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Dear Parents & Caregivers

Tēnā koutou te hunga pānui o tō tātou hāpori.

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

Kia ora and welcome back to you all. I hope the break was great for you and your family. It was so nice seeing all the children coming back and so positive for school this morning. A special welcome to all our brand-new parents and children.

There are a couple of important events coming up quickly this term.

This week, each hub will be sending home an information form for your child. The information forms the basis of the conversations and goal setting between your child and their class teacher for the year. As part of this process, there are **parent/teacher get to know each other conversations** happening next week and the following week. These are on **Wednesdays and Thursdays (10th and 11th and 17th and 18th) from 3.00 until 5.30pm**. This is a great opportunity for you to sit and chat with your child's teacher face to face and talk through your hopes and aspirations for the year. The school interview app is now open so you can make a booking.

Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

and enter the event code **zj222**.

Secondly, coming up in Week 5 but best to diary it now is a **Teacher Only day on March 5th**. I flagged this last year but best we remind you again early on. We have been offered a Ministry contract around Positive Behavior for Learning (Restorative Practice) focusing on building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships across the school community. It is based on a set of best practice tools and techniques to support a consistent and sustainable approach to managing positive, respectful relationships within the school. We are incredibly fortunate to be offered this which will help us strengthen our practice in this social skills area. A requirement of this professional learning is a Teacher Only Day which involves ALL staff, including all support staff, caretaker and admin staff. This is to introduce the package and develop the shared norms of practice that we are going to work towards.

Important Dates / School Events

10/11th February	Parent/Teacher 'Get to Know You' Conversations
17/18th February	Parent/Teacher 'Get to Know You' Conversations
05 March	Teacher Only Day - School Closed

In around about two to three weeks we are all on the move again because the Poipoi and Montessori spaces will be complete and ready to move into. This is very exciting, and we are so looking forward to it – the spaces not the moving! When this happens, the office/sick bay area is moving into the old staffroom and Piki is moving to the hall. This is quite a big logistical exercise, but will all work out fine in the end. When we are ready to go, we plan to have a pizza and sausages evening to introduce everyone to these two new spaces and take the opportunity to talk Port Ahuriri School curriculum with you and what you value in your child's learning. We haven't got a date as yet but will let you know as soon as we can.

Last but not least – it's that time where we are updating records here in the office. If you have:

- Bought a new house and changed address over the break, can we have any new details please.
- If your child has changed in their medical condition can we have new details, new medication forms and new/updated medications as required. Please contact Sonya about this urgently.
- If any access issues, particularly court orders, have changed, can we have these updated please. This is particularly important as we would allow access based on the orders we have on file and these may not be your current arrangements.

Koina ngā kōrero mo tēnei wā

Kia pai ō koutou wiki

Nāku nā

Glenn