

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

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STATIONERY

At the end of this month Warehouse Stationery Ltd at Manukau will no longer be selling the stationery packs for our school at the current prices.

Year 0-1 \$8.71 Year 2 \$14.21 Year 3-4 \$12.52 Year 4-5-6 \$14.15 Year 7-8 \$12.17

If you have not yet purchased a stationery pack for your child please do this as soon as possible.

HOMEWORK BAGS

Homework bags will be distributed to all roopu this week. These are for students to bring homework activities to and from school. This might be a book to read, some spelling words or basic facts to practice, a maths game to play, something to write or some questions to ask family members. Homework bags are provided by the school to support learning and are expected to be returned to school regularly. Each roopu will let you know the routines for use and care of the homework bag via an individual notice and our next newsletter.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Students are not permitted to bring bikes or scooters to school as we do not have appropriate storage for these during the school day. If your child brings a bike or scooter to school we will require a parent/caregiver to come and collect it.

The school has a number of small sized bikes that were donated last year. These are used by Year 0-4 classes to teach safe riding as part of our school curriculum. Students are required to wear a helmet and closed-in shoes when riding the school bikes. Occasionally we might hold a special event where students are permitted to bring bikes or scooters - we will let you know of this in advance via the newsletter and an individual notice. At these times we will make special arrangements for storage and safety routines.

ROOPU PŪKEKO ZOO TRIP

Roopu Pūkeko is off to the zoo next Tuesday, 10 March. There is no cost for students but they must return the permission slip. We are travelling by bus and have room for parents to come on the bus with us. Parents, without preschoolers, are welcome. The parent cost is \$10. Remember to bring shoes, lunch, water and a sunhat.

TOROA POLYFEST TRIP

As part of the Roopu Toroa learning focus on sustaining culture and heritage, the students will be attending Polyfest on Friday 20 March. There is no cost for students as the school is covering the \$5 entrance charge. We will be walking to and from the venue. Details and a permission slip have been sent home.

This permission slip must be returned, signed by Friday 28 February as tickets will be purchased on that day. No late permission will be accepted. If you are able to assist with supervision on the day please let one of the Roopu Toroa teachers know that you are available (sorry, no pre-school children).

This is a wonderful opportunity for students.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Our Y6 students enjoyed a highly successful camp last week. Thank you to parent volunteers, Moeroa Pareanga, Ella Stowers, Telea Lee, for your excellent support. Thanks also to our staff who attended camp. Here is what some students said about Year 6 Camp.

- I liked learning about safety in boats. - Codi Falwasser
- I enjoyed trying to surf with a long surfboard. - Quinton McFarland
- Going out deep in the water and doing bombs off the boat was fun. The stack-em challenge was easy for me. I got the most, I got 15. - Joshua Moka
- I felt scared when I jumped off the boat. I felt proud after I achieved it - Clarissa Seufale.
- I liked my cabin. We had a pillow fight when the lights were off. I want to go again. Teina Morunga

YEAR 7 AND 8 TAG

Yesterday we had a fabulous day at the interschool tag competition. Both teams had five games. The boys finished second and the girls finished fourth. Both the boys and the girls' teams have qualified for the Counties competition next Tuesday. Individual notices will be sent home. Congratulations to all our participating players!!

SATURDAY NETBALL

If your child would like to play Saturday netball this season they will need to collect a permission slip from me or the office. It needs to be returned promptly so we can register teams.

I think fees will be similar to previous years - Year 0-4 \$50. Year 5-8 \$60. Fees must be paid before we register any players. We have fabulous new uniforms for the Year 7 & 8 team this year! Anet Conroy

PHONES AND DEVICES

Students are not permitted to have phones or other electronic devices to school as we cannot guarantee the safety of these items during the school day. The school provides a range of digital tools to support student learning, these are available in every classroom. As a school we are continually upgrading and increasing the digital tools available to students. If you wish to get a message to your child please contact the school office and the message will be passed on to your child.

If there is a specific reason that you require your child to have a phone or device before and/or after school please discuss this with the Principal or Deputy Principal so an appropriate arrangement can be made.

Phones or devices brought to school without permission will be kept at the school office until collected by a parent/caregiver.

