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Anyone sick of the weather yet? The students are coping remarkably with the limited opportunity to play outside and are 'dodging the raindrops' to train for cross country – what a hardy bunch of kids we have.

Thank you parents for your understanding in enabling the teachers to attend the writing moderation workshop with other schools from the cluster – this was very worthwhile and we are going to meet a second time to finish our discussions – next time we will avoid closing the school early.

Term 3 Activity Updates

Gymnsport. This week is also a hive of activity. We wish the hip-hop troop the best of luck tomorrow as they compete at Gymfest and to Sophia, Grace and Jess for their gymnastics routines. Thank you to Wendy and Maxine for supervising and transporting our students. Go FMG !!!

People Savers First Aid Course. On Wednesday Merepea will accompany senior students to Ahititi for this first aid course.

Literacy Quiz. Study is progressing with students now studying Picture Books.

Notices for Parents

Friday's Trips. With two separate trips to Town this Friday (juniors and seniors) we appreciate the offers of transport but still need more. If you are able to help please let Jackie know as soon as possible. Everyone will be leaving school at 8.30 am and returning about 3.30 pm.

Surveys and Documentation

The responses for the Health Curriculum Survey have been collated and a summary of the results is attached. Generally families are very happy with the existing components of the current Health Curriculum.

The Decile Review forms have been collated and sent to the Ministry. We will be informed of the outcome in the fourth Term.

Attached to today's newsletter is a personal information update sheet. In case of emergency we need the most up-to-date contacts possible – current names and phone numbers please.

Stationery Accounts. There is outstanding stationery account money. Could this please be settled with the office as soon as possible?

September 26th. Vicki Coll is visiting for a session and students will be making soup and home made bread. Then Sharon Holt will be our guest for The Duffy Role Model Assembly at 1.30 pm, so please mark this date in your diary now. Sharon is an author of several books and should be an interesting speaker. This is her profile:
As a child growing up in Auckland, Sharon Holt's favourite place was the local library. She loved reading because it took her to so many different places, just by turning the pages of a book. That love of reading turned into a dream to become a children's author – but the dream wasn't fulfilled until Sharon was 40 years old and living in Kihikihi. Her life as a mother, teacher and journalist was so busy that Sharon had actually forgotten her dream – until she started reading to her two small children each night.

Suddenly, she remembered what she was meant to be doing. There was no time to waste, so Sharon started sending stories off to publishers. You might know her Ready to Read books called No, Skipper and Skipper's Happy Tail. She also wrote a book about how to make up jokes. And she's written two books in the My Story series about New Zealand history. For the last five years, Sharon has been following an even bigger dream: writing and publishing Te Reo Singalong books. (She has a great understanding and love for the language but is not yet a fluent speaker of Te Reo Maori.) She now lives under the mountain in gorgeous Te Aroha and is really looking forward to meeting you and sharing her passion for reading, writing and following your dreams.

<http://tereosingalong.co.nz/>

Roopu Standings & Certificates

No certificates were issued last week due to early Friday closure last Friday. Roopu points will carry over and will be collated for the next assembly.



Daffodil Day. Each year we decide to support 2 charities and this Thursday we will be collecting for Daffodil Day. It would be great of each family could

make a gold coin donation which we will pass on to the Cancer Society.

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Dates for this Term

Aug	22 nd	Gymfest
	23 rd	People Savers First Aid course @ Ahititi for Year 4-8 students
	25 th	Juniors trip to Puki Ariki Seniors Taranaki Arts Festival Trip to NP
Sept	1 st	Tainui Cross Country @Mimi
	8 th	Cross Country Postponement date
	11 th	Home and School Meeting 7.00 pm
	13 th	Piopia sports photos
	20 th	BOT Meeting 7.00 pm
	22 nd	Tainui Speech Finals @ Whareorino
	25 th	Life Ed Van
	26 th	Vicki Coll visit - healthy eating Duffy Role Model Assembly
	28 th	Literacy Quiz @Te Kuiti Primary
	29 th	Last day of term

Agricultural Days

Our Pet Day will be held on the first Wednesday Term 4 with group day on Thursday the same week. If students haven't already done so, they will soon be choosing their animals. Remember, goats must be born after 1st July, calves and lambs after 1st August.

LIC Calf Club Art Competition. LIC's website www.calfclub.co.nz provides valuable information on selecting, rearing and training a calf for Pet Day. There is an art competition with some great prizes up for grabs. Entries close on 16th October. Check out their website for details.

Community Notices

Girls' and Boys' Brigade. Girl's and Boys' Brigade will be on as usual on August 22nd. There will be no Girls' and Boys' Brigade on August 29th, then back to normal in September. Enquiries to Shane 7529124, or Dorothy Lowry 7529123.

Toy Library Book Sale. The junior room, in particular our special needs students, use toys from the New Plymouth Toy Library. The Toy Library is currently collecting books for a book fair to raise funds to purchase new toys for the library. If anyone has any (good condition) books to donate there is a donation box at school.

Mahoenui Pig Hunt

This year is the 10th Mahoenui Pig Hunt, this is on the Saturday 9th September. Heaps of prizes up for grabs in the kids critters category !! Anyone can enter the main draw and there are spot prizes worth \$1000's. More details on the Mahoenui Hall facebook page. Please if you have any questions, feel free to contact Zoe Ruddle on 07 2821871

Dotterel Defenders Protect me @ Mohakatino

Did you know there are only about 2000 NZ dotterel/tūturiwhatu and that a pair nested at Mohakatino Estuary last summer?



- Nesting NZ dotterel are highly vulnerable to disturbance from people, vehicles & dogs.
- NZ dotterel nest in the sand above the high tide line.
- Eggs & chicks can be easily crushed or eaten if the adults are away from the nest.

Help avoid disturbance during breeding season:

Please stay below the high tide line August to March



Waitara WHANAU

FUN DAY

27th August 2017
Clifton Park, Waitara

FREE ADMISSION 10AM UNTIL 3PM

Three-Legged Race
Potato Sack Racing
Train Rides
Tug 'o' War
Fire Brigade Display

Bouncy Castle
Pony Rides
Egg & Spoon Racing
Free Sausage Sizzle
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