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Hi Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to another great term at Paekakariki School. We hope that you enjoyed the swimming sports, triathlon, photographic exhibition and of course all of the great work in the classroom. This term is shaping up to continue at a fast pace with speeches, cross country, netball and all the other things we try to fit into our day. We are here to help and support. Please ask if you need anything.

**WINTER FLU AND COLDS**

In view of the concerns regarding outbreaks of swine influenza the Ministry of Health is suggesting practical and common sense steps to stop the spread of any type of virus:

- Stay at home and away from others if you are sick
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- Put used tissues into a rubbish bin
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth – germs spread that way
- Be careful to wash hands often with soap and dry them thoroughly – hand hygiene is critical; even when you start to feel better there is still a risk of infecting others, so keep to the 20/20 rule – 20 seconds washing and 20 seconds drying

- Keep surfaces clean at home, school and work

**WEBSITE**

Remember go to our website for any information you might need. There is also a full term programme there.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION**

There are still some photos for sale and these can be viewed in the library.

**BOILER CONVERSION**

We now have a fully converted boiler and have at last stepped away from coal. We now run on wood pellets which are clean burning and carbon footprint free. We have also noticed a huge improvement in efficiency which is excellent. There is still a small amount of coal available (6-8 bags) for a donation to the school.

**LION FOUNDATION**

We have been lucky to receive a \$10000 grant from the Lion Foundation for an additional 10 laptops. Many thanks to the Lion Foundations for this funding.

**SCHOOL DONATIONS**

It is still not too late to pay your school donation. They are \$80 per family or \$55 for one child. You can either pay by direct credit into our bank account 12-3157-0060232-00 or we have EFTPOS available. We also accept the old fashioned methods of cash or cheque. Thanks to the families who have paid already.

### NETBALL DRAW 2 MAY

Time	Team		Team	Court
9:00	Paek Pango	vs	RSS Lightning G	4
8:30	Paek Kakariki	vs	KK Embers	9
11:30	Paek Whero	vs	Kapanui B	2
11:30	Para Asteroids	vs	Paek Kowhai	

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

L.C. Scott photographers will be at school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9 o'clock to take class and individual photographs. Envelopes will be distributed to each child next week. If you would like a photograph please fill in the required information and return the envelope with money back to school before the 19<sup>th</sup> May.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Next week we are sending out with the oldest child from each family a copy of the Entertainment book. We are asking families to either buy it or sell it. They are great books offering discounts at restaurants, entertainment and leisure activities. They sell for \$55 each of which school gets \$11. As we have stated before if you **don't want** your child to bring one home to sell would you please contact the school and let us know. Thanks for your support.

### HEAD LICE

Head lice had made an appearance at our school once again. They are an annoying nuisance and will not go away by themselves. The good news is there are some things you and your family can

do to help. It is recommended that the following instructions be carried out.

- Check every week. During out breaks check daily.
- Check behind the ears, on the crown and around the hair line at the back of the neck.
- Brush hair every evening to reduce head lice numbers and use a fine comb on wet hair.
- Treat if you find live insects or eggs within 1 cm of the scalp.
- Follow the instructions carefully with the treatment you choose.

### FRIDAY LUNCHESES

**Pies: Steak & Cheese, Mince or Potato Top. \$2.50**

**Sausage Rolls: \$1.50**

**Wraps: Mince and Cheese or Butter Chicken. \$3.00**

**Pizza: Hawaiian: \$2.00**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

- Keep fit classes. Monday and Wednesdays at 6:30 – 7:45 at the Scout Hall Campbell Park. Keep fit helps you to maintain flexibility while toning tummies and bums and also gain muscular strength. Will help you with all other sporting activities. Come for 30 minutes to start. All classes begin with low impact, full body workout. Phone Wineke 2928995
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Chatham Island/Paekakariki Sports and Cultural Exchange. Anyone who is missing plates, oven dishes call Phillipa on 9057198. Also found were a pair of mitre shin pads and some light pink children's prescription glasses. Thanks again for the effort.
- Anyone interested in trumpet lessons please call Phillipa on 9057198