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NEWSLETTER NO: 13

Last week I was an invitee to the Auckland Education Summit held at the Auckland Museum. 160 attended of whom 22 were principals. One of the topics was school accountability to parents and the community.

I think it is an area our school could do better in.

We account to our community by twice yearly children's reports and also reporting to the Board of Trustees who represent the community.

We provide opportunities for parents to participate with the school through various events and also have periodic consultations.

However, I think we need to have some way of having more dialogue together and I would like to see the Learning Expos strengthened from the school end, so that each child is able to talk about their learning outcomes for the term - it is not just about kids showing their parents their books.

VALUE OF THE WEEK "Community - being part of a group"

WARM WELCOME THIS WEEK TO: Lauren Thorn and Alyssa Patten, we wish you both a long and enjoyable time here at Matipo Primary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: Laurent Thorn, Alyssa Patten, Hailey Stuart, Luca Goodwin-Nicholls, John Keating, Rory Keating, Rachel Sape, Madeline Hewitt-Van Rooyen, Ethan Smith, Chris Wong, Luke Huang and Kaiya Jacobs. A belated happy birthday also to Taylor Taia for last week.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK - A pamphlet accompanies this newsletter. The books are \$65 but if you use it just twice at restaurants you get your money back. The profit from sales goes to pay for Fun Day at the end of the year.

JUST A REMINDER - The school blog can be found on our school website at <http://matipo.school.nz/category/blog/>

IS IT JUST ME? - or are you angry too that as soon as oil prices go up, petrol prices go up almost overnight but when oil goes down, despite the NZ dollar being strong against the US dollar, prices are slow to fall.

RECYCLING - Clothes to clothing bin at back gate - Crieff Place.
Old cell phones for Starship to Office.

ASSEMBLY CLASS - this Friday 20th May is **Room 17** - assemblies start at 2.15 pm. All welcome.

REMINDER - no extreme haircuts for boys including mohawks, rats tails or carvings and girls to wear simple stud- type earrings.
Thank you for your help in this area.

GIRLS BRIGADE - Attention all girls!! Come to Girls' Brigade for fun, friendship, camps, crafts and more. All girls from 5 years of age are most welcome. We meet on Tuesdays from 5:30pm-7:15pm at St Giles Church (cnr of Flanshaw and Te Atatu Rds) Come along and check us out! For more information phone Elizabeth on 442 5055 or check out our website www.westaucklandgirlsbrigade.org.nz.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE - Don't forget that if you are unhappy with any aspect of our school performance, we offer a money-back, no questions asked, guarantee on your school donation. On the 1st December, simply ask for your money back. I think we are still the only school in New Zealand which offers this guarantee.

LEAVING - it is with severe regret that I announce Mrs Sue Forgie will be leaving on 10th June. Mrs Forgie has been with us for over 10 years but personal circumstances to do with the health of her grandson and her mother means she needs to spend the time with them. Sue has been an exemplary teacher and has undertaken a huge workload at this school, all completed with efficiency and always on time.

Kia kaha, kia manawanui Sue.

