Newsletter #16 8th November 2019

TE TAU O AROHANU

UP COMING EVENTS

Term 4 Dates

Mount Biggs School: Friday 22nd November Junior Prize-giving: (Rooms 2, 4, 9, 7 & 8) : Monday 16th December at our school hall, 1:30pm start

Senior Prize-giving: (Rooms 3, 6, 5 & 1): Tuesday 17th December at our school hall, 12:30pm start

Y8 poroporoaki/Last Day of the Year: Wednesday 18th December, 9am start

School finishes at 12pm sharp!

LIFE IS FULL OF GIVE AND TAKE. GIVE THANKS AND TAKE NOTHING FOR <u>GRANTED.</u>

TheGoodQuote

The year of Great-LOVE



He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa—A very warm greeting to you all!

A huge congratulations to the group of children who represented James Cook School last week at our cluster cross-country competition in Hunterville. The weather was absolutely amazing and a huge congratulations to Vernon Sio who placed a very credible 2nd in the Year 6 boys category! Thanks to the parents, helpers and Mr Bell for supporting our children!

A huge well done to the three classrooms (Room 2, 3 & 6) who hosted our first assembly for the term. What a great celebration of our school and our RICHER core culture on display.

A reminder now that the sun is out more frequently that sunhats are a necessary part of our school uniform. We have given out spares to those who do not have their own but if we have run out or a child has forgotten their hat, they will be expected to play in the shade. Our school has a number of new stands for a school supply of sun protection cream. It is an expectation that parents/guardians provide necessary sun care protection for their child/ren before they leave for school every morning and when needed, children can replenish with the cream provided free at school.

We have a number of different events coming up soon and teachers are busy writing school reports. Remember to say thanks to our fabulous staff who work day in, day out at our amazing school. Timu Niwa

SCHOOL INFORMATION

STUDENT ABSENCES – You can text your child's absent message to 027 758 5514, call the school office at 06 327 8229 or notify us via our school app.

RICHER CORE CULTURE

The following students were drawn out of the Core Culture card award chest for demonstrating one or more of our RICHER values. Thankyou for choosing to be a RICHER person.

> <u>25/10/2019 RICHER RECIPIENTS</u> Ben Lane Jayden Hamilton Kate Lofia-Sue

1/11/2019 RICHER RECIPIENTS

Karla Chapman Phillip MacDonald-Rice Vitana Elia Jacob Seigafo Aaron Groves-Cassidy

KAI KETE RECIPIENTS YUM!! YUM!! YUM!!

25/19/2019 Spring, Tamihana-Graham, Taueki-Katene/Mahauariki, Lowrie, Hulme, Richardson & Katene Rakatairi-Jetson families

1/11/2019 Faeltaogo/Singh/Viliamu, Woodley/Herron, MacDonald-Rice & Rauhihi



STUDENT ABSENCES

There are a number of parents/ caregivers who Mrs Rooke and Mrs Stewart have to chase up when children are absent from school. This is very time consuming and could all be helped if parents and guardians remember to contact the school when a child will not be at school.

It is a Ministry of Education requirement that the school is made aware of the reason children are absent on any given day at school. Please let our fab office staff know whether your child is absent due to medical reasons or due to some other explanation. If parents/guardians do not provide a reason, children will be coded as being 'TRUANT' which is the default code for when no explanation is given.

Thank you for your co-operation!

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL EARLY:

Thanks to those who read the last newsletter about some children arriving at school extremely early—some were arriving as early at 7am!

There are a small group of children who are in charge of Breakfast Club and those who are part of the Running Club that are expected early. Please be mindful children should not be arriving that early unless there is a specific reason to do so and that staff are not all at school until 8:30 am at the latest to supervise.

Thanks for your continuing support.