

Friday 19th October
Term 4, Week 1
Newsletter



Dear Parents and Families

Progress and Achievement Testing for Year 3-6 will be carried out during Weeks 2-4 (you may remember them from when you were at school). PATs are multiple-choice tests designed to help teachers determine achievement levels of students in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary, and Listening Comprehension. The test results help teachers decide what kinds of teaching materials are needed and which methods or programmes are most suitable for their students. PATs are also important because they identify the progress a student is making from year to year.

Hat reminder

Term 4 is a hat term and every student will need a suitable named hat to wear outdoors at school. With the lunchtime now running from 12:30pm-1:30pm children who do not have a hat will be required to play in the shade.

We have students valiantly attending school who are also battling high health needs. To support these families in our community please notify the school office if you or your whanau come into contact with contagious and/or communicable diseases and illnesses. In this way parents can make informed decisions about the attendance of their health compromised children.

The Great NZ Shakeout.

DROP, COVER, HOLD was part of our learning and discussion today as we went through an earthquake drill. Please review at home what your whanau would do if such an event were to happen here in Auckland.

Thank you

SKIDs team, who provide a valuable after school and holiday service to our community. Their generous donation and staff morning tea was a wonderful end to our first week of Term 4.

Aroha Fundraising

Aroha is fundraising for their camp. They will be selling Juicies on Tuesdays for \$2. There will be a Halloween Bake Sale on October 31.

Please contact Sarah Percy sarahp@staff.matipo.school.nz if you are able to contribute. More details on the sale will follow.

Rooms 4 will be hosting the school assembly today at 2:30pm. This term, weather permitting we will hold assemblies on the covered court.

Ngā mihi nui.

Holly Moore

Happy Birthday this week too; Eru Garratt, Ashton Robertson, Anna Bell, Lakar Wood-Houia, Aria Thorp, Mila Luke, Ethan Lucas, Mya Morrison, Pierre Pua, Teo Pilot-Roswell, Finn Boyack, Kadence McCully, Leah Kim

Welcome to; Chloe Avena, Neall Kristoff Dela Cruz, Cooper Nisbett-Collins, Poppy Rogers.

Important Dates

15 Oct - Term 4 starts	5 Nov - ICARUS show
16 Oct - Juicie Tuesday	6 Nov - Juicie Tuesday
18 Oct - Great NZ Shakeout	6 Nov - Jenny PLD
18 Oct - Aroha Camp Sausage Sizzle	8 Nov - Kapa Haka Disco
19 Oct - Room 1 Reports Home	13 - 16 Nov - Year 5 Camp
22 Oct - Labour Day	13 Nov - Juicie Tuesday
23 Oct - PATs Yr 3-6	20 - 23 Nov - Year 6 Camp
23 Oct - Juicie Tuesday	20 Nov - Juicie Tuesday
23 Oct - Room 1 SLC	27 Nov - Softball Field Day
24 Oct - Room 1 SLC	27 Nov - Juicie Tuesday
24 Oct - Aroha Motu Moana site visit	28 Nov - Class & Team Photos
24 Oct - Out of Zone Ballot	30 Nov - Reports Home
25 Oct - Year 6 testing TAI 9:30 - 12:00	4 Dec - Juicie Tuesday
27 Oct - Pink Star Walk	7 Dec - Merry Matipo Christmas
29 Oct - PATs Yr 3-6	11 Dec - Juicie Tuesday
30 Oct - Senior Netball Prizegiving 11:30	14 Dec - Last day of term
30 Oct - Juicie Tuesday	
31 Oct - Aroha Camp HALLOWEEN Bake Sale	

Congratulations to Lucy Wallace and Mathilda Rothwell-Horner for earning their Gold Koru - the highest Brownie Award - last term before moving on to Guides! Both girls showed real determination in completing these awards and have grown enormously through Brownies, showing leadership and bravery. Well done.

Te Atatū Peninsula has strong Brownie and Guides units. If your daughter is interested in challenging herself with fun adventures, please feel free to get in touch with either Peninsula Brownies on peninsulabrownies@gmail.com or

Peninsula Guides on peninsulaguides@gmail.com.

Brownies is for girls aged 7 - 9 1/2 and Guides for girls aged 9 to 12 1/2.

For more information visit www.girlguidingnz.org.nz.