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Talohani, Talofa Koutou, Namaste, Salaam, Sawasdee, Hallo Allemaal,
Nihao, Sidaytahay, Konichi wa, Ayubowan, Greetings!

Dear parents

Term 2 is rapidly coming to an end, and we have so much learning to squeeze into the last few weeks. Teachers are furiously working on completing the mid-year reports and these demonstrate just how hard teachers are working to give our children (your children!) a good quality education. We really hope that you'll be able to come along to our Meet the Teacher Parent consultation meetings in the last week of school so that we strengthen the way we work together to keep improving the quality of education!

So far, we've managed to survive the winter and the wet weather, although it is supposed to get worse. The children have their Kids Can coats and are wearing these with pride. Thank you to parents for helping the children to take good care of them. A few parents have commented on the younger children sitting on the floor at assembly time, especially when the floor is wet. We've discussed this with our senior staff member and decided to buy some more mats so that children wipe their feet carefully before entering the hall. If parents would like to provide their children with their own cushions, that is fine – please make sure that these are named! On singing assembly days, if the weather is really wet, the Whau team teachers may decide not to go to assembly. We'll see how this plan works, so if you would like to give us some feedback, we'll be glad to hear from you!

A birthday treat

Zion in Room 3 had a birthday recently and his family brought in some pizzas to share with the class. Here is one person's comment.

It was Zion's birthday. He had gummy pizza and he had real pizza. By Jackson, R3, Y1

Jackson completed this work all by himself, and was the first person in his class to finish this report. He talked about 'gummy' pizza and explained that it smelled like strawberries. Sounds great, certainly mouthwatering!



AVONDALE CHRISTIAN CENTRE
"A heart for all people" "A church for all nations"

Meeting every Sunday, 10.30am in the Rosebank School Hall, a multi-cultural, contemporary, friendly church serving your community: Crèche, Children's programmes, Regular youth programmes: All enquiries phone 820-0411

ESOL experiences

All children learn through experiences, by doing. Having practical experience is particularly important for our children who are learning English as they are able to put names to what they are seeing and doing, and make connections between what they know in their home language and English. In our last newsletter Miss Hedstrom's ESOL children's visit to Bunnings was featured. The children shared their learning at our assembly last week, and even showed their planter boxes. Here is another report from Miss Hedstrom.

In our ESOL class the children have been learning about composting and worm farms as part of our recycling unit. This week we decided to get 'up close and personal' with the worms. We took some worms out of the worm farm and, using a magnifying glass, we observed and then sketched the worms. Some children even touched the worms with their bare hands!

You can see the video of the children working with the worms on their blog – this is really interesting. <http://room8rosebank2017.blogspot.co.nz>

Matariki

Matariki is the Maori name for the star cluster known as Pleiades and it signals the start of the Maori New Year. In the early 2000s Te Taura Whiri I te reo Maori (Maori Language Commission), the Ministry of Education and the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, became involved in the revival of Matariki celebrations. Matariki is due to begin on 25 June in 2017.

We have been celebrating Matariki here at school for many years, and Whaea Rebecca, Whaea Carolyn and Whaea Bella are planning special activities for us once again. At our school assembly on Friday 30 June Te Whanau team will be hosting a very special assembly – please come along and join us at 9:15am.

Parent Teacher meetings

Our mid-year meetings with parents will be held on **Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 July, from 3:00pm until 6:00pm**. We hope that you will be able to come along and meet with your child's teacher so that you can share important information about your child's achievements during this first half of the year. This is also an opportunity to talk about what your child's learning goals will be for the second half of the year. **School will close at 2:30pm** on both days so that our teachers have a wee break before starting their meetings. Please bring your child with you so that you can both talk with the teacher.

Other special parent meetings

Mrs Van Neikerk is planning another series of Reading Together meetings for next term. Reading Together is a very special programme where parents learn all sorts of interesting ways to support their children's learning, and have the chance to practice with their own children. These meetings are fun as well as informative, so we hope that some of the families of our Y1-3 children will be able to attend. Sessions have a maximum number of parents, so first in, first accepted. Mrs Van Neikerk will be sending out further information, but keep these dates free and look forward to some great learning. Here are the dates.

Tuesday 15 August
Tuesday 29 August

Tuesday 22 August
Tuesday 19 September

Mrs Van Neikerk is also planning another meeting for our Mutukaroa parents where some of our new parents can meet up to learn more about how we assess children when they first come to school, and how we share useful and fun resources with our families so that they can use these at home to support their children's learning. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 10 August**. We'll provide more details soon.

School holidays

Term 2 finishes at 3:00pm on Friday 7 July. During the holidays there are many things that families can do to help maintain children's learning. On the children's reports you'll find ideas that are useful and easily achieved. We wish all of our families a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing you all again in Term 3.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

School holidays are just around the corner, and Animates has the perfect activity to help keep the children entertained and informed. Your local store will be hosting free workshops at **11am** on **Thursday 13 & 20 July**. The sessions will introduce children to the skills they need to be a nurturing pet owner. This school holidays the focus will be on teaching children on the essentials on caring for fish or reptiles including how much to feed them, how to decorate and maintain their housing and the signs of a happy and healthy pet!

Answering all of those scaly questions such as "Do fish sleep?", "How do I hold a lizard?", the workshops will include interactive activities - face painting, activity booklets and a colouring-in competition. There will also be the opportunity to ask the in-store experts for advice, and children who complete the workshop will take home a certificate at the end to proudly display on their wall or fridge.

Although bookings aren't necessary, the events are usually well attended so it's advisable to arrive early.

Kind regards

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Heather Bell

Principal



COMING EVENTS....

Monday 26 June	Matariki celebrations begin Photolife Studios at school to take class photographs
Thursday 29 June	Y3/4 Football tournament 9:30am Family Forward Budgeting meeting 1:00pm Middle team cake stall
Friday 30 June	school assembly hosted by Te Whanau 1:45pm Bubblegum Dance Crew
Monday 3 July	9:30am middle school speech competition finals 11:30am Y5/6 speech competition finals
Tuesday 4 July	Road patrol training
Wednesday 5 July	school closes 2.30pm , parent interviews start 3.00pm to 6:00pm
Thursday 6 July	school closes 2.30pm , parent interviews start 3.00pm to 6:00pm
Friday 7 July	1:45pm Warriors assembly 3:00pm school closes for Term 2
Monday 24 July	Term 3 starts