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Term 1 Week 3

16th February 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa

Totara Reserve

We had an awesome day last Wednesday! While our plans for Totara Reserve didn't work out, we made the most of it with our change of plans with everyone enjoying the Lido. Special thanks to the parent helpers for providing transport, joining in and supervising.

'Surprise in a Jar'

We are running a 'Surprise in a Jar' stall again for our **Swimathon Gala Day**. We need donations of any size jar filled with a surprise, for example sweets, buttons, pens, chocolate, soaps or toys. The jars are then numbered on the bottom and you can buy a jar at the Gala, however you won't know what number jar you've bought!

You might get a jar of buttons or a jar with \$50 in it!

The class that contributes the highest percentage of jars will win free Ice blocks.
Please take these jars **TO YOUR TEACHER**. Let's get creative and fill up some jars!
(If you don't have a jar with a lid, we have some available at the Office.)

How you can Help our Swimathon Gala

- Keep collecting sponsors from your friends, family and neighbours for the Swimathon. The year 3 student I talked to yesterday has 7 sponsors already!
- Send along a bottle of wine or a box/block of chocolate for the Spinning Wheel. All donations will be gratefully received.
- Think about what you could put in your 'Surprise in a Jar'.
- Mark Friday 19th March on your calendar. Kick off will be 4.30pm and we'll finish about 7.30pm. We will be selling all you could possibly eat for your tea!

School invoices

These will be sent home late this week or early next.

Class Camps

Rooms 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be having their 'Getting to Know You' camps over the next 2 weeks. Rooms 7 and 8 are off to the Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre and Rooms 5 and 6 will be camping in tents at school.

These camps provide opportunities for our students, a broad curriculum. Our thanks to teachers for going above and beyond to make these events a reality.

Halcombe School Triathlon

After the success of our first ever Halcombe School Triathlon in 2020, this event is back! 155 students participated last year, and we think even more will be keen to be involved in 2021. We have designed this event to be all about fun, giving it a go, and it's suitable for all ages. This is a fantastic spectator sport too, so we hope to see lots of parents there, cheering on the kids! Please see the advertisement for more information, or come and see Di if you have any questions. If your child would like to participate, please return the form at the bottom of the newsletter by the end of this week.

Halcombe School Triathlon

3 March 2021
11-12.30pm
run - bike - swim

students must bring:
togs & towel
running shoes
bike & helmet
(make sure the tyres are pumped up)

SIGN UP AND EARN POINTS FOR YOUR HOUSE!

THIS EVENT IS ABOUT GIVING IT A GO AND HAVING FUN!

PARENTS WELCOME

This is an optional event for you to enter.
If you don't have a bike, let us know,
and we might be able to help!

GROUP	RUN DISTANCE	BIKE DISTANCE	SWIM DISTANCE
YEARS 4-2	2 Laps of Pool	2 Laps of Pool	67m
YEARS 4-3	3 Laps of Pool	4 Laps of Pool	67m
YEARS 4-4	4 Laps of Pool	5 Laps of Pool	125m
Year 7 & 8	5 Laps of Pool	8 Laps of Pool	125m

If students cannot swim the distance, they can walk, run or use a flutterboard. Any stroke is acceptable.

Manawatu Swimming Champs

Congratulations to Maggie, Sophie, Ben and Max for their recent outstanding swimming results. They represented Manawatu at the Junior Nationals. Maggie achieved three Top 10 finishes, Max achieved two Top 10 finishes, and everyone swam personal bests in ALL their events. Well done!

Maths Cross Grouping

Next week, some students in the senior team will go to other rooms for maths so that we can best meet their needs. 5 teachers will teach maths to the 4 classes which means teachers have fewer students in their rooms.

3 Way Conferences

These are coming up on 8th, 9th and 10th March. These conferences are really important as we share your child's learning and Key Competency goals with you. All families attend. A notice will come home next week for you to book times.

Sunblock in the Pool

We would like to request that children in Rooms 7 and 8 who swim before interval, apply their sunblock AFTER swimming to help lessen the buildup of sunblock gunge around the edge of the pool! There are some water based sunblocks which wash off in the pool, so please check that you're not using one of these.

Contact Information and Digital Citizenship Agreements

These forms will be sent home today. We need both forms back by Friday 26th February at the latest please. Thank you for your support.



Tent City

Thanks so much to all the families which have let Rooms 5 and 6 use their tents this week! It looks a bit like the local camping ground here, although a bit soggy this morning!

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

TRIATHLON (return form to the office by this Friday 19 February)

I/We am signing up for the triathlon! **ONE** notice per family please.

Full Name: _____ Year _____

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Signed: _____ Date: _____