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Current Roll: 507

The end of Term 3 is fast approaching. Your children's teachers are working on their reports and these will be sent home to you early in Week 1 of Term 4.

School Discos: These are being held this Friday 20 September. Manuka and Rimu will be having their disco between 2.00 and 3.00 pm and can wear their disco clothes to school. Please collect your children from their classrooms. The other disco is being held between 5.30 and 7.00 pm and is for Years 3-6, plus invited Year 7/8 students. Those invited students have been issued with a permission slip today and this needs to be signed and returned to the school, along with the payment for the disco. Cost for both discos is \$2 per child. The theme for the discos is LOUD SHIRT.

Aquafy Yourself: The new bottles are now available and can be seen at the school office. The forms were sent home last week and you can either order online or come into the office. You can use the following link: aquainschools.co.nz/school-orders/

Lemons: To help the Pohutukawa1 learning team with an enviro project, we would appreciate it if you could send along any spare lemons you may have. They can be dropped off at the school office.

Collecting Children from the Office: Whether it is during school time or after school, please come into the office. We need to know that children have been collected by parents or caregivers and need to see them leave. We would also like to remind you that the office closes at 3.15 pm and all children need to be collected by this time. If you are going to be later than 3.15 pm, we will take your children up to the after school care programme – **there will be a fee associated with this.**

PARKING: As we have requested previously, please DO NOT use the school carparks when dropping off or collecting your children. This creates a danger for any children who are crossing the carparks and we have had one accident involving a pedestrian and others involving vehicles. We do not want to have anyone seriously injured because of people who do not see them when reversing.

The same applies to the carparks outside the Manutewhau Hub at the front of the school. These carparks are for Hub users only and are not to be used for dropping off or collection of children. The staff who run the Hub have had some quite confrontational conversations with parents who don't seem to want to walk their children along the road. Again, this is a carpark for the Hub only, not for the school.

WE DO NOT APOLOGISE FOR PUTTING CHILDREN'S SAFETY FIRST.

Updating of Contact Details: If you have a change in your contact details – phone number, address, new contacts, etc – it is essential to let the school know. In the event of an emergency we need to be able to contact parents/caregivers.

Future Enrolments: To help us with planning, would you please let us know if you have a child who will be turning 5 in the next 6 months? If you know of any neighbours or friends, within our zone, who have small children would you please pass this message along to them?

Important Dates

Friday 20 September – School discos. Manuka & Rimu 2.00-3.00 pm; Year 3-6 and invited Year 7/8 students 5.30-7.00 pm.
Friday 27 September – Final day of Term 3, school closes at 3.00 pm
Monday 14 October – First day of Term 4