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Term 3
Week 10

Hello,

The end of another term, one filled often with illness but also over recent weeks a hint of summer, warmer weather, and more certainty about the way ahead.

It is expected that Term 4 will be very busy, firstly because it is a short term of only 8½ weeks but also because it will see a return to some of the things that are traditional features at our school.

Pet Day is the first up on Friday the 21st of October (the first Friday of the new term) and it is quickly followed by visits from our friends at Watersafe as we re-enter the swimming season, the Cultural Festival at Waitaruke, Grandparents Day, our Graduation evening for those children heading off to the next phase of their education, the Honours Board trip and our annual prizegiving follow on.

Amongst all this the normal teaching and learning continues, and teachers will be preparing the children's annual reports and the like. Lots to do, but before then a wee break and we hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday.-

Kind regards,
Paul Barker.

End of Term

A reminder that term three ends at 1pm on Friday, that school resumes on Monday the 17th of October, and that Pet Day is scheduled for the first Friday of Term 4.

*'Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned'.
Budda.*

Students of the Week

No Students of the Week last week as we were at Winter Sports so instead here is a nice picture of our Rippa Rugby side that played so well with wins over Matauri Bay School and Hato Hohepa.



Buses/Car Park/Picking children up after school.

More and more parents are picking children up after school rather than the children travelling home on the school bus. That is fine but it means that our car park is a more busy and dangerous place and that there is a need to take extra care at the end of the school day.

During the height of the pandemic we asked that parents waited in their cars and that we transferred children to you. Thank you to everyone that helped us in that regard. Now, to be more safe, it would be appreciated if everyone could please pick up their children from bus assembly in the hall before escorting your own children to your vehicle. This will minimise the situation where children are walking amongst cars to their parents.

Additionally, because of the number of cars, and the risk that they impose, it is very important that everyone parks considerately and with care, including please avoiding the area where the buses park (whether the buses have arrived or not) and by the pedestrian crossing (which is, by design, no longer a car park).

Your assistance is appreciated.