

Our Teddy Bears' Picnic By Room One

If you go down in the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise
If you go down in the woods today, you'd better go in disguise!
For every bear that ever there was will gather there for certain
because today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic.



I went hunting
for a bear.
By Milan

The teddy bears
picnic was fun.
By Asher & Keoni

The teddy bears picnic was
so much fun.
By Tayla

I went to the teddy bears
picnic and I went on a teddy
bear walk too.
By Matteo

I was getting ready for a picnic.
By Bayley



I was hot on the teddy
bears picnic.
By Milly

My mum came to the
teddy bears picnic.
By Kristyna

I was sitting down on the seat having a bear cake.
By Mahinarangi

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) 'Snapped Ya!' of the Week 2016

'Snapped Ya!' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. The PB4L focus for this week is **Relating to Others**. The recipients are **Kyah Reed, Miriana Wharewaka-Cassidy, Jessie-Lee Beatson, Troy Berghan, Blair McDonald, Azanjah Petersen, Aynjewel Thompson-Marsters, Tyrin McMahon-Going, Ben Barry and Max Richards**.



2) Seesaw

As part of our goal of connecting with whanau, to celebrate our tamariki's learning, we would like to invite all whanau to sign up with the Seesaw app. This app will allow your child to share their learning with you. Please see your child's teacher if you have not received a login code or if you need help setting up. If you have already signed up to the Seesaw app or if you sign up before Week 1 of Term 2, your name will go into the draw to win \$100 Pak 'n' Save voucher.

3) Uniforms

There have been a number of lost uniform items this term, particularly junior clothing and this is, usually due to changing at swimming time. Please could you ensure that all your child's uniform actually belongs to them and they haven't mistakenly picked up someone else's, or if they have two jackets when you only purchased one. Clearly naming all uniform clothing is essential. If you have any ideas about how we can assist students in managing self and taking responsibility for their belongings we would love to hear from you. We are open to any ideas as we realise how frustrating it is for parents when students lose their uniform. With the cooler weather arriving, jackets and polar fleeces are available at either the Warehouse or DJ Gold – if they do not have your child's size, they will order them with a 2-5 day delivery. If your child wears long sleeved clothing under their polo shirts could you please ensure that they are school colours. If children are wearing plain **BLACK** sweatshirts, cardigan, jerseys, etc, they will not be asked to remove them.

4) Booking Dates

Various organisations in the community have booked to use the school grounds and facilities throughout the year. These organisations are listed below and they have

priority for the use of the school facilities.

Rarawa Netball Club - Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday - 3pm to 6pm

Football Mania - Holiday Programme - First week of the school holidays

Term 2 - Fridays 3.30pm

Amy Zuu - Mondays & Wednesday - 5.30pm

Te Rarawa Football - Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday - 3pm to 5.30pm

5) Bus Fees



Just a friendly reminder to all those families with outstanding fees. You should have received a letter from the school stating the amount owing. Please ensure these fees are paid up as soon as possible. Please remember that the town bus run caters for parents who do not wish to send their children to their closest school, but who are prepared to share in the cost of putting on a special bus run to our school. If you have any queries/questions regarding bus fees, please contact the school office.

6) Bus Changes

Please let the office know if there is a change of plans for your child to travel on the bus as many children are now staying for sport practices and our office staff are doing lots of running around verifying who is using this service on a daily basis. It is also very helpful to let the office know prior to 2.00pm so that there isn't a rush of trying to contact parents whilst the bus is waiting, thank you.

7) Easter Raffle

Thank you to all those people who bought tickets for the Easter Egg raffle and the Easter Cake. It was drawn on yesterday. Easter Cake winner: Putiputi McMahon and the Easter Egg Raffle winner: Ramon Room 4. Congratulations to you both.



8) Movie Night

Unfortunately our outdoor movie night has been postponed. At 3.00 o'clock yesterday afternoon with clear blue sky's we were wondering if we had made the right decision!! However the met service did issue a severe weather warning for our area and it certainly has been raining since last night, We hope to try again early next term.

9) Garden

Early next term we are planting (and transplanting) our orchard. If you have any fruit trees that you would like to donate-maybe some banana from your backyard or a fruit tree you haven't got round to planting, we would love to have them for our venture. If you are a keen gardener and are saving seed we would appreciate any donations. This is going to be an awesome project and if you would like to be involved and have time to spare, just contact us here at the office or talk to your classroom teacher.



10) Whangarei Boys High School Visits

Whangarei Boys' High School - Carruth House, will be visiting Ahipara School on Tuesday, 9th May at 11:00 am. All Year 7 and 8 students and parents/caregivers, interested in boarding at WBHS or WGHS are invited to attend the presentation.

Kia Ora,
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal

Safe Holiday

School will close at the usual time today and reopens again on **Monday 1st May**. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have assisted our school in any way this term. We are so impressed with the number of people who have helped in all sorts of ways from the breakfast club to Moko Teams and everything in between. With your support our students have many more opportunities. Have a safe break (with lots of reading!) and I look forward to seeing everyone for some great LEARNING next term.

Look who just "HOPPED" in to see us. Much excitement to finish off the term.

