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**Term 2
Week 7**

Hello,

There is a lot of illness across the school at present and our attendance rates have plummeted over the last fortnight. This is understandable given the change of season as we enter winter. It is also understandable given that the cold and flu seasons have largely passed us by over the last couple of years as we have isolated, practised social distancing, and regularly worn masks, as this has reduced our immunity to winter illness.

Additionally, many countries in the Northern Hemisphere have reported 'super colds' and flu post Covid 19 restrictions and it certainly appears that many of us are experiencing more severe coughs and colds and illness this winter. Add in that everyone is simply fatigued from the stresses and strains provided by the pandemic and it is no surprise that becoming ill is more likely and that illness is more severe.

This situation is not exclusive to our school but rather is being felt in schools across Te Tai Tokerau and, I expect, the country. Indeed, we have been fortunate to be able to keep our school open and working so well for so long and we are grateful for the ongoing support and understanding of our school community.

In the short term there is little that we can do about this except to continue with the things that have served us so well over the last couple of years. This means:

- Staying away from school when unwell.
- Minimising visits to school by adults.
- Insisting on mask wearing by adults that do need to visit school.
- Maintaining high standards of hygiene at school.

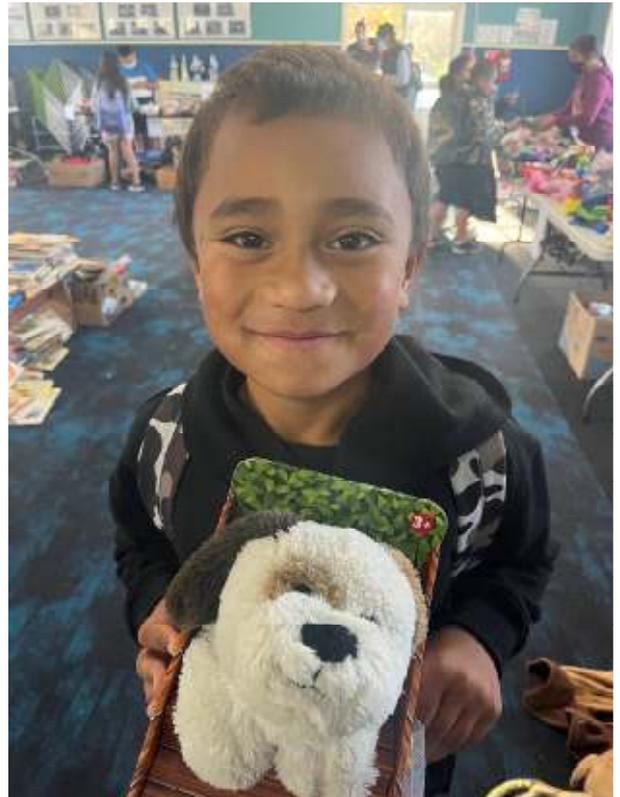
There is some light at the end of the tunnel with the shortest day of the year next week signalling the move towards spring and warmer weather and next weekends Matariki holiday - an opportunity to hunker down, stay warm, and rest up for the balance of the winter term.

Kind regards,
Paul Barker.

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." - Barack Obama.

Students of the Week

No Students of the Week last week as we held our Market Day so instead here is a nice picture of Lucious who got a good bargain last Friday.



Market Day

Once again, many thanks to those kind folk that contributed to this years Market Day. Whether you provided things for sale, sent your child to school with some money to spend, came and bought something, or helped with the tidy up your support is appreciated. We raised just over \$1100.00 which will contribute to our Honours Board trip at the end of the year.

Attendance

Well done to Room 5 for taking out the weekly attendance award last week.

Dates for your diary

June 24 Matariki Holiday
June 27 BOT Meeting
June 29 Art Exhibition Opens
July 1 Cross Country – Totara North
July 6 Art Exhibition closes
July 8 Term Ends 1pm