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TE REO TE KURA

13 September 2011

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Dear Parents

Hope you enjoyed the opening weekend of the Rugby World Cup. What a great experience – even watching it on TV.

GO THE ALL BLACKS!!!

UNIFORMS:



Remember 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:** \$5. 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.

STATIONERY/TECH FEES (Y7-8):

There are several families who have not yet paid for Stationery or Tech fees even though you promised to do this on a weekly pay-off scheme. We need you to pay this off please. Tech fees are \$55 for the year or \$14 per term.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS:

National Standards:

This Government is still bringing in a system of publishing all Students achievement results.

THIS WILL BE VERY BAD FOR NEW ZEALAND'S EDUCATION SYSTEM.

Other countries have tried to do this and 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 labelled "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

Mrs Anne Tolley the Minister of Education **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 different first languages and they take a little longer to achieve. All cultures will have to achieve the same levels at the same time. **NOT GOOD FOR OUR STUDENTS!**

Letters from the Ministry

Our Board has received 2 letters saying we **MUST** put national Standards into our Charter and now they are bullying us and have given us the "words" to write in! This is our Charter for our students **NOT theirs!!** *We will keep you posted on what the next step is!*

TEAM ONE WHANAU HUI:

When: Thursday 15 September 3-4pm

Where: A1 and A2

What: A chance to meet the team and find out what is happening in Team One-a literacy focus

TE ROOPU REO RUA & TEAM 3:

A Big Thanks to all the Whanau that supported our Whanau hui last week. It is pleasing to see you here to support your child's education. Team 3 (Year 3 & 4) learnt special Math's games.

PARKING FINES:



Auckland 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.

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!

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN:

Our school Chaplain is here every Thursday – would you like someone to talk to? Matua Barry is a friendly, wise and supportive person who may be able to assist you in crises.



WHANAU LEARNING CLASSES:

The classes are planned so you so you are able to help your child at home. The Math's class has some spaces available – Tuesdays 11.30-1.30pm.

We are starting a new class for parents who are interested in learning the Samoan Language, Culture and Traditions – Fridays 11.30-1.30pm. Please contact Mrs Tofilau if you are interested in any of our Adult Classes.

MANUREWA WELSH FESTIVAL:



You are all welcome to join in the celebrations at
Manurewa Welsh Festival – South Mall
Sat 17th September, starting from 9am
Finlayson Park School will be performing from 10.10am

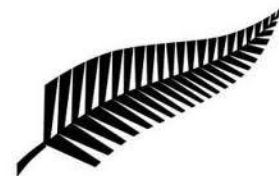
There will be a free bouncy castle, face painting, balloon giveaways, Welsh dancing, Welsh Choir, Cultural Performances from local Manurewa schools, Wearable Arts fashion show, School Art competitions and much much more.

Please contact Verina Konui 021 888 026 for more information.

COMMUNITY SWIM PARENTS DAY:



As you are aware, your child has been taking part in this seven week swimming programme which commenced at the beginning of Term 3. Community Swim is proud to invite you as parents to come and watch the last lesson of the term to see the fantastic progress each and every child has made while participating in these fantastic lessons. Please see your School Administration for class times and dates.



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