

Ko Rāpare, tekau mā rima o Here-turi-kōkā : Thursday 15 August 2019

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Tena koutou katoa, Welcome

At last the rain paused for our school rugby team to play. Yesterday we were visited by Fairfield School to challenge us in a 10-a-side tackle rugby game. Our team has been practising for over two terms and have been eager to display their skills. It was especially pleasing for our students who have never played rugby before which is over two thirds of our team. Taking risks, having passion, team-work and a lot of practise was at the forefront of their success. Apologies for the early start; this was totally unexpected.

Thank you to Pam and Tyrone who are coaching our team and to the parents who have worked hard converting their soccer sons to rugby sons.

This week our juniors have been learning the skills needed to play cricket. It has been great having Bailey Te Tomo from Horowhenua-Kapiti Cricket promoting cricket at Levin North School.



Road Patrol

A huge 'thank you' to our student road patrollers. This winter has seen them face the challenges of the weather but they continue to keep their fellow students safe. Special thank you to Fiona, Diana and John who have volunteered to support these students and help free up teachers before and after school. We welcome any new volunteers.

Camp Fundraising

Sausage Sizzle and Spiders this Friday (tomorrow), Room 12 and 14 are fundraising. Sausages and Spiders will be for sale. We are trying to reduce our recycling so the Spiders will require your child to bring a re-useable cup.

Sausages are \$2 and Spiders \$1. Our last effort raised over \$400. This was an amazing effort by Room 12 , Room 14 and their helpers.



Maths at our house: games

One of the most successful ways of engaging children in mathematical thinking is to play a game with them. The playing is the fun part and the game is the place where the learning or the practicing takes place. The wonderful thing about games is that it is also a fun time spent together. Playing games provides positive experiences and helps to boost confidence when children experience success.

Usually when we think of “maths games” we think of card or dice games designed to practice basic facts but there are many other types of games that build confidence and understanding in lots of areas of mathematics. The quick practice type of basic fact games are available through <http://www.nzmaths.co.nz/number-knowledge-activities> and <http://www.nzmaths.co.nz/resources-students>. A search online for “maths games” can provide you with lots of interactive games or printouts of simple board games using dice and counters.



When Children are Unwell

Many illnesses are infectious, meaning they can be spread easily from one person to another. To stop sicknesses from spreading, it is important for you to keep your child at home when they are ill, and not let them come to school. How long they should be home depends on what illness they have.

When your child catches an illness, there will be an incubation period before they show symptoms. Some illnesses are infectious before symptoms show; some are infectious even after symptoms have disappeared. The [Infectious Diseases table](#) on the HealthEd website describes the symptoms and exclusion periods for some common childhood illnesses - <https://www.health.govt.nz/>

School App: Did you know we have a school app? This is used to remind parents of upcoming events and sharing application forms. We also use Facebook and have a school website along with weekly newsletters.

The new School Stream update has been released on the Apple and Google Play Store. Here are the instructions for the Apple App Store (<https://goo.gl/mvC9as>) and the Google Play Store (<https://goo.gl/XCgkL1>). To get the most out of the app features, we recommend registering an account so you can easily manage the content the school sends through. To register an account, go to the side menu via the top-left corner and click on "Log-in". This is a quick and easy process that will require your first and last name, and a mobile number, email, or Facebook account authorisation. Once you have registered your account, you will be able to access all of the new app features which will be highlighted in the welcome video which is displayed within the app.



FREE chairs (old) available Friday after school from Room 4. Small koha gratefully accepted - to be given to Andrea in the office please.

