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Dear Parents/Caregivers

What's going on in the classrooms at the moment?

Atatu:

These young Year 1 and 2 students are working on their mini enquiries about animals. After their visit to the zoo earlier this term students were able to focus on an animal they wanted to learn more about leading to developing their own enquiries. They have been learning how to make power point slide shows which will be later shared with other students. The students have also been learning how to make prints using printing inks and rollers on cardboard blocks that they have constructed.

Akoranga:

Akoranga students have just finished their second rotation within the context of Bicultural Heritage, Multicultural Community. They are planning for a cultural evening on Wednesday 30th June where they will be sharing a meal and students will be displaying their learning.

Arataki:

These Year 5 and 6 students are studying weather patterns and have certainly experienced tremendous down pours of rain! Students are currently using computers as tools to support their investigations.

Awatea:

Awatea students are still investigating volcanoes after their trip to Mangere Mountain where they walked around the crater summit and had a close look at volcanic rocks. They also spent some time in the Mangere Education Centre. Students have been involved in science experiments and learning about labelled diagrams.

Welcome to the new teacher in Room 5

We are pleased to be opening our fourth new entrant / year one class in room 5. Mrs Fiona Gilbertson is the teacher in room 5 and brings to our school a wealth of knowledge about PMP and Phonemic and Phonological Awareness which are all vitally important aspects of junior learning programmes. A further new entrant class will be opening in Term 4.

Queens Birthday Holiday

Monday is a public holiday in acknowledgment of the Queen's Birthday. School will be closed on Monday 7th June.

Cyber Safety

The school is using "Hector's World" to help educate students about being safe when using the internet. Hector's World is a joint publication from the Ministry of Education and the NZ Police. It teaches students the importance of not sharing personal information on the internet and how to recognize safe / unsafe situations while on the world wide web. Hector the Protector dolphin has been put onto the screens of all the computers so the students can click on him if they have an unsafe situation when on the internet. The screen is immediately covered by a "Silicon Deep" scene and remains there until an adult has looked into the contents. You are able to "google" "Net Safe" where you can go into Hector's World yourself and where you can click on the animated programme that is aimed very much at school aged children. Do have a go, as it will help you also with your message to your children about safety rules.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Thanks to the group of parents who attended the parent information session with Constable Julie Brown a week ago. The statistics that we were presented with relating to child abuse were most alarming and the explanation about the classroom programme was very informative.

Policy for Community Viewing

The following policy is available for community viewing in the school office:

- Performance Management Policy

Compulsory Uniform Year 0 – 3

During the colder months students will need to wrap up warm. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including the school polar fleece or a long sleeve navy, green or white shirt under the polo shirt.

ASB School Banking

If you have not done so already and would like to register your child for the ASB School banking programme application forms are available at the school office. Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. All children receive a banking bag, which includes a savings diary, calculator and certificate.

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PTA Activities

Pizza Lunch Thursday 10th June

We hope your pizza orders are in place for this special treat lunch. This is a PTA fundraising initiative. The PTA is raising funds for much needed new computers in the IT Suite.

School Disco

This whole school event is on Thursday 17th June. There is an early session for the juniors and a later session for the seniors. The PTA is organising a sausage sizzle so children can have their special treat dinner at school at the disco. Please let us know if you can help at the disco – phone the office 410-8939.

Some writing examples from Room 19 Year One Students

In Room 19 we have started the “Keeping Ourselves Safe” programme. We wrote stories on our feelings.

I feel happy when I go to the beach.

By Dudley Steenkamp

I feel happy when I go to Rainbows End because I go on rides.

By Hayley Hamilton

I feel happy when I have a birthday party and I have birthday presents.

By Jenny Howe

Dates for your diary

7 th June	Queen's Birthday
10 th June	PTA Pizza Lunch
14 th June	Book Week
17 th June	PTA Disco
18 th June	Character Parade
25 th June	BOT Meeting
30 th June	Akoranga Cultural Evening
1 st July	PTA Sausage Sizzle

Kelly Sports Programme

Kelly Sports are running a sports based holiday programme so enrol your child today! There is also a special chance for 25 lucky children to meet and train with the World Champion Springbox Rugby Team so get in quick as positions are sure to fill fast. Contact Jeremy on 09 443 0254, 027 278 4254 or email

jeremyb@kellysports.co.nz or you can find the enrolment form on our website: www.kellysports.co.nz/eastcoastbays.asp

Yummy Apple Sticker Promotion

The promotion officially runs for Term 2 and 3 of the school year. Purchase yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual labels with yummy stickers. Place the yummy stickers on sticker collection sheets and the cut-out labels on cut-out label collection sheets. Complete your sticker chart and send to school where we will collate all the charts for this fundraising effort. We will be in the draw to receive some sports gear for the school.

School Holiday Programmes

Funky Feet's 7th Famous Annual Holiday Programme will run in the second week of the July Holidays (July 12th- July 16th: Monday to Friday 9-3 OR 9-5) at Murrays Bay Intermediate. This exciting week of professional dance, craft, drama, and vocal training cumulates in a performance for parents on the Friday afternoon. Children from 5 to 14 welcome (previous experience in dance/drama or singing not important)

A fabulous affordable fun way to spend the holidays.

Ring Lenore on 4107230 to enrol or for further information.

Have fun and make new friends in the school holidays. The Parnell trust has an amazing variety of activities for children 5 to 14 years. Join us weekdays from 5-16 July for: gymnastics, Magicians, Kung-Fu, laser-strike, a Pirate day, Young Entrepreneurial Ventures and pet-keeping, to name a few.

Please enrol early to secure a place in these popular programmes.

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