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Welcome back to the school routine. It’s so familiar to all of us .

This is term four. It’s hard to believe that the school year will end in about nine weeks time on Friday 20th December.

**LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY** – **School is closed on Monday 28th October**. Enjoy the long weekend with your children and we will see you back on Tuesday 29th.

Most families respect the importance of making sure the children are here on time, and that they stay the whole day. Thank you for making the commitment to punctuality. Children who arrive before school starts every day, get time to organise themselves for the day ahead. A most important part to punctuality is the time we have to chat with our classmates and feel we belong to the team right from the beginning of the school day.

Children who arrive late, never like it. They know they have missed the beginning of “the story”. They feel rushed. They are never made to feel bad for their lateness when they do arrive because it’s usually out of their control and that’s what upsets them. They start the day feeling less than great because the family can’t get them here in time for school.

Children need to stay till the end of the school day at 3:00pm. Early pickup habits also work against them. They miss the last part of that day’s ”story”. Thank you for adhering to school hours.

**Wheels are back!** Well they never really went away. It just got pretty unpleasant weather wise and riding our wheels here wasn’t very appealing during winter.

Children can bring bikes, skateboards, scooters etc and their helmets. Unfortunately the pump track has had to be moved on for another school to enjoy. Hopefully we will see it back some time next year. They will bring home a permission slip for parent/caregivers to sign and we will be in action.

Marbles have never gone away either. The children can bring 20 marbs a day in a bag and

enjoy playing this old favourite set of games with their friends.

**Community survey -** The Board Of Trustees thanks you so much for responding to our community consultation survey. We really valued the considerable time some of you took to feed us constructive ideas.

We are aware it went out just before the holidays, so if you meant to write to us, please know it is fine to get your answers to us until Friday 1st November.

**Learning assessment -** Of course, it never stops. All schools, though, at this time of year are assessing the effectiveness of delivery to make teaching plans for the following year. If children are regularly absent, assessing their progress is so much more difficult. If your child is often absent, e.g. at least twice a week, we may have to let you know of the assessment difficulty and report differently.

**House Cross Country Day -** **Wednesday 6th November 11.00 – 12.45**.

Students are training enthusiastically each day to build up their

fitness for their big race on the day. The cross country shield

will be presented to the winning House on completion of races.

Good luck, Blake, Apiata, Batten and Hillary houses.



**School patrol Training**

School introduces to the community, Constable Jen, who is our new police education facilitator. Constable Jen has taken over the position Constable Dean held.

This week our patrols were put through their paces as they undergo police training to be NZ school patrols.

Mrs Riggs oversees the team throughout the year and works with them in accepting the important self-discipline of commitment . We thank the patrols who have taken the responsibility seriously and have turned up to serve as they volunteered to do. Thank you to families of the patrols for making sure they got to school on time to carry out their obligations.

Constable Jen will be back in school next term and throughout the year to deliver safety lessons, including cyber safety.

**Hats at school -** Could you please make sure your child has a hat in their bag this term. When the sun is shining it is quite hot and the children need to be protected when they are out in it.Thanks for your attention to this.

**Spare Clothes -** A set of spare clothes in your child’s bag would also be helpful for when they slip over, get wet or muddy. This will save us having to contact you to bring some clothes to school.Thanks for your help with this.

**Skids Food Storm**

Thanks to our wonderful Skids team and the Nestlē Company our Year 4

children have had a wonderful experience. They have learnt to chop, mix, cook and stir together a tasty meal of Cabonara. Then they were given a bag to take home with all the ingredients in, to make the same meal for their family.

Thank you, Skids and Nestlē, we appreciate your commitment to our pupils.