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SPECIAL NEWSLETTER : Term 3 Week 5.

Monday 17th August 2015

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

1. FINAL ARRANGEMENTS - School Cross Country – THIS Wednesday 19th August

Venue: Kihikihi Domain

Time	Event	Time	Event
11am	Rms 4,5,6,8,9,10 & 11 board buses	12:45pm	5-7 yr olds walk the inner track
11:30am	Teachers to walk course with their classes	1pm	Year 7 Girls / Boys
11:45am	Rms 1,2,3, & 7 board buses	1pm	7 yr old Girls / Boys (inner track)
12noon	Students seated in age group lines	1:10pm	6 yr old Girls / Boys (inner track)
	WELCOME	1:20pm	Year 8 Girls / Boys
12:10am	8 yr old Girls / Boys	1:20pm	5 yr old Girls / Boys (inner track)
12:20pm	9 yr old Girls/ Boys	1:50pm	Farewell & thanks
12:30pm	10 yr old Girls / Boys	2pm	Load buses – All students return to school.
12:30pm	5-7 yr olds arrive from school		

UPDATE :

- Students are to come to school dressed in PE uniform, running shoes or school shoes and school jersey (It can get very cold at Kihikihi).
- Students will need a drink and healthy lunch (or pre order a healthy lunch from our PTA). Order slips went home with last week's newsletter, these need to be back TOMORROW.

The weather forecast is for RAIN on Wednesday. A decision will be made by 2.30pm on Tuesday (tomorrow) regarding whether to postpone our School Cross Country to FRIDAY (21st August). This will be posted on the website and Facebook. The students will be told via Afternoon Notices before leaving school tomorrow. Lunch orders will be transferred to the Friday. Thank you to those who have returned the Cross Country slip and can help on the day. We still need help to manage this event, please email Michelle on michelle@stpatta.co.nz.


2. Parent Survey – Student Engagement in Learning – Mid Year Conferences. This is attached for your completion – please return by Friday at the latest.

3. Winter series of Parent Education - Y6 Evening (for students heading into Y7 in 2016) is on this Wednesday evening from 5:30pm.

4. The 'Big Night Out' update – Early estimates suggest that this evening has raised in the region of \$30,000!!! A fantastic effort! The organizing team are still finalizing accounts and should be in a position to finalize this figure by the end of August. **Please remember to support the sponsors of this event – the list of sponsors is on the reverse.**

See you on Wednesday out at Kihikihi!

God bless,


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QUESTIONNAIRE – STUDENT VOICE IN LEARNING.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

One of the key ideas regarding 21st Century learning is around students having control / voice, by being able to speak about their learning, learning goals and next steps in their learning journey.

This is a focus for us this year and so I would be grateful if you could please complete this brief questionnaire in regards to the recent Mid Year conferences, *(please tick the appropriate column against each statement)*. Could you please return to school **by Friday 21st August, there are 100 house points for each completed questionnaire returned by Wednesday 19th August and 50 house points if this is returned on by Thursday 20th August.**

A. I/we attended the conferences or had a conference later..... YES / NO

If you did not attend the conferences, please go to 'Part C' as we would still appreciate your views about the process.

B. At the recent mid Year conference....		No	Very little	Some	Mostly	Yes
1	My child was present at the mid year conference. <i>(If your child was not at the conference, please move onto Part C)</i>					
2	My child participated / spoke about their learning at the interview / conference.					
3	My child was the <u>main</u> contributor to the conversation about their learning.					
4	My child could talk about where they were up to in their learning.					
5	My child could talk about a goal that <u>they have</u> for their learning.					
6	My child could talk about what they need to do (their next steps in learning) to achieve a goal in their learning.					
7	I felt that <u>I have a good understanding</u> about where my child is up to, in their learning.					

Any other comments...

C. About the process....

1	I believe that it is important that children are able to talk about their learning, goals and next steps in learning.					
2	When I talk to <u>my child</u> , I feel that they are actually 'in control' of their learning by how they can talk about their learning.					
3	I believe that children should have increasingly more voice / control over their learning as they move through the school.					

Any other comments...

(please circle the team that your child is in)

My child is in :	TEAM 1 (R1-3)	TEAM 2 (R5-7)	TEAM 3 (R4, 8-11)
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(For 100/50 house points - please circle the house your child is in)

My child is in :	KAKEPUKU	TE KAWA	PIRONGIA	MAUNGATAUTARI
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