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16th August 2017
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## Messages from our Principal

Greetings Everyone
Thank you all very much for making alternative arrangements for your children on Monday.
We had an outstandingly valuable teacher Professional Development day focusing on mathematics teaching.
The day was attended by all 18 of our full-time teachers, our 8 teacher aides, 5 part-time and relieving teachers and 5 student teachers.
Everyone learnt a great deal, and we look forward to this new knowledge being used in our teaching programmes.

Board of Trustees News
The Board of Trustees has been very busy behind the scenes supporting our great school. Highlights of this month's meeting are:

- Approval to proceed with the Bikes in Schools Programme including the development of a cycle track, provision of cycles and helmets, a storage facility and staff training on implementing this programme.
- Commitment to continuing involvement in Project Energize, a Health and PE initiative for a further two years.
- Letting the contract for a full repaint of all school buildings to commence in the next school break.
- Continued negotiations with the Ministry of Education regarding their requirement to implement a school zone for Morningside.
  More information on this will follow.

Kind regards
David Prchal

Please remember to keep us up to date with changes to contact details.
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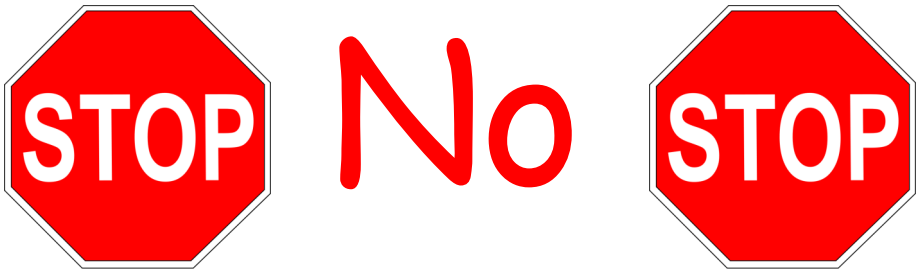
# For the safety of all children..

## Please remember that our school car park is for staff and emergency vehicles only!!!

Recently we have had a large number of parents and caregivers using our carpark...this compromises the safety of our students




parking, drop offs or pick ups in our carpark.

We realise that when the weather is unpleasant it is very tempting to use our carpark. However, the safety of our children is our first priority.
Please park on Morningside Road or in the FC Whangarei carpark across the field (Rawhiti Street).

Our leadership team and our local community constable will be patrolling before and after school.
Please do not be offended if told to move your car.

Thank you for assisting us in keeping YOUR children safe

## Library

Reminder! Week 6 is book week (Monday 28th August - 1st September) and Character Day (dress ups) is on Friday 1st September.

### ICT

We are planning on holding an information afternoon/evening to get people sorted with Seesaw (our school's online sharing platform) We will be running 2 sessions—one straight after school starting at 3.15pm and one at 5.15pm. On Wednesday 20th of September (In Team Kea) These sessions will cover the following: a brief overview on what Seesaw is and why we are using it, how to connect, how to comment/ like on your child's work, These sessions should be around 30mins each. You will need to bring your own device ie ipad, or phone.

***Happy Birthday to You!!!***

16th August—30th August 2017

Team Kakariki - No Birthdays
Team Kea - No Birthdays
Team Tui - Aryn, Lennix, Opal, Riley,C.
Team Pukeko - Lebron, Noah
Team Kereru - Kale
Team Kiwi - Chevelle, Maia, Samara

## Community Notices

Morningside Kids Care

**WINZ approved**

**Before school care $7 per day**

**After school care $12 per day**

**Call Lynley 021 02320343**

**Whangarei FC Clubrooms,**

**Rawhiti St.**

HUANUI COLLEGE
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Huanui College
Open Evening
Wednesday 23 August
Guided Tours
from 5:30 pm
Presentation at 6.30 pm
Phone 09 459 1930
www.huanuicollege.school.nz

## Xavier's Joke Spot

Why did the carrot invite the mushroom to the party?

Because he was a fungi

Why do ballerinas wear tutus?

Because oneones are too small and threethrees are too big!!

What is a cow's favourite movie?

Moooooana

## What's happening in the Teams?

**Team Kakariki**

**Kia ora! Things are fabulous in Team Kakariki at the moment and we have welcomed more students into our classroom. We are having a great time exploring heat in our Kaupapa of Kai unit (Back to the Future) and made our own bread and jam last week! The kids are loving having Whaea Marama teach them and there will be some very devastated tamariki when she finishes her Practicum at the end of next week. However, we know she will make an absolutely fantastic teacher and wish her all the very best.**

**Team Kea:**

Wow!!! Our 'time machine' is up and running in Team Kea … we have been sending and receiving letters which is very exciting! Jan from North Power came into school to visit last week and we learnt heaps about electricity and where it comes from and how to be safe with it. We are looking forward to Clark this week teaching us some skills with large and small balls. It's all happening in Team Kea! Please remember to send your child with their book bag everyday—and practise sight words each night with them.

**Team Tui:**

Team Tui were so lucky to have Clark come and spend some time with us last week. He taught the teachers and kids some fantastic new 'invasion' games which will help us to learn the skills needed for games such as netball, soccer and rugby. We have also been very busy learning about how sounds are made and as part of this learning have enjoyed exploring various instruments and discovering the difference between pitch and volume.

**If anyone has any old fashioned musical instruments or old fashioned sound devices such as a 'Walkman' Team Tui would love to borrow these.**

**Team Pukeko:**

We have been very busy in Team Pukeko working on our topic "Back to the Future". As part of our learning we have been exploring and discovering circuits and electricity in our team. We have been testing our electrical circuits to see if we can get them working successfully and its been great to see the students teaching each other and sharing their knowledge! We loved listening to the Northpower presentation at school last week and learnt lots of cool things about electricity. Clark has also been in teaching us some great Invasion Games and hopefully the weather will be fine on Thursday for the Year 3 and 4's to finally have their first Rippa Tournament! Remember to remind your child to return any overdue library books or to get books out from our school library - its open every day from 8.30am!

**Team Kereru:**

Team Kereru have been very busy researching, experimenting and collating findings for our 'Back To The Future' Inquiry topic this term. We are becoming 'experts' on Current, Static and Solar Electricity within our groups and are working on how we will present our findings. Our Year 3's and 4's are really looking forward to the Rippa Rugby 'Have a Go' tournament against Maunu Primary on Thursday and we hope to see our whanau there to cheer us on! Team Kereru earnt 4 pompoms in one day last week, their kaiako were so proud of their attitudes and behaviour, let's see if we can do it again!

**Team Kiwi**

**Team Kiwi are wrapping up their sound unit this week, and next week we will be delving into the second part of our 'Back to the Future' topic work. We have been training in invasion skills in our Turbo Touch focus over the last couple of weeks, and have managed to enter four competitive teams into a tournament at Kensington Stadium, there is a lot of excitement for Thursday. Thank-you to all of you who have signed and sent back the eye-testing forms, this is a fabulous opportunity to have a free eyes test and glasses (for those who need them) for your tamariki. Next week will also be the last week that Mr.J will be teaching in our room. We have enjoyed having him in the class this year and wish him the very best for his future in teaching.**