

Room 8'S READING BUDDIES

Room 8 has been reading to their older buddies in Room 5. The younger ones enjoy meeting up with their older buddy who listens to them read and reads a little to them. Over the course of the year the older students will learn how to ask their younger buddy questions about the story and ways to affirm them. The benefits of having reading buddy programs are:

1. For younger students to practice reading aloud.
2. For younger students to listen to a book to reinforce comprehension skills.
3. To increase reading confidence in the older student.
4. To develop friendships between different ages of students, which nurtures manaakitanga and whanaungatanga.



Hear what some Room 8 students have to say...

Maiki "I love buddy reading because I get to buddy read with my sister Kelsey. I love my sister."

Unaiki "I like buddy reading because my buddy said to me, "You make it fun for me and you."

Ruby "I love buddy reading because I meet new friends and spell new words."

Nikau "I like buddy reading because I like Brody T as my buddy."

Layla "I like Reading to my buddy. She said, " You are a good reader!"

Daya "I like buddy reading to Te Paea. I like Ms Peters' class."

Jai "Buddy Reading is fun. It is like your buddy is helping you do your homework!"





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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoua

1) Middle/Senior School Swimming Sports

Last Thursday the Middle & Senior Syndicates held their School Swimming Sports. This event was held to determine our school champions in each year level. The competitive spirit was evident from the outset as all year levels from Year 4 to Year 8 were keenly contested in both the boys and girls races. I must commend all those pupils who participated in the event and CONGRATULATIONS to the following champions.



Year 4 Girls
Shelby Tattersall



Year 4 Boys
Tane Harris



Year 5 Girls
Ruiha Perene



Year 5 Boys
Te Rehua Harrison



Year 6 Girls
Terina Tipene-Herbert



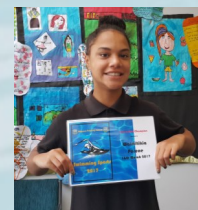
Year 6 Boys
Parker Ashley



Year 7 Girls
Lindsay Adams



Year 7 Boys
Cohen Harrison



Year 8 Girls
Waimitikia Perene



Year 8 Girls
Jahzara Takimoana



Year 8 Boys
Tanner Wihongi

2) 'Snapped Ya!' of the Week

'Snapped Ya!' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. The PB4L focus for the week is **being kind and picking up rubbish**. This weeks 'Snapped Ya!' winners are **Liana Brown, Connor Barry, Lennox Goodhue-Wikitera, Joseph Thompson-Marsters, Rangimarie Rakich, Koda Beran, Kora-Lee Tipene-Herbert, Tauwharangi Pene and Lailani Barrett-Chadwick**.



3) Trillian Trek and Blue Light

We had so much fun with these people yesterday afternoon, their energy and their interactions with our tamariki was awesome. We are very grateful for all their mahi, from painting the roof to jig sawing fish.



4) Medication At School

Due to the health and safety regulations, below is the procedure our school has to follow when administering medications.

1. Parent must bring to and collect medication from school.
2. The amount of medication at school should be no more than is required for a fortnights dispensing
3. Agreement/consent form (these are kept in the office), needs to be signed by a parent giving consent for a staff member to give medication.
4. Any training required in administering the medication shall be the responsibility of the parent.
5. Children must be made aware of routines and expectations to turn up and take medication. It is impractical for a staff member to be hunting throughout recesses to find a child.
6. Register needs to be filled in by a staff member when medication is dispersed – the medical register is in the office.

5) Head Lice

As in most schools, we get cases of head lice from time to time. We have some cases at present and trying to get rid of these can be most frustrating for families, especially when they are trying everything and other people appear to be doing nothing. Some suggestions from the Public Health Nurse:

- Brush hair every evening. This may kill or injure lice and stop them from laying eggs.
- Bend the head forward with hair hanging down brush from the scalp outwards.
- Don't share brushes and combs.

- Clean brushes and combs regularly.
- Treat with a lotion only if you find live insects or eggs close to the scalp.
- If you treat, repeat a week later as the treatment only kills insects, not the eggs. If you don't do the re-treatment, it has minimal effect.

6) Dental Services

The dental caravan has now moved from our school and is now at Kaitaia Primary. Any children that have outstanding treatment will be offered an appointment at Kaitaia Hospital. If parents have any queries, or their child is in pain, they can phone 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384).

7) Impetigo or School Sores

The MOKO team is here at school every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am. Impetigo is an infection of the skin. It is often called 'School Sores'. Impetigo is very easily spread, but with care, spread can be reduced.

What is impetigo?

- Impetigo is an infection of the skin caused by bacteria (usually by one of two bacteria called either *staphylococcus aureus* or group A, b haemolytic streptococcus). These bacteria can live on the skin, in the throat or nose, or on other parts of the body without causing a problem but sometimes they start to cause an infection such as impetigo.

Signs and Symptoms

- The sores can be anywhere on the body, but are often on the face near the mouth and nose, or on the arms and legs.
- Impetigo may start with a blister or a group of blisters.
- The blister bursts leaving a patch of red, wet skin which weeps.
- The spot usually becomes coated with a tan or yellowish crust, making it look like it has been covered with honey.
- There can be small spots around the first spots, spreading outwards.
- Impetigo is usually itchy.
- The sore takes about one to three days to develop after contact with fluid or crusts from a sore.

Treatment

- A child with impetigo needs to be checked by a doctor to be sure that it is impetigo, because sometimes an antibiotic medicine is prescribed.
- Try to prevent your child scratching the sores as much as possible, eg cover sores with a watertight dressing and cut your child's fingernails.
- Continue medical treatment until all sores are healed.
- Your child can go back to school, kindergarten or day care after 24 hours of treatment and when the sores are completely covered with dressings

Kia Ora
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