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Term 2
Week 1

Hello everyone,

It is good to be back at school for what promises to be a busy ten weeks.

Coughs and colds and other illnesses will be around as we head into winter and you no doubt heard the latest advice from the government around when children are well enough to be at school. In short, they are suggesting that children should attend school unless they are very ill and new guidelines have been issued for when parents should keep children home.

My view is that, mostly, parents are best placed to make the decision whether children are unwell and need to stay home. Sick children are unable to focus on learning and coming to school unwell works only to spread the germs to other children. Additionally, our teachers work closely with the children in their care and are susceptible to transmission of winter illnesses and given the difficulty that many schools (including ours) are having finding relievers then any illnesses that they get soon becomes a problem across the school.

The real area of concern regarding attendance is when children are absent for unjustified reasons such as it being a Monday or Friday, staying up late and being too tired to attend, or parents simply not prioritising school. Thankfully, at our school this is a very rare and this is appreciated – keep up the good work everyone!

Kind regards,
Paul Barker.

Teacher Only Day

Please don't forget that next Monday the 6th of May is a teacher only day. We appreciate that teacher only days are an inconvenience however we are undertaking some writing professional development and our facilitator is only available that day. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday.

Dental Truck

The Dental Truck is with us and every child will be seen before the truck leaves us later this term. If you need to talk to the dental nurses you can contact them on 0800 MYTEETH (0800 6983384).

*"Champions keep playing until they get it right." –
Billie Jean King.*

Students of the Week

No Students of the Week yet this term so instead congratulations to last terms Honours Board children who showed a commitment to Learning, Loving, Contributing and Growing. Keesha, **Cormac**, Nico, **Malachi**, Moengaroa, **Luzion**, Lila, **Mikaere**, Amaia, **Tyzjon**, Lilly B, **Clementine**, Korrah, **Jarden**, Olivia, **Maemae**, Lilly-Ray, **Sid**, Lexi, **Tahlia**, Taniora, **Tayla**, Leana and **Elizabeth**.



School buses to Rugby Practice.

Frank Stewart has been in touch to advise that children are using the Wainui/Whangaroa buses to travel to rugby practice at the Kaeo Rugby Club. He is concerned that the buses are becoming overcrowded on practice days and that are becoming unsafe.

In addition, school buses are not generally to be used by children other than to transport them from home to school and from school to their home each day. Frank has kindly been flexible about this when the numbers are small and when it occurs as a one off (e.g. when children might travel to a friend's house for a special occasion).

Therefore, school buses will no longer accept changes in the afternoon to take children to the rugby club and that parents will need to make alternate arrangements in this regard. Requests to school to move 'bus lines' to allow children to get to rugby practice will not be accepted.

Important Dates

6 May Teacher Only Day – school closed.
7 May School resumes
13 May BOT Meeting
15 May Room 2 – Project Island Song Visit
16 May Room 1 – Project Island Song Visit