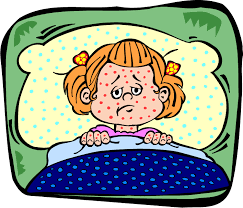
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**MEASLES REMINDER**

Nearly half our children have not provided us with an immunisation certificate. *Please check with us to see if your child is one of these*. Exposed students who cannot prove that they are immune will need to stay at home in quarantine for around 10 days.

This means staying home away from others. Not going to school, group or social activities, sports or public places like movie theatres, shopping malls, supermarkets and other food markets. Not using public transport or visiting friends or family.

Historically, the last 5 weeks of this term tend to be most challenging in school. We have a few theories as to why this is and the most logical one appears to be that winter is slowly drawing to a close and signs of spring are about. The teachers and children alike have had to spend a fair bit of time confined in close quarters day in and day out.

As you wander through the school, a chorus of coughing is to be heard. The

sick bay is like a hospital ward, and our nurses Carolyn and Michelle are flat out phoning home, tending the unwell and manning the office. The children can’t play on the fields and always sharing the dry areas gets a bit tedious.

Magically, term 4 brings a sense of hope and sunnier days and ends with a really big holiday.

Thanks for your determination to get your children into school. Thanks for role modelling endurance and purpose in the cold mornings.

**RETURNING FOOD AND WRAPPERS.**  
We are now removing our outside food bins as they are no longer needed. At school food is just ‘fuel’ for the day. It’s not required to be in huge amounts or to be luxury party food. Fruit, simple sandwiches, cheese, left over yummy dinner from last night are all good options.

A mum let me know her boy won’t eat what she prepares, so she takes him to choose what he wants at a local bakery, spending $$$$$$$$ at a time! otherwise he will yell and scream at her and not want to come to school. We made a plan. The teacher chatted to the boy and they made a list of the things he’d like if there was no bakery stop off. Mum came in to learn of the stuff he would eat, agreed to get those supplies. Money was saved, mum

felt she wasn’t wasting food and her son is eating lunch mum prepares.

Another parent I asked about the lunch routine was totally upfront. “I don’t

put up with “I want this, I want that”. I have three kids, they get their choice of two sandwich fillings, they have to take the fruit I get from Avondale markets ‘cause it’s really cheap. I bake once a week and as long as that lasts they get to take a piece to school, all done the night before. Every now and then we change filling choices together. In our family, moaning about what they have for dinner, lunch or brekky isn’t okay. Been like that for years. They seem happy enough. We’ve now got a routine to organise the return leftovers after school.”

If you have simple lunch ideas let us know . We will pass them on.  
Do remember that every school day, all your children are able to eat fruit and drink milk that we provide. The children prepare the fruit into pieces. That way there is much less wastage.

**NORTH WEST CLUSTER ART FESTIVAL AT NORTH WEST MALL**   
Next Monday, Don Buck School’s amazing artistic take on the theme ‘*This is us, this is me’* will be on display outside Countdown and Farmers in the Mall. Please visit and see the exceptional pieces the children have produced under the facilitation of Mrs Way, our art specialist.

**MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK IS NOT FAR AWAY.**  
We would like to give the pupils the opportunity to have yummy Hangi one day in that week as part of the celebration and acknowledgement of our Māori language as one of our official languages. Details of price and times will come home early next week and will be up on our school site.

**DAFFODIL DAY / MUFTI DAY**

The schoolCancer Society’s daffodil mufti day was fun today – the school is a sea of yellow. Thank you so much for supporting this amazing cause. You are a very supportive community and it’s a privilege to serve you.

**SPEECH COMPETITION**

Senior school held the senior speech competitions over the last month or so. Preparation and editing of content, timing it, re-editing it to get it to competition standard, all takes time.  
This year our finals were judged by Mrs Haworth who has taught year 7/8 pupils for many years in West Auckland. She commends all the finalist for their determination and courage.  
Results

Year 7 1st Selvana Hassan

2nd equal James Munro and Maximus Abrahamse

3rd equal Madison Williams and Jovanni Craig

Year 8 1st Victoria Armstrong. (**Overall speech winner**)

2nd Miriama Vaeai

3rd David Mang

This year we added a category for pupils who prefer to write speeches and allow others to deliver it.  
  
**DRONES ARRIVE AT DON BUCK SCHOOL**  
Are you a drone family? Do you head off to a local park and have fun with your drone?  
Under Mr Shepherd’s guidance, our children will be gaining knowledge around flying drones legally, flying drones safely, all the while developing eye/hand coordination and small motor skills, timing and horizon perspective. To control our school drones a pupil will gain a “licence “ to control the device. We are in the early stages of putting interest groups together.

**2019/2020 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER**

The Entertainment Fundraiser is still going at Don Buck. The memberships

are available as a Book or as a digital Membership App. Both are full of great

value and you only need to use your Membership once or twice and it will

have paid for itself! Anytime you use your Membership after that, the savings

are dollars in your pocket!! With great offers which include 2-for-1 offers, special

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