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Term 1 Week 3

Dear Parents/Caregivers

After much preparation and hard work our School Fair is tomorrow! The children are really excited! There will be a silent auction, raffles, rides, plenty of food, a craft market, a second hand book stall, toy and puzzle stall, a lucky dip, a sandpit dig, the cake and bake stall and so much more! We look forward to seeing you all from 4pm! **Please Note:**

\* For your children's safety:

NO PARENT CARS IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK at pick-up time.

\* Keep children OFF the field at 3pm - the rides are being set up and this is potentially a hazard for children. We look forward to seeing you there!



Milford School PTA

**Upcoming Events**

24 Feb	School Fair	4.00-8.00pm
27 Feb	Waterwise R2 & 4	
27 Feb	PTA meeting AGM	7.00pm
28 Feb	Howick Historical Village	Y1
29 Feb	Howick Historical Village	Y2
5 Mar	Waterwise R5 & 6	
12 Mar	Waterwise R1 & 3	
13-16 Mar	EOTC week	Y5
14 Mar	EOTC Day	Y4
19 Mar	Waterwise R2 & 4	
19-23 Mar	Travelwise Week	
22 Mar	Early Closing	2.00pm
22 Mar	Parent interviews	2.30 – 8.00pm
26 Mar	Waterwise R5 & 6	
26 Mar	Class and portrait photos	
28 Mar	BoT Meeting	
30 Mar	Sharing Assembly	1.45pm
1 April	Shore to Shore Fun Run	
2 April	Waterwise R5 & 6	
2 April	Y1 / 2 Grandparents Day Assembly	9.45am
2 April	PTA Meeting	7.00pm
2-5 April	Y6 at camp (R1, 2 and 4)	
5 April	End of Term 1	
23 April	Term 2 starts	
9 May	BoT Meeting	6.30pm
22 May	ICAS Computer competition	
24 May	National Young Leaders Day	
25 May	Sharing Assembly	11.45am
6 June	ICAS Science	
7 June	Ripper Field Day	
14 June	BoT Meeting	6.30pm
18 June	PTA Meeting	
18 June	ICAS Writing	
19 June	ICAS Spelling	
22 June	Sharing Assembly	2.45pm
22 Mar	Early Closing	2.00pm
29 June	Parent interviews	
29 June	Term 2 finishes	

**Kia kaha tō reo! Speak up! Pūkenga tīmatanga - Basics**

Starting to kōrero Māori begins with pronunciation. The vowel sounds and combinations of sounds give reo Māori its distinctive sound. You can try it for yourself using audio clips as well as phonetic pronunciation guides on [www.korero.maori.nz/forlearners](http://www.korero.maori.nz/forlearners). And when you've had a go at the sounds try out the [interactive conversations](#). Alternately [www.maorilanguage.net](http://www.maorilanguage.net). These conversations are based on everyday situations like having a coffee, or going shopping.

Tracy Perry

**FOCUS for the FORTNIGHT**

**February 13 – February 24**

For the next two weeks we will be focusing on being welcoming to all new students and teachers in our school.



We have a number of new children in our school this year and it would be really nice if they were made to feel very welcome.

It is not easy to join a new organisation and when everyone else appears to know one another it is possible to feel lonely or left out.

We are all going into new classes and that too is sometimes a bit scary when we are not familiar with our surroundings.

What can you do to ensure these new people feel wanted and part of our community? How can we make sure we have a great classroom where everyone has a sense of belonging?

**Some suggestions might be:**

- \* If you see someone on their own invite them to take part in a game you might be playing or just talk to them.
- \* Ask them about their other class, school and home and listen carefully so you can get to know them.
- \* Invite them to play with you and your friends.
- \* Introduce them to your friends.
- \* Show them around the school and ask them if they have any questions.
- \* Smile at them. This costs nothing but means a great deal and one size fits all.
- \* Share.



**This is helping us all Relate to Others.**

Linda Vane

**Listening with Understanding and Empathy**

Students at Milford school have been focusing on an important learning skill to assist their transition from holiday mode to learning mode-that of being good listeners. Learning is enhanced when children are able to spend time understanding what is being said. Relationships with others are developed when time is devoted to understanding another person's point of view and the skill of managing self is consistently practiced when devotion to listening is defined within the classroom.

Spend some time sharing your own views with your child and ask them to summarise what they have been told at school to sharpen this important Habit of Mind.

