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Current Roll: 503

Welcome to the beginning of Term 4 and the run-up to Christmas. Undoubtedly this term will pass as quickly as the rest of the year has done and we look forward to warming weather and the opening of the school pool as soon as conditions allow.

New Front Gate System: For security reasons, we have had our front pedestrian gates changed. They will be open during the usual arrival and departure times at school and will be locked from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm every day. If you arrive between these times just press the white button on the gate and the lock will be released by the office. Just listen for a small click, indicating that the gates are unlocked. To release the gates when you are leaving the school there is a white button on the old dental clinic. Please close the gate behind you.

Reports: Your child's report will be sent home this Thursday. We would like to ask that you sit down with your child to read the report and to discuss it with them. We will be including a feedback sheet with the report and would appreciate it if you could fill it in and return it to the office. Your feedback is very important to us and is used as one of the tools for our planning for next year.

Shakeout Drill: We will be holding a shakeout drill (earthquake practice) this Thursday, 17 October, at 2.00 pm. The children will all receive instruction on what they should do in an earthquake and we will then hold the drill.

Aquafy Yourself: The competition cut-off date is this Friday, you can continue to put your order in for a bottle or bottles after this date. You can use the following link: aquainschools.co.nz/school-orders/

Camps: It's not too long until the Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 camps. The Year 5/6 camp will be taking place from Wednesday 06 November until Friday 08 November and will be followed by the two Year 3/4 camps. Rooms 1,2 & 4 will be going to camp on Wednesday 13 November and returning on Thursday 14 November. Rooms 12, 13 & 14 will be going to camp on Thursday 14 November and returning on Friday 15 November. The last day for payment for the Year 3/4 camp is this Friday, 18 October and for the Year 5/6 camp it is Friday 25 October.

Book Fair: We are holding our first book fair in several years this term, running from 31 October until 08 November. More information will be sent home to you in the next week.

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

Week 1 – Reports sent home, including feedback sheets

Thursday 17 October – Shakeout practice, 2.00 pm

Monday 28 October – Labour Weekend, school closed

Thursday 31 October – Start of Book Fair Week

Wednesday 06 November – Friday 08 November – Year 5/6 camp

Wednesday 13 November – Rooms 1, 2, 3 to camp, returning on Thursday 14 November

Thursday 14 November – Rooms 12, 13 & 14 to camp, returning on Friday 15 November