

Dear whanau,

Our student council and some of our parents have been working together to encourage more of our children to bring their wheels to school.

They conducted a survey, and facilitated brainstorms in classrooms to find out what was stopping some of our children from bringing their bikes, scooters and skateboards to school, and asked what could we do about it.

One of the main reasons was that they were afraid their wheels would be stolen, or borrowed without permission and then misplaced around the school. Many children suggested they could not bring their wheels to school because these were broken, and that they would like to have special events to encourage riding at school.

As a result, we have:

- Asked room C3 to design and build wheels racks prototypes that will allow children to secure their wheels while they are not using them. We are hoping they will have some ready to trial soon.

- Organised a wheels fixing day on WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE. Auckland Transport will bring a team of technicians to fix as many wheels as they can in one day. They will go by classrooms and fix as many wheels as possible. They did say that bicycles are often easier to fix than scooters and skateboards, but they would do their best to fix them.

- Run a wheels day FRIDAY 15th JUNE. On this day, the children have organised four activities: A tricks workshop, an obstacle course, a races station, and a safety workshop. The activities will run over both play times, and we will have slightly longer play times on the day, from 10:40 to 11:40, and from 13:00 to 14:00. Children can still choose to wear a helmet to ride around, but helmets will be compulsory if they want to participate in the tricks workshop or the races stations. It would be great if you could join us on the day, bring your own wheels and share this fun day with our children!

Look forward to see you there

Kind regards

**Mr Piantelli**  
Swanson School Principal



## Upcoming Events

### June 13

Wheels fixing day.

### June 15

Wheels day, bring your wheels.

### June 22

Teacher's union meeting.  
School closes at 1pm.

### June 27

Fundraising Lunchtime Disco for year 1-4 Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### June 28

Fundraising Lunchtime Disco for year 5-8 Thur 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### June 29

Reports sent home.

### July 2

Totara Parent teacher meetings.  
2pm - 530pm. Totara whanau only.

### July 4

Parent teacher meetings.  
2pm - 730pm. School closes 2pm.

### July 6

Last day of term 2. Holidays begin.

## Thank You...

To all the parents, students, and extended families who are all helping out by supporting our fundraising for the senior schools camps this year.

We appreciate all the support with discos, sausage sizzles, the Word A Thon etc. so Thanks heaps

## Word A Thon...

This year as part of the Koromiko camp fundraising we are having a Word A Thon. Students will be taking part in different word based activities at school and completing a word knowledge test to see how much extra learning they have done across the weeks. The students collect sponsors from family members, neighbours, workmates, of family friends. The money they collect goes toward supporting our senior camps that are happening later this year. There will be prizes up for grabs.

Students should have brought home an information pack but if you haven't received it ask your child to get a new one from school.

## Parent Teacher meetings:

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, school will be closing at 2pm so we can hold parent teacher meetings. This is a time for parents and caregivers to come in and talk with their child's teacher about progress and where to next. It's an important part of your child learning to communicate between home and school, so we encourage all parents to attend. On line booking information will be sent out closer to the time.

Totara whanau meetings will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2pm – 5:30pm.

## NZEI Meeting:

The NZEI Teachers Union are holding a West Auckland meeting on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. All of our teachers will be attending so school will be closing early at 1pm that day. We appreciate all parents and caregivers support.

## Fundraising Discos...

We have lunchtime discos happening again this term. This is a fun way we are able to fundraise for our camps as well as provide an exciting and fun lunchtime activity for our students.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June for year 1-4 (y1-2 morning tea, y3-4 lunchtime)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June for years 5-8

\$2 entry and snacks available for purchase on the day.

More information will come out closer to the time.



## In the Community

### Parent consent for EOTC activities...

We are still collecting forms from parents for our new system of permission for EOTC Activities (Education Outside The Class) at school. There was an information form and forms to sign sent out a few weeks back. If you need a new form please contact your child's classroom teacher and they will send one home with your child.

### Camp reminder:

Totara and Koromiko students are going to camp in September this year. Just a reminder to parents that you can do part payments for these camps and put a little bit in each week or month to pay this off. Contact the school if you wish to do this and we can help.

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THURSDAY 26 JULY 6:30 PM

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