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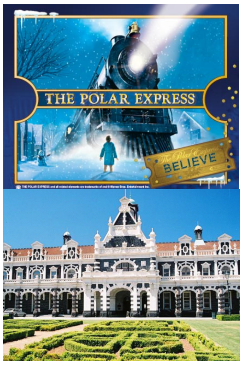
Term 4 Week 6 - Monday 20 November 2017

It's finally here CAMP week!!!!

Room 3 - Camp Waiora

- Please bring your baking and fruit to school tomorrow.
- Check your gear list to make sure you have everything.
- You are welcome to join your child for a BBQ on Thursday evening at 6pm to share a meal and view their skit.

We hope you are all looking forward to camp - Mr Morgan and Miss Thurlow can't wait!



Room 2 - 'The Polar Express' Camp

- ***Please bring booster seats on Tuesday and Wednesday if needed.***
- **Tuesday** - Trip to Toitu, lunch at the Dinosaur Park and a visit to the Model Train Society. (No hot lunches today!)
- **Wednesday** - Train trip to Waitati. (No hot lunches today!)
- **Wednesday** - Children are invited to stay after school for an extra Discovery Time which includes making tea for our families. Please join us for tea at 5:30pm. Home time is 6:30pm.

Christmas Hamper Fundraiser

Still needed before WEDNESDAY morning.

Items for the Hamper!! Any Christmas Treat items, Chocolates or Cans and Bottles of yummies.

Sign up sheet for Fresh Choice is in the office ready for you to fill in when you can sell raffles. Need more people for both THIS THURSDAY and; next Saturday

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Sport News:

Futsal Draw - Wednesday 22nd November.
No game due to Camp
Last week's Player of the Day - Katia Walker.

Touch Draw - Thursday 23rd November.
No game due to Camp
Last week's Player of the Day - Sophie Deerness.

Teeball - Saturday 18th November.
St Mary's Mets vs Grants Braes Giants @9:00 am on Bathgate 13.
Last week's Player of the Day - Stani Cherkun.

'Girls Smash' Cricket starts this afternoon.
Monday 20th November at Logan Park@4:00 pm
Please wear your pink teeshirt.

Closed Group for Parents

We are in the process of setting up a closed Facebook group for current parents only. This is a space where we may share classroom photos we don't wish to share with the public (swimming for example). It could also be a forum where parents can communicate with each other about pick ups, drop offs, sports practices, lost items of uniform etc.

The main page will still be our promotional page and carry on as it is.

Look out for an invite! We hope it will be useful.

Fundraising Calendars

Once again, we are creating calendars using the children's artwork as a fundraiser. They will cost $5 each and would be great Christmas presents for friends and family! The artwork has an owl theme and looks like the ones below.

If you are interested, please come and view your child's work in the school office and place an order through Jacquie.

School Photo orders due back - Tuesday 28th November.

Lucky Book orders due back - Last Friday 17th November.

This week at a glance:

Monday	
Tuesday	Room 3 off to Waiora Camp. Room 2 trip to Toitu & Model Train Society.
Wednesday	Room 2 trip to Waitati on the train. Room 2 tea at School at 5:30 pm.
Thursday	Room 3 parent tea at Camp Waiora 6:00 pm. Raffle Selling at Fresh Choice
Friday	
Saturday	TeeBall 9:00 am
Next Week	*Leavers assembly for Launga - Friday 2:30 pm.* *Raffle Selling at Fresh Choice - Saturday all day.* *Christmas at the Stadium - Saturday 2:00 - 6:00 pm.*

Special Character and Religious Education:

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please keep La Charna, Gabriel, Madison, Oliver and Vili in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the term.

Our Family Mass for Term 4 is Saturday 9th December at 6pm. It will be our End of Year Advent Mass as well as the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Colin.

Holy Souls

November is the Month of Holy Souls. This is a time when we especially remember our loved ones who have gone to heaven with Jesus.

Feast of Christ the King - *This Sunday at 9:30 am*

Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King. This is a combined mass for the Hillls Suburbs Parish, there will be NO Saturday night Mass or Sunday Mass at Little Sisters or St Francis Xavier.

There will be a morning tea straight after Mass, please bring a small plate of finger food if you can.

End of Year dates for your diary:

Friday	*1st December*	*2:30 pm*	Leavers Assembly for Launga and his family.
Saturday	*9th December*	*6:00 pm*	End of Year Mass & Confirmation.
Wednesday	*13th December*	*5:30 pm*	Nativity Play and Prize-giving.
Thursday	*14th December*	*12:00 pm*	Family BBQ lunch and afternoon at Woodhaugh Gardens.
Friday	*15th December*	Last day of the year - Clean up day!	

Room 2 news

We have had a great start to our camp week. This year the theme is 'The Dunedin Railway meets the Polar Express'.

It was exciting to see the train tracks going through our room this morning.

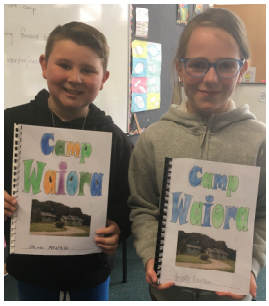
We played a game of memory as we learnt about the history and interesting facts about the Railway Station.

We looked at the mosaic tiles on the floor of the station and made our own mosaic patterns this afternoon.

At Discovery Time we made lots of different trains and enjoyed a hot chocolate like they did on the Polar Express.

We can't wait for our trips outside of the classroom later in the week!

Room 3 News



The day before we head of to camp the anticipation and excitement is building.

A brief overview of the camp outline has been shared with the tamariki and already I can tell it'll be a great learning experience for them.

As our numbers were low last week it gave us a chance for some great 1-1 learning opportunities to take place. Some assessments in maths, reading and writing data will be collected and used for the end of year final report. Julia and I will sit down and discuss the results where we can decide on a final grade for your children.

As some of you may be aware the government is slowly shifting their thinking with assessment across all schools so it'll will be interesting to see what they decide. In the meantime assessment will be measured against the current standards of practice.

If you have any questions please feel free to pop in for a chat!
Warm wishes,
Julia and Jeremy

School Reports

The teachers have been gathering data though various tests, to be used for your child's end of year reports.
A reminder to new families about our written report schedule:

- *Year 3-6 children receive a mid-year report in June and an end-year report in December.*
- *Year 0-2 children receive a mid-year report on their 'half birthday' and an end-year report on their birthday.*
- *Year 0 children also receive a school entry report after 6 weeks at school.*

After each report, parents are very welcome to book an interview with their child's teachers to discuss the contents of the report or to talk about any concerns they have.

Sausage Sizzle Fridays - *Summer term means ice blocks.*

Name _____

No. of Sausages $1.50 each _____ ***Ice block $1:00*** _____