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Principal's Diary.....

Kia Ora Te Awamutu Learning Family/Whanau,

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents for the support they have shown our children over the last few weeks. It has been an extremely busy time preparing for our Showcases and the Year 6 Graduation.

We all had a very enjoyable and amusing time watching Syndicate Ones Showcase. Last night's Year 6 graduation was a great success and it was a wonderful evening. We look forward to seeing Syndicate Two's Showcase tonight.

On Tuesday 16th December the Learning Journey Books, reports and class placements will be sent home with your children. All children will be meeting with their new teacher on Wednesday 17th.

Gareth Duncan

Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

BOT NEWS

At our most recent meeting the BOT reviewed the use of the school swimming pool over the Xmas holiday period and unfortunately due to health and safety reasons as well as vandalism, it was decided the pool will remain empty over this period. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to those who have used our facility in the past.

Absences

Just a reminder that all absences must be phoned or text messaged through on a daily basis. You need to explain why your child is absent. Any unexplained absences at the end of the day will be registered as **truant**. This is in line with the Ministry guidelines.

Crazy Hair Day

CRAZY HAIR DAY is tomorrow. We are looking forward to seeing all of the wacky hair do's. In lieu of money families are encouraged to donate pet food and this will then be passed onto our local SPCA as part of Room 9 and 20's Serving Others inquiry. Thank you for your support.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Once again at the end of this year, we will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the hall on **Thursday 18 December (please note change of date)** between 8.00 – 9.00 am. Children will be in mufti on this day so if you have any second hand items for sale please drop them into the box at the office with your details attached. Each piece of clothing needs to be labeled with your name, phone number and price. Please **do not** use staples to attach details, pins are a good option. **Cash Only.**

School Lunches

Please send your child's lunch orders in an envelope with the correct change.

Can all Push Play Home Challenge cards please returned to school ASAP so every child who has completed these can go into the draw for some prizes.

TEAM NOTICES

Syndicate One News

Many thanks for your *tremendous support* for our **Showcase Assembly** last week. *Thank you also for the positive feedback.* Our inquiry topic is 'serving others', so the money (\$400) raised will be donated to Harold and the Life Education Trust.

Rooms 5, 6, and 7 were very busy 'serving others' last Friday - selling cakes and washing cars! The money raised will also go to Harold and the Life Education Trust.

Please note the following:

There will be no Syndicate One assembly this week.

Return all reading books and library as soon as possible.

Check your child's sunhat and clothing - sometimes children take home other children's items by mistake.

Syndicate Two News

Today is our HUGE performance day for our Xmas Concert.

This afternoon we had a very successful Matinee performance and we are all feeling happy and excited that our final performance is tonight. We can't wait to show you what we have put together.

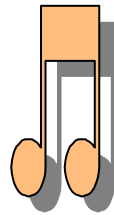
Don't forget all children need to be in their classes NO later than 6.00pm tonight for our 6.30pm performance.

At the conclusion of tonight's performance please remember that the children can only be collected directly from the classroom. This is for the safety of all children.

Thank-you for your support with our Concert. It has been greatly appreciated.

Reminders

- CONCERT DATES & TIMES
- Tonight - Evening performance 6.30pm in the hall.
- We are still on the hunt for any and all school Library books, Home Readers and school resources. The last day to hand in these books was supposed to be last Friday. Your child will now come home with a bill for outstanding books.
- Friday is the Final of "TAPS Has Talent" 11.30am- 12.30pm. Many Syndicate 2 & 3 children entered into this of their own accord. Well done to everyone who had a go and took a risk with their performance.



Syndicate Three News

Syndicate 3 Picnic on the Field

Our Syndicate 3 picnic on the field is scheduled for Wednesday 17 December beginning at 6.00. A fun evening is planned with the children performing songs and speeches plus some performances from children. All family members are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Tuesday our Year 6 children attended the Intermediate for the morning. They had the opportunity to meet their new teacher and spend some time in their class for next year. The children were very excited and were a credit to our school.

As part of our end of year celebrations we would like to invite any parents who have helped our school in any way to attend the Parent morning tea. A note has come home about this. This morning tea is our way of saying a HUGE THANK YOU for your support.

On a more formal note, from the Syndicate 3 team and children we would like to thank those parents who were able to attend our Year 6 graduation. This evening was a bitter sweet end to our year. Many of your children have been at our school for 6 years and it is a privilege to be able to celebrate them and their achievements in a ceremony such as our graduation.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

For Sale

Swan plants. Help feed our butterflies! \$2.50 for 4 healthy plants. All funds to go to TAPS. See J Monk in Room 10.

The Safe and Holiday Club Holiday Programme

We are now taking enrolments for the Christmas holidays. Our numbers are limited. We are OSCAR approved and the WINZ subsidy is available if you are eligible. Our programme includes craft, cooking, music, lots of fun trips and we also have a great selection of toys and games. Please phone Laille on 871 6696 or 027 7278521 for more information.