Robyn Keen

**School Fair - Friday 24th February 4-8pm**

We have had a great response to our request for fair helpers. We had hundreds of half hour slots and we are now down to our last 32 slots to fill. Can you help out sometime between 6 and 8pm for half an hour or more? The children get a huge amount of enjoyment out of the fair but we need parent help to run it. Please consider giving up half an hour of your time. If you can help email [melissahenderson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:melissahenderson@xtra.co.nz)

**Silent Auction:** We already have so many great items confirmed for the Silent Auction at our Fair on Friday! These include:

- Signed All Blacks Rugby Jersey (Reserve \$300)
- Large Oval Springfree Trampoline (Retail Value - \$1899) (Reserve \$1399)
- Faro Food Hamper (Valued at over \$150)
- \$150 Voucher for a Cut & Colour - Tanya's Hair Design
- \$100 Voucher – Takapuna House of Travel
- \$100 Voucher – Gallery 4 Prints
- \$100 Voucher – Cafe Melba, Takapuna
- \$100 Voucher for Microdermabrasion Caci Clinic
- \$50 Homestore Voucher
- \$50 voucher - Milford Print
- \$40 Feet First Voucher
- \$40 Crafty Knitwits Voucher
- \$40 Unichem Voucher
- 2 nights (off-peak) in a Bach in Whangamata – Sleeps 10
- 2-hour Consultation (on a new build or renovation of an existing home) – Ngaere Duff, Architect, Duff Design Group (Valued at

\$300)

- Off-peak Weekend (2 night) Family break at Wairoa Park in Russell, Bay of Islands (Valued at \$340)
- Hedgehog JD Bug Pro Scooter (Valued at \$195)
- Ricochet Scooter – Bike Barn (Valued at \$189)
- 3 mth Gym Membership – Just *WorkOut* Ladies Gym (Value \$395)
- 1 mth Gym Membership – Just *WorkOut* Ladies Gym (Value \$149)
- Sharp Micro HiFi Component System (Value \$460)
- An original oil based - Painting and 2 x Photographic Reproductions by Artist Marianne Muggeridge
- Limited Edition Reproduction of a Woodblock Print by Artist & Sculptor Roger Morris
- 6 bottles of French Wine – Frog in a Barrel (Valued at over \$130)
- Loreal Gift Basket
- Box set of 2 bottles of Eliot Bros Pinot Noir (Value \$68)
- 8 passes to an Event Cinema
- 6 passes to a Hoyts/Berkeley Cinema

**And many other items still to be confirmed! Come along and check these out on the stage in the school hall at our fair from 4pm on Friday. Raffles and auction winners will be announced at 7pm.**

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#### TravelWise

We are very lucky to have been given fluoro vests from the Auckland Transport TravelWise team for students who cycle and scooter to school. These are available **free** to students at Milford school who:

- are in Year 5/6
- or are students in year 1 to 4 who are accompanied by an adult
- haven't already received a vest from Milford School.

The age is a recommendation by the Auckland City Council and the New Zealand Police.

The students will need to sign a "Milford School Cycle Declaration Form" to be eligible to receive a vest. This form is to be signed by the student, parent and principal. **The forms are available on the Milford School Website.** Go to information then to TravelWise and you will find the cycle declaration form there. Then return it to Mrs Klein.

**Cheryl Klein**

#### Junior Netball

All year 3 and 4 netball players need to return their registration forms and fees to Miss Haigh in Room 7 by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Year 1 and 2 players return fees to Mrs Snowball in Room 12.

#### WALKING SCHOOL BUS NEWS

We are looking for new families to join two walking school buses - one for Shakespeare Rd (starting near the hospital) and a walking school bus for Nile Rd. There are a number of benefits in joining an official walking school bus: meeting fellow school families and children; road-wise training for children to walk themselves to school in future years; plus more free time for parents. We also have our existing walking school buses – the Frater Avenue, Seaview Road and Dallinghoe Avenue 'buses' which families are welcome to join. For more info please contact **Jane Pinder** on 4862656, [rednip@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:rednip@slingshot.co.nz)



#### Mathletics:

A reminder that every child at Milford School is registered on the Mathletics programme. This is compulsory and an important part of the Mathematics programme. Registration also allows your child unlimited access at home for necessary practise and extension. If you have not already paid the \$20.00 please forward it immediately to school.

**Linda Vane**

#### Student Absences:

If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office and leave a message on the school answer-phone advising the reason for the absence. It is also important if you change address, email or telephone number (including mobile phone number); that you advise the school office in order that school records may be kept up to date.

