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Term 1 Week 11

12th April 2016

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Rippa Rugby

Last week, more than 50 children took part in Rippa Rugby Tournaments. Thanks to all those who provided transport and came along to support the teams.

'Rippa Rugby was really exciting, because we got to play against teams from other schools. It was an amazing experience. We had a couple of close scores and one big win. Everyone had a chance to have the ball and everyone enjoyed it. The referees were fair and we really liked ripping tags off other players. Our coaches were really good and helped us concentrate on working as a team. Everyone was playing fair and all the teams were good sports, so we enjoyed playing them. Rippa Rugby was a great thing to do and we hope we get to play again next year.' *Written by Hugo and Mitchell*

Main Road bus

A FINAL reminder for students who use the Main Road bus to get their new tickets organised. The cost is \$80 for the term. A reminder that we do not have EFTPOS at the school but online payments to account 01 0625 0106729 00 are most welcome.

Junior Team: Rooms 1,2,7 and 8 Reminder

Dress up and shared lunch day is on **Thursday** this week, with the Theme of 'Animals'. Please send shared finger food to school. Name any containers to be returned. Mums, Dads, Nana, Pops etc. are welcome to join us at 12.30 pm for lunch. Please see your class teacher if you need further details.

Student Council Event

Wednesday 13th April
Week 11

COLOUR DAY

Come dressed in your favourite colour! Be creative and get ready to have some fun!

Spiders \$2



No pre-ordering, just buy them on the day. Spiders are vanilla ice-cream with fizzy drink - yum!

All money will be used to buy PE gear for the people of Fiji, who are recovering from Cyclone Winston. If you would like to donate any extra money to this cause, please bring it on Colour Day too.

Proudly brought to you by the Student Council



Celebrating Writing

It was the last hole. I was very excited and nervous. Boom! I hit the ball past the poles and into the enclosed space where the hole was. The ball ricocheted furiously like a bouncy ball jumping off walls. Was I going to get a hole in one? No. But I putted it in for two and won the mini golf tournament! *(Jock age 8)*

(After 'The Minstrel Show') Do not put rubbish in the sea, because it is killing the sea birds and there are hardly any left. The chicks are dying too, because their mothers just see the plastic and think it's food. They pick it up, and before they know, they have fed it to their chicks and the chicks die. It is sad for their mothers and us too. At a nesting ground in the South Island, all the chicks were dead. All the kids think it is sad. *(Madi age 6)*

Board of Trustees Election 2016

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 (five) parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on 20th May 2016 and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on 3rd June 2016.

Board of Trustees News

The Board of Trustees met last week and a range of topics were discussed.

- Discussions regarding the proposed Enrolment Zone are continuing with Ministry of Education. We hope to have this finalised shortly.
- Summaries of the Maths and Reading Comprehension PATs (Progressive Achievement Test) were reviewed. Reading is particularly strong, with 83% of students in Years 4 – 8 at or above average, compared to 77% nationally. We thank the teachers for all their hard work in achieving these results.
- The Annual Plan for Writing Development was presented. The plan is very comprehensive and we look forward to seeing the results later in the year.
- There has been some coverage in the media recently regarding the updated Health and Safety at Work Act. We will be reviewing our policies to see how this affects the obligations of the school.
- The current phone system is no longer reliable and cannot be fixed. The Board agreed to install a new phone system.

Lisa Poulsen for the Board of Trustees

Technology Fee

Technology fees for Year 7 – 8 children are \$50 per student. Payment is due by Wednesday 4th May (the first week next term).



Feilding Interschool Athletics

Yesterday, a large number of our children attended the Feilding Interschool Athletics Day. Our team performed exceptionally well, with many placing in the top 3. Another highlight was coming second in the relay. A great day was had by all. Our thanks go to Di Simpson and Cara Howie for looking after our team, the parents who provided transport and support and Lytton Street School, for hosting the day. We are looking forward to this event being run again next year.

Photos: Kai concentrating on his run, Sarah jumping in the long jump and our school team



Start of Term

Term 2 begins on Monday 2nd May. We hope all of our children have a wonderful holiday.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Feilding Public Library School Holiday Programmes

All information will be on the Feilding Library website www.feildinglibrary.co.nz and our Facebook page.

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5th Anniversary of iBike4Kids – a fun event for kids who just love being out on their bikes. Sunday May 22, 2016. Victoria Esplanade, Palmerston North. Enter Online - www.ibike4kids.co.nz

COST is \$15.00! All participants get a medal and a goody bag. Events Start at 10:00 am All ages up to 15 years. If you can ride a bike, you can enter. Easy, medium and long courses and **NEW for 2016** a 'Balance bike – 3-5 year olds' section on a shorter course, for only \$10 (and they get a medal and goody bag too).

T-SHIRTS available to order at time of entry. Loads of cool spot prizes up for grabs. Schools' participation prizes up for grabs.

More info at www.ibike4kids.co.nz or www.facebook.com/IBike4kids