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Term 2

Week 2

Hello,

Our Board of Trustees have been steadfast in funding the programmes that assist children who require extra assistance. For example, all five year olds when they join us undertake the Quick 60 programme so that they can build a knowledge of early high use words which maximises their opportunity of being successful readers and writers. For those later in their time at school who need extra help there are the Rainbow Reading and STEPS programmes, for some Talk to Learn is appropriate. These programmes are run by our teacher aides under the guiding eye of Tracy Rouse who leads these skilled and talented people in their very important work.

Right now the teachers aides and the other support staff at schools across the country are in a battle with the government to see their collective agreement reflect the value of the work that they do. In particular, they are asking the government to fund schools better so that the schools can in turn pay them appropriately, and retain their services.

However, this government is currently suggesting that schools can pay teachers aides whatever they want to but that they won't help cover the cost. There are only two possible outcomes to the government taking this stance. Firstly, that support staff wages are kept low, or secondly that wage rates are increased but that support staff hours are cut or jobs lost.

Either of these options are simply unfair and show a lack of understanding of the work that support staff undertake each day. Our school would simply not be the place it is today, and our children not as happy or successful as they are, if it were not for the contribution of these people.

If you get the chance over coming months to talk to those politicians who make these decisions, and the General Election is drawing ever nearer, you may want to support our support staff and the children they work so hard for.

Kind regards,
 Paul Barker.

"For evil to triumph it is enough only that good men do nothing" –

Edmund Burke 1729-1797

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the first Students of the Week and top Kiwi Cannors for Term Two – Harmony, George, Dallas, Raiha, Jorja and Elyssa – nice work you guys!



Road Safety Week.

Next week is 'Road Safety Week' at school. Constable Rob will be here to help children stay safe on and around the roads. If your child has a bike it would be great if they could bring it to school on Monday and we will look after it until our annual Wheels Day on Wednesday after which it can be picked up again. A further notice regarding this will be sent home soon.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The first BOT Meeting of the term will be held next Monday 15th of May at 5.30pm – all welcome.

Throat Swabbing for Rheumatic Fever

A gentle reminder that throat swabbing for Rheumatic Fever cannot take place without a consent form being held by the school. If you are not sure if we hold a consent form please contact the office and we can let you know and will send one home for completion.

Dates for your diary

15 May	BOT Meeting
19 May	I wish I was day.
23 May	NSW Digital Technologies.
30 May	NSW Science
5 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
8 June	40 Hour Famine