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Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Disco last Thursday was a great success. We had all sorts of characters who attended the disco, dancing their little hearts out and creating a lot of fun. There were plenty of fairies and princesses with these characters wearing beautiful gowns. There were pirates, lots of members of the Batman, Spiderman and Superman families, cowboys, incredible hulks and lovely people such as Heidi and Pipi Long Stocking...and so many more. Thank you parents for supporting this PTA fundraiser, a special big thank you to the PTA parents who organised the disco and worked on the night, a big thanks to the teachers who also supported the disco night and to Sarah Eaton and Luc Whitehouse who provided the music and took the MC role. The disco raised just a little over \$900. These funds go towards the PTA goal of providing new computers for the IT suite.



Book Week – record minutes of reading time

Teachers were so pleased to note the increased amount of time students gave to reading books during book week. We hope this trend will continue. Book Week finished with the Character Parade on Friday morning. It was great to see so many parents who joined us all for the parade. We had more children than ever before dressed especially for the occasion. It was good that the dress up costumes could be used for 2 occasions – the disco and the character parade. The parade was a lovely conclusion to what was a great week of learning.

During the week the “Wheeler Book Fair” was held in the library. Thank you to all of the parents who bought books, especially those who donated a book to the school library. We placed an order for \$3400. The school receives a credit of \$340 to purchase new books for the library. Thank you.

Student Led Conference Meetings

With this newsletter your child has a notice about the Student Led Conference meetings that are to be held in the second week of Term 3. The conferences for Atatu, Akoranga and Arataki classes will be led by each individual student who will talk about their learning achievements in numeracy and literacy as well as in the wider curriculum areas. You will have the opportunity to look at pieces of work completed by your child and at computer files that have been generated by your child. You will also have the opportunity to ask your child as well as the teacher questions to clarify your own understandings.

The Atatu children will carry out 3 way conferences, where the teacher will support your child as he / she tells you about their goals and learning achievements.

Conference dates are Wednesday and Thursday of Week 2, the 28th and 29th July. On Thursday 29th July conferences start at 1.30pm and classes will finish at 1.00pm. We ask that you make arrangements for your child to come home from school at 1.00pm on Thursday 29th July.

Your conference information slip must come back to school next week by Wednesday 30th June, with your preferred time frame for your conference. You will be given your actual appointment time in week one of next term.

Sausage Sizzle

This is being held next Thursday 1st July. Please return your order form by Monday 28th June. We hope you will support this PTA initiative and let your child have a sausage and maybe some other goodies as a treat next Thursday.

Library Books due now

Please hunt down all library books your child/ren have at home. All books must be accounted for. Non returns will result in an invoice from the school to replace the lost book. The school library is now closed for the borrowing of books until next term. All outstanding books must be returned now please.

End of Term 2

Term 2 finishes next Friday – 2nd July. The school will be closed for 2 weeks and opens again on Monday 19th July.

If anyone has found a red 3 wheel buggy pushchair that was left in Bond Crescent, please phone 410-3206. Thank you.

Forrest Hill School

Travelwise Corner



Sitting duck

Never call your child across from the other side of the road. Excited children often dash out on to the road, forgetting to look for traffic. Children cannot accurately judge traffic speed.

Netball News



NSW Swifts

On the 29th May 35 lucky netball players went to see the Mystics game. They were playing the NSW Swifts at the Trust Stadium. All those that went said it was awesome. It was great for us to get some new tips and see our favourite players. In the end the mystics lost but it was a great experience.

By Renee Binnie



On May 29th 35 lucky netball people went to see the Mystics play the NSW Swifts at the Trust Stadium. It was so much fun to see all of our favourite players on and off the court. All the people who went said they had so much fun watching it. It was so sad to see our favourite team lose by so much but we had fun.

By Claudia Williams – Room 1

School Holiday Programme at Forrest Hill School

The best holiday programme in town is back here at Forrest Hill School in our hall. This programme is really child centred, where every child "matters". Programmes are fun, facilitators are experienced and caring. We suggest you get their early as this programme fills up fast. Check out the flyer coming home soon.

Our 4 newest school children



Meet our 4 newest and youngest children at school. This little group has grown from one to four children in the last 3 weeks.

They have made a book about the character parade with photos of themselves and some descriptive writing. The children are in Room 5 which is our newest new entrant class. This class will be "full" by the end of Term 3 when yet another new entrant class will be opening.

Yummy Apples

This is another easy fundraiser, where children collect the stickers from "yummy apples" or you cut the bar code off the apple bag. The stickers and bar codes come to school; we collect them all and return for funds donated to the school. The great thing about Yummy branded apples is that they are a good small size for lunch boxes. Jacob Mitchell and Sahar Lall from room 17 have collected 246 and 200 stickers. Well done Jacob and Sahar.



Don't forget to send in your stickers and bar codes, to support PTA fundraising and help get new computers into the IT Suite.

News from Room 14

This term the Akoranga Syndicate have been learning about different cultures. Each of the five teachers took a different aspect to teach. The children have rotated around each room, taking part in relevant activities.

In Room 14, the children were able to discover information about the Chinese Lantern Festival. The following is some of the activities we conducted.

Interpretation, we viewed photographs on a website, about a lantern festival in Auckland. Followed by discussions of what was happening in each photo, to discover what is involved at a lantern festival. We read a legend, which explained why the Lantern Festival began. Children watched a demonstration of how to make a Chinese lantern and viewed pictures of China, to decide what they wanted to draw on their lantern. Then they drew and coloured pictures on paper, followed by cutting and making the lantern.

Finally, we viewed video clips of dragon dancing and make a dragon puppet. Each of the five classes completed different activities. The learning from across the syndicate, will be displayed for the parents of Year 3 and 4 children, in the hall, 30th June 5.00pm. All welcome.