#### School Newsletter

If you wish to receive the school newsletter by email, please register on the school website at [www.milford.school.nz](http://www.milford.school.nz)

#### School Lunches:

**Ezlunch** menu can be viewed at [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz). Now available **every week day**. Helpdesk: [enquiry@ezlunch.co.nz](mailto:enquiry@ezlunch.co.nz) or 475 5287 7.30am – 4.30pm term time.

**Sushi:** Please note the cost is \$4.00 for 8 pieces. Sushi orders must be

ordered on a Tuesday before midday, for lunch on **Wednesday**.

**Pita Pit:** Available on **Monday and Friday**. Remember to purchase your prepaid Pita Card from the school office. **Price:** Pita Pack Pre-pay Card 10 Pitas \$55 (save \$5) Pita Only Pre-pay Card 10 Pitas \$32 (save \$3) **Reminder:** *If you have ordered a lunch for your child, please remind them to collect their lunch from the hall.*

#### Shore to Shore Fun Run: 1 April 2012:

All registration forms have now been given out. There are extra forms in the office. Please make sure you get your entries in as soon as possible. **NO late entries will be accepted.** The last day for entries is **Tuesday March 20**. Please don't leave it until the last minute. Last year several families missed out because they forgot to register on time. All registrations to **Mrs Vane** please.

#### Community Notices:

**Guitar Lessons at Milford School:** Guitar Lessons are available on Mondays at Milford School, through Dave Gatman from Musiqhub School of Music. If you would like to enrol your child to start Guitar Lessons, please contact Dave on 021 2221456 or [dave.gatman@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:dave.gatman@musiqhub.co.nz). Or for more information, please visit [www.musiqhub.co.nz](http://www.musiqhub.co.nz).

**Beads of Courage Day:** Child Cancer Appeal Month is the entire month of March, with our collection day, "Beads of Courage Day" on Friday 23rd March. A couple of hours of your time can make a real difference to children with cancer! So, if you have some time to spare, we would love to have your help as a volunteer collector so please register your interest below. To volunteer as a street collector please call the Child Cancer Foundation on 0800 424 453, or email [info@childcancer.org.nz](mailto:info@childcancer.org.nz), or go to [www.childcancer.org.nz](http://www.childcancer.org.nz)

**Run4it - Building our children's future run by run:** Specialised Running and fitness programmes from fundamental movement skills to advanced sporting ability.

- Skills & drills to improve running, speed and stamina
- Individual assessments, healthy tips & fun activities

Join our highly qualified & experienced coaches to improve individual & team performance. Endorsed by Athletics NZ & TriNZ. Commencing at Milford School - Friday lunchtimes. Cost \$85 ph - 021 100 6953 or 021 122 8556. Register at [www.run4it.net](http://www.run4it.net)

**Summer Picnic Kawau Island:** In a tradition established 130 years ago by Governor Sir George Grey, the people of the Auckland region are invited to a Summer Picnic to be held at Mansion House Kawau Island on Sunday 26th February 2012 from 10.00am to 3.30pm. Events include: Children's games, Treasure hunts, Tours of Historic Mansion House and grounds, Devonshire teas, Sausage sizzle, Mansion House Café open, BYO picnic. Discount fares available on ferry thanks to Kawau Cruises. Bookings are essential 0800 111 616. For more information phone Mansion House 09 422 8882.

**Maungawhau School Centenary, Celebrating 100 years (1912-2012):** Centenary Dates: 30th & 31st March 2012. Centenary information and registrations are on our school website [www.maungawhau.school.nz](http://www.maungawhau.school.nz) for past pupils/staff. For queries please contact the Maungawhau school office on Ph (09) 6388829. Registrations close: 2nd March 2012.

**MOTAT ACTIVITIES: Children's Day – 4 March:** To celebrate Children's Day, MOTAT is offering all children 16 years of age and under, free entry on Sunday 4th March. There will be truckloads of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy, including, Horse and Cart rides, Blacksmith, Lollymaker, Steam Train rides, Face Painting, Military vehicle rides, Chalk drawing competition – with spot prizes to be won. **MOTAT Military Weekend – 17-18 March** Military Weekend is the closest you'll get to being a soldier without actually joining up! With military vehicle experiences, mock battles, military displays, steam train rides and remote controlled tanks, Military Weekend is a truly awesome experience! Activities run from 10am - 4.00pm and are all included in your normal entry fees to MOTAT. For further information or if you have any queries about these events, please contact us on (09) 815 5800 or email [enquiries@motat.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@motat.org.nz).

Kind Regards

Lee Hopkirk  
**Principal**