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Important Dates	
26 July	BOT Meeting
29 July	Open Evening Rosehill College 7pm
29 July	Mathex
30 July	Y5 - 8 Cross Country

Dear Parents,
Welcome back for term 3! It will be a busy term for us at Papakura Normal as we have a visit from the Education Review Office in week 5, starting on Monday 16th August. The Review Office visits schools every three years. There is a calendar of events for term 3 on the back of the newsletter.

Secondary Schools

Rosehill College Open Evening is being held at 7pm on Thursday 29 July. Enrolment packs went home yesterday for Rosehill College students. Packs for Papakura High School students will be sent home as soon as they are received.

Ribbon Assembly

A big thank you to all those parents who attended our ribbon assembly at the end of term. It was lovely that some people took the time to give us some very positive feedback on the standard of performance and on the cultural diversity of the performance groups. Unfortunately we took the video for Mrs Auva'a to take away with her, but we did not take any photos. We would be most grateful if any parent who did take photos could share them with us. Many thanks.

School Lunches

During the winter term we have decided to sell pies for lunch on a Friday. This will be a trial during term 3. We will be selling mince, mince and cheese, potato top and apple pies for \$2.00 each.

However next week, pies will be sold on the Thursday; this is because of the cross country on Friday where there will be a sausage sizzle.

Indian Parents Meeting

Our first Indian parents meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 29th July at 6.30 pm in the library. A letter about this meeting was sent home to our Indian parents towards the end of last term. Your attendance at this meeting would be greatly appreciated. We would like feedback on how we can support our minority groups to achieve better academic results within the New Zealand school system. The stakeholder survey attached to this newsletter can also be completed at the meeting.

\$1 Stationery Sale!!

We have a supply of some old stock items of stationery which we are selling for \$1.00. These are available from the office. The following lined refills are available - 9B5, 10B5, 14B5 and 14B8; and the following maths books are available - 1E5 and 1H5 - all only \$1.00!!

How Parents Can Help Their Children

The following is a suggestion from the Ministry of Education about how parents can help children at home with their writing. As these become available we will print them in the newsletter, so watch this space. Next week there will be one about helping with Maths at home.

Everyday Writing Activities for home

Talk about what your child writes. Be interested. If you don't understand what her story is about, ask her to tell you about it. Encourage your child to use the computer to write, email and publish or print a birthday card, poem, joke, letter or picture with captions. If you don't have a computer, visit the library and use theirs.

0800WAGGING

If you see anyone who appears to be truant from any school please phone the District Truancy Service on 0800WAGGING (08009244464) to make a community referral.

Cross Country

Next Friday, July 30, starting at 11.10am, our year 5 – 8 children will be taking part in our school cross country at Bruce Pulman Park. All parents are welcome to come along and watch the cross country. On the same day we are holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser for the year 5 – 8 classes. If anyone is able to help out with this, please let Elizabeth (Rm 8) know as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Bizzy Bodz

Bizzy Bodz provides a before and after school programme which operates in our school hall. For more info, please contact Jo Adamson on 533 6344 or 021 678 076 or email her on jo@bizzybodz.co.nz.

Absences

A reminder to parents - please phone the school if your child is away. Wet school uniforms and/or missing the Tech Bus on a Tuesday are not valid reasons to be absent from school. Please note the school now has a vodafone number for reporting absences as well as the telecom one. The vodafone number is 021 0460696 and the telecom phone number remains the same 027 2960019.

BOT Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in week 2 on July 26th. This will be in the boardroom and will start at 7.00pm.

Mathex

Selected Year 6 to 8 students will be competing in the school Mathex next Thursday 29 July starting at 11.50am in the Hall. The top two teams in each year group will represent our school at the Counties Mathex to be held in a couple of weeks time. All friends of the school are welcome to come and watch.

Stakeholder Survey

The School is keen to survey our parents and friends of the school about how they feel about our school. With this newsletter each family will receive a paper copy of the survey. Kindly complete the survey and return it to school as soon as possible. If people would prefer to respond online please use the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PNS2010> or access the survey via our website. Additional copies of the survey are available from the office – all responses are anonymous. We have 420 families at our school but only had 33 responses to our mid-year report survey. We are hoping to having significantly more responses to this survey.

Cheerleaders

All Star Cheerleaders is running free trial classes in your area for American Style Cheerleading. Everyone is welcome - no experience necessary. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz.

Kiwi Kwiz

What is the average number of peas in a pea pod?

A. 4 B. 3 C. 8 D. 10

Name: Room: Answer:.....