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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Yesterday, with great excitement, the Awatea children boarded a bus knowing that they were off to visit the Tip Top Ice Cream Factory. This was part of their study about how machines work. They saw the huge stainless steel vats full of ice cream ingredients, they saw the assembly belt carrying boxes of made ice creams to the big packaging area, to be then sent to the shops throughout New Zealand and even beyond to the shores of other countries. At the end of the visit each child was treated to their very own ice cream to eat before coming home.

The Awatea children have now completed two visits recently to see how different food products are made, with the focus being on the machines and how they can work for us, making jobs simpler and easier. We are sure however, that yesterday the children's focus was on eating their own ice cream! Thank you Awatea teachers for planning such interesting and tasty visits this term, and big thank you to those who came along on the trip yesterday as parent helpers.

### School Closed Monday

**A reminder to parents that school will be closed on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August. There will be no classes and so children will need to stay home.**

### National Standards

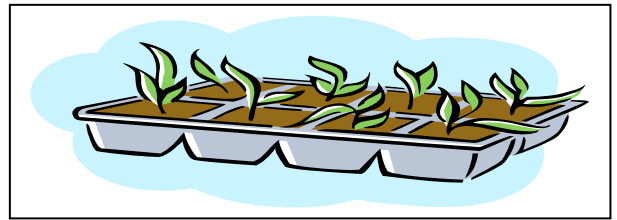
In line with the National Standards we have reported to you your child's learning and achievement in relation to the curriculum levels which sign post the National Standards. As a staff we have done quite a bit of work on the new standards and reporting on them to you. The teacher only day this Monday will affirm to us the direction we are going in reporting your child's achievements. A survey on the school's reporting process will be sent home next week and we look forward to your feedback.

### Yummy Apple Stickers

Please save the stickers off the Yummy brand apples and send them to school. Yummy apples are a small sized apple and just perfect for lunch boxes. Bring your stickers to school as they will help build up points that will buy some sports equipment for the school.

### The Forrest Hill Vege Patch

This term Mr Keoghan, one of our Year 4 teachers, is going to work with a small group of tactile learners on constructing a raised vegetable patch. They are going to clear the ground and then get to work turning a set of drawings into an actual construction.



### Can you help?

We desperately need lengths of wood with which to build the raised garden sides. If you have some old unused timber around your place, then we will gladly take it off your hands. Please help us out if you can, as we don't have the locally raised funds this year to pay for this small project. You can email: [jkeoghan@forresthill.school.nz](mailto:jkeoghan@forresthill.school.nz) or phone the school office on 410-8939.

In spring the Enviro Group will raise seedlings using the "envirohut" as a glass house and they will look after the young plants through to harvest time. Last year the Enviro Group grew silverbeet, peas, beans, carrots and enormous – really enormous pumpkins. This year we hope to extend the growing season by using the raised vegetable garden beds.

### The Annual Cross Country

This event is to be run on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August**. All children will participate with an appropriate course mapped out for each year group. A change of clothes is important as there is plenty of mud about! Parents are especially invited to join us on this day. "The Coffee Guy" will be there for those of you who love that coffee fix on occasions – he will donate 10% of sales to the school. There will also be a sausage sizzle lunch that day for all the children as well. Times for year group runs will be in the newsletter next week.

### Shore Dance – Birkenhead Dance Studio

Ballet, Jazz, Pre School Dance – Contact Whitney to enroll on 027-424-2444, [www.shoredance.co.nz](http://www.shoredance.co.nz)

# Forrest Hill School

## Fact – a - thon

- Which is the second largest city in New Zealand?
- What sea lies between Australia and New Zealand ?
- What is the very Northern part of New Zealand called?
- What is the name of New Zealand's most Southern town?

Brush up on your general knowledge and help your child gain knowledge about New Zealand. Children need to learn as many of the listed facts about New Zealand as they can. They will be tested next Friday. We hope you will support your child in collecting a list of people who will sponsor them in the Fact - a - thon, or pledge a donation. You may want to take the sponsorship form to work and invite your working colleagues to support your child, or rally around the extended family and get aunties and uncles involved as well.

However, you do it; we hope that every child will be actively involved in helping to get some locally raised funds that will help buy new computers for our ICT Suite, to replace our very aging computers currently in use. If every child raised \$10.00, then that would total \$4170.00 that amount would buy three computers,

## let's double that!

Fact – a - thon sponsor sheets with all sponsors names on must come back to school at the end of next week.

## It's Soccer Season Again

Mr Robson who is our ICT Specialist teacher is also passionate about soccer. He trains teams at lunchtime and all children can join up and be in a school team. Teams play each other on the school field at lunch time and they are all playing to win "The Chelsea Cup", that proudly stands on the trophy shelves in the school foyer. Check with your child if they want to play lunch time soccer at school, because they can be part of the Chelsea Cup Teams. Your child doesn't know how to play soccer.....that is why Mr Robson forms his teams, so all children have a friendly and safe opportunity to learn, whilst having fun and being with their friends.

## Second Hand uniform for Sale

Size 6 sweatshirt, shorts, polo shirt and cap - \$50.00 for the lot. Phone Mandy on 021-154-3624.

## Stories from Year 1 children in Room 6

Awatea Syndicate visited Domino's Pizza on Forrest Hill Road last week, where the manager kindly allowed us to watch a pizza being made. This was part of our "Helping Hands" inquiry. We are learning about production lines and how different tasks need to be performed before a product is completed.

*Kalina wrote*

Yesterday Room 6 went to Domino's and we paid the money to the man. We went into his door.

*Kalei's story was*

Courtney made Hawaiian pizza at the Domino's pizza place.

*Minkyu wrote*

Yesterday I went Domino's Pizza. First we got in the freezer place. It was cold.

*Emily wrote*

Yesterday Room 6 went to the Domino's. It was fun. First we put the box. Next we take it. Last we went back on the car.



## Wairau Intermediate School 2011 Enrolments

Wairau Intermediate School is currently accepting enrolments for 2011. If you require an information pack, they are available from the Wairau Intermediate School office. Alternatively if you would like an information pack posted to you then please phone the school on 410-7895.

## Takapuna Intermediate School 2011 Enrolments

An information evening for **parents**, in the T.N.I.S. Auditorium will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Applications close for In Zone / Out of Zone on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please contact the school office on 489-3940 for more information.