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WELCOME BACK TO EVERYONE FOR TERM 3

I hope you all had a restful break. We are all looking forward to another busy term and – hopefully – an improvement in the weather with warmer, drier days. We would like to welcome back Forough Mossadegh to Room 23 and our new teacher, Tash Cooper, to Room 9.

Disappointing Start to Term 3: I am sorry to have to start with a negative, but on Monday 2 of our new portable outdoor speakers were stolen just after morning tea. This is the third set to be taken (the previous speakers were permanently installed and some considerable damage was done to the buildings when the thieves took them). While the latest thieves are known to us, we would love to know if anyone has any idea of where they may have taken the speakers. The speakers are white and one has WHS engraved on it.

Pending Strike Action: This is set down for Wednesday 15 August. We will keep you informed of developments in the teachers' negotiations with the Ministry of Education and more details around the proposed strike action will be sent home to you. We know that this is not an ideal situation and is not something that teachers have come to lightly, but we thank you for your support.

Planned School Closures: This term we have two days where the school will be closed: **Friday 31 August** is a teacher only day. This is the follow-up training session to that held earlier this year. The following **Monday, 03 September** is our annual mid-term break. More information will be sent home next week.

Parking Around the School: There has been an increase in the number of cars being parked on the streets around the school both before and at the end of the school day. Please ensure that you **DO NOT PARK ACROSS PEOPLE'S DRIVEWAYS OR ON YELLOW LINES.**

Pre-enrolments: If you have a child who is about to turn 5, would you please make sure that you come along to the school to begin the enrolment process. We need to see proof of address, plus a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport, or a student/residency visa. If you know of a friend or neighbour who has a child due to start school, would you please pass this message on to them.

Uniforms: We have a large number of lost uniform items that have been left around the school and do not have a name in them. Would you please make sure that you name all of your children's uniforms and other items so that we can return lost property to the correct owner. There is now a labelled black box in the office foyer for lost property if you wish to check it.

Breakfast Club: This runs every day, from 8.00 – 8.30 am in Room 11, and is free to all students.

Skateboarding: The after-school skateboarding lessons will be running again this term, from next Monday 30 July. Cost is \$5 per session and skateboards are supplied.

Important Dates: As per school magnet

Wednesday 15 August – Pending Strike Action

Tuesday 28 August – Class/Portrait Photos

Friday 31 August – Teacher Only Day – school closed

Monday 03 September – Mid-term break, school closed