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Term 1 Week 8

17th March 2020

Tena Koutou Katoa

Moveathon

What an amazing event the Moveathon was! The photos capture how much fun the kids had! We figure that the children covered more than 1000km in the hour, which is all the way from Palmerston North to Auckland and back again! Room 8 alone, covered more than 250 km!

Huge thanks to the PTA for thinking of such an awesome idea, gathering spot prizes, cooking the sausages, providing the Juicees, lap counters and everything else they did to make the Moveathon such a success.

On Friday we will have a special assembly to draw spot prizes for those who have returned their **sponsorship forms AND money**. The money must be in the PTA account or cash/cheque received at school before Friday morning.

Coronavirus

As you will be aware, over the weekend our Prime Minister increased actions to limit the possible spread of COVID-19. As a school community we need to keep each other safe and our school open as long as possible.

To ensure the safety of our school community we ask that if your child appears to have any flu like symptoms (sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, coughing or temperature) then they **must stay at home**. If any student comes to school with these symptoms we will send your child home.

Please respect any decisions made as we will err on the side of caution not 'she'll be right'. All families who have planned an international trip should follow government advice. Please let us know if you are travelling outside NZ.

Good advice

- **Be aware:** know the symptoms and where to get good information
- **Be vigilant:** keep your children away from school if they are sick.
- **Practice good hygiene:** hand washing and drying, and good cough and sneeze etiquette will prevent spread of a range of bugs.

The Ministry of Health website is the best source of information.

'Little Dog Barking' Theatre

On Friday, Rooms 1 – 4 will attend a show called 'Turn on the Light' which is about not being afraid of the dark. The school will cover the cost for this.

Netball

We're on the lookout for a couple more netball players. We need two more Year 5-6 students, and two more Year 3-4 students to make our teams complete. We're also desperate for another parent to volunteer to coach a Year 3-4 team. 14 kids have signed up, and we've only had one offer to coach - that makes it pretty tough! Please contact us urgently if you are able to help, or your child is able to play.

Turbos

Today we are hosting some of the Manawatu Turbos players who having been taking some Rippa rugby sessions. There's been lots of fun and action on the field!

BOT Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is next Monday 23rd March at 7pm.

Swimming

The pool is now closed for the season. If you have a key, please return this asap. Many thanks.

PTA AGM

The AGM for the PTA will be held **tonight** at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website. Your books are delivered to the classroom as usual. You can still send in cash or cheque orders to the office. Please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic NZ'. See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close **Thursday 26th March**.

After School Care

Because of COVID-19 this proposal is on hold in the meantime. We will revisit this when things have settled down.

Keep safe everyone.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal