" are being sent to school for lunches – these are NOT acceptable as they have a high sugar content and have no nutritional value. Local dairies sell these cheaply as a convenience but they do not help your child to learn.

RADIO KOWHAI 107.3FM:

Did you know our school has a Radio Station!? Tune in to 107.3Fm to hear our children doing songs, poems, stories, interviews and lots of other items. You can contact us for requests, shout-outs and dedications through the school website.

Radio Kowhai 107.3FM, celebrating our community!

TUCKSHOP PRICELIST:

Monday -	Cheese Burger & Popcorn
Tuesday -	Hot Noodles & Fruit in Juice
Wednesday -	Hot Dog & Muffin
Thursday -	Filled Rolls & Fruit in Juice
Friday -	Meat Pie + 2 Cookies
All Combos - \$4.00	
Double Combos - \$5.50	
(e.g. 2 x Cheese Burgers & Cookie.)	

LOST PUPPY

Mya our much loved Mastiff Cross has been missing since Wednesday 5 May from Lucas Lane Weymouth. She has distinctive white paws and a white chest star. She has a blue collar with white spots and a red tag. She is 15 weeks old approx 12kg. Mya has a medical condition and requires constant vet attention. There is a photo of her at the school office.

Please phone or text Donna or Mark 027 4990033 or 2682178 and leave a message.

REWARD OFFERED FOR HER SAFE RETURN

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