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**Current Roll: 499**

**Important Safety Message:** Every morning and afternoon we have noticed parents taking their children across the road outside the school without using the designated crossing. We have been teaching the children that the safest way across the road is using the crossing and would ask that you help to reinforce this by using the crossing yourself.

**Carparks:** *DO NOT USE THE FRONT AND BACK CARPARKS WHEN DROPPING YOUR CHILDREN OFF OR PICKING THEM UP.* THE LAST THING ANYONE WANTS IS TO HAVE A CHILD HIT BY A CAR AND HAVING PARENTS' CARS ENTERING AND LEAVING CREATES A HUGE HAZARD FOR YOUR CHILDREN. **THE CARPARKS ARE FOR STAFF VEHICLES ONLY.**

**Class/Portrait Photos:** The photographers will be at the school on Tuesday 20 August. Your child should have brought home the photo order form and these need to be returned to the school no later than Monday 19 August.

**Chocolate Fundraising:** Thank you to everyone who has paid for the chocolates they sold on behalf of the school. Please pay any outstanding amounts by the end of this week.

**Y7/8 Technicraft Fees:** Our Year 7 students will be attending the technicraft sessions at Te Atatu Intermediate throughout Terms 3 & 4. If you have not already done so would you please pay their fees at the office? The cost is \$12.50 per term and can be paid in full or in instalments. We still have a number of outstanding fees still owing from Year 8 students. Please organise to have these fees paid as soon as possible. If you pay \$2.50 per week, the fees will be paid off in 10 payments.

**Naming of Uniforms:** We ask that you name all uniform items as soon as possible. We have a large number of lost uniforms handed in each week and – while we endeavour to return them to their rightful owners – this is impossible if they are not named. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Play Pods:** We are in the process of setting up 'scrap-store play pods'. If you google 'play pods' it will give you an idea of the kinds of materials we are looking for. The idea behind this is to encourage imaginative learning through play and will take place during morning tea and lunch.

**'Get Aquafied' Water in Schools Campaign:** We have partnered with PromoKing, in conjunction with Aqua Synergy Group to sell quality, reusable bottles to families and the community. The campaign launch will take place on 02 September and run until 27 September. Bottles will be delivered in Term 4 and cost \$19.95 each. Part of the cost of each bottle will be donated to Kidney Kids/Kids Can and for fundraising towards our Hall. More information will be sent home soon.

**Mid-term Break:** The school will be closed on Monday 02 September for mid-term break. Please make a note of this date.

**Important Dates**

*Tuesday 20 August* – Class and portrait photos

*Saturday 24 August* – Final netball games, followed by the prize-giving

*Friday 30 August* – Fathers' Day breakfast. More information to come

*Monday 02 September* – **Mid-term break, school closed**

**CHILDREN'S WORK – From now on we will be including a selection of fabulous work from one of our students. Today's student is Jamie H, Year 4 from Room 2**

I'm at my house and it is at least 9.30 because I get to have a late and special night tonight. I am watching television and just then my dad walks into the lounge room and asks me 'What would you like to have for dessert tonight?' I want to respond, but it is so hard to choose between an ice-block or ice-cream. So I reply 'I don't know...' I just was about to say ice-block but then my dad said 'OK, I've decided you can have whatever you want to have.' I suddenly perk up a bit. Then I tilt my head a little. I run into the kitchen. I get all the tubs of ice-cream, an ice-block, the milo, a spoon and best of all... the frozen berries! I am so excited I nearly trip! I scramble to my feet and scoop the ice-cream, pour all the frozen mixed berries, put lots of milo on and mix it all up! It is so tempting to just shove my face into it! It is sooooo appetizing! I slump back into my favourite lazy-boy rocking chair and suddenly feel very blissful. It was delicious!