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TE REO TE KURA

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Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the year. There have been a few tears and worries from one or two younger students who take a wee bit of time to adjust to a new classroom, new friends and new teachers. **This is normal.** Please let me know if you have any further worries, as we can help.

CLASS PHOTOS:

Order envelopes will be sent home soon to order Class photos. Please return this with payment by **Wed 25 Feb.** All photos must be prepaid in the envelope provided. You can drop sealed envelopes into the Office or give to your child's teacher.

LUNCHES:



Students must order in the hall from 8.15am to 8.40am (no later as school starts at 8.45am). Please send your children to school by 8.20am to get this done and to get bags and books organised for the day **before** the bell goes.

COMBOS AVAILIABLE

\$4.00 or \$5.50 for 2 Main Items

- Monday: Cheese Burger & Popcorn*
Tuesday: Ham & Salad wrap & Fruit
Wednesday: Hotdog & Muffin
Thursday: Filled Roll and Fruit Juice
Friday: Meat Pie and Cookies



TUCKSHOP

Moosie	\$1.40	Popcorn	\$1.00
Juicy	\$1.20	Juice Smoothie	\$1.40
Calcium	\$1.40		
Muffins	\$1.50		
Fruit in Juice	\$1.50		

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING:

Come to school on Tuesday 23 Feb 5-7pm to meet your child's teacher. This is an informal meeting to talk together about your child's education and interests. Bring a Picnic Tea. There will be games for the kids while they are waiting. Sausage Sizzle available \$1.



BREAKFAST CLUB:

Our breakfast club begun again last week. It's at 7.45 - 8.20am, every day in our school hall. If your children can contribute 30c towards their breakfast that is great, if not, they can still have breakfast. **WE WANT ALL OUR STUDENTS TO HAVE FOOD IN THEIR TUMMIES SO THEY CAN LEARN BETTER.**



HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL:

We are a Health Promoting School and we do not sell highly sugared or coloured food in our lunch orders. We ask that you do not send **fizzy drinks or Twistie type chips etc** for your children's lunch please. This stuff hinders their brain power and can cause behaviour problems. **Please provide your children with a water bottle (named) for their class hydration station.**



WATER PROMOTES BETTER LEARNING POWER.

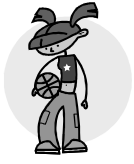
HOMEWORK & STUDY CENTRE:

This has begun for Year 5 to Year 8 students last week. We still have a few spaces on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. A separate letter went home last week - **please ask your children for it as you will need to get it back urgently to book a place if you want your child to attend one day per week.**



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

KEA KIDS:



We have a great After School Care programme operating here in our school hall from 6.45am to 8.15am & 2.45pm to 6.00pm. Brooke Taniora the Centre Manager and her staff are really lovely and focused on learning and safety. A great programme is being offered. **If you require assistance for childcare, phone Anna Marie on 021 401 301.**

SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

It is great to see most of our students in full school uniform. They look great. However many have **incorrect footwear on**. They should have black sandals or shoes.

Please name your child's clothing and shoes.

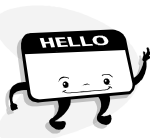
REMINDER:

1. The only acceptable jewellery / adornment is a watch, small ear studs and a manaia. Bright coloured headbands and beads are not acceptable. Visible body piercing and tattoos are not acceptable.
2. At our school our policy is to have 'normal' haircuts (no Mohawks etc)

Thank you Parents for supporting our kaupapa.

3 WAY CONFERENCES:

The day set aside is 23 March from 1.00pm to 8.30pm. Please be prepared to book a time when your children's class letters come home to you soon. **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU ATTEND WITH YOUR CHILD.** School will finish at 12 noon on that day (23 March).



SCHOOL NURSE:



Our new Nurse Anne is only available at our school on Wednesdays. If you want to discuss any matters with her please come to our Health Centre to see her or come to our school office.

HIPPY - PRESCHOOLERS:

We are enrolling 3 and 4 year olds into our preschool programme now. This programme helps your children to settle quickly into school

life when they turn 5 years old. Phone Lisa (our new coordinator) or text 02102573930 and she will contact you.

ADULT CLASSES - FREE:

These will begin in first Week of March. You can enrol your interest by contacting the Office and Barbara the Head Tutor will ring you back.

- Te Reo Maori
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Computers
- ESOL



IT IS GREAT LEARNING NEW THINGS & MEETING NEW FRIENDS & LEARNING TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME. If you know of someone who is having difficulty in reading, bring them along to enrol too. Don't be shy, we are here for you!!! **Classes start in March. COME FIND OUT MORE!**

RUBBISH:



As part of our Health Promoting School programme we are teaching our students about **KEEPING OUR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN**. All wrappers that are brought to school in lunchboxes must go home again. Children are not allowed to walk around while eating. They must eat then put rubbish in their bags to take home, and then go to play. **IF CHILDREN DO NOT ABIDE BY THIS RULE THEIR FOOD WILL BE TAKEN AWAY UNTIL HOMETIME.**

We hope you and your family will also support this attitude of non-littering.

We "mind" our street (John Walker Drive) by regular clean ups and painting out any graffiti that appears on the fences.

HATS – School hats available at Office - \$3.00 each Limited Sizes so be in quick. ALL students must have a hat everyday.

Ka kite ano

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