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Tena Koutou Katoa,

Meet and greets: Last night the Junior Syndicate held its Meet and Greet for whānau. We had a barbecue and a swim, and it was an excellent way to introduce the team to our Waitara whānau.

The Senior Syndicate held its whānau evening last week. These get-togethers are important to the team at Waitara East, so we can make connections with families. The home-school partnership is important, and we value that everyone could make the time to come and share some time with us.

Learning: The school has two areas of PD it is working on this year – Maths for the mainstream and Literacy (Writing) for the bilingual unit. While this is all about teachers as learners, ultimately, the benefits are for the tamariki as our practise upskills us to deliver the best programmes we can for our learners.

However, none of this is possible without whānau, our number one educators at home. Sometimes it is hard to think that the learning at school has its basis in the home and every day life. Many would recall maths at school when they were young...we can hear the groaning. But think about it for a minute! Maths is how many spuds we peel, how heavy that block of cheese is, how many knives and forks we need, how long does it take to get to Nanny and Koro's house. Literacy is reading the street signs, checking out the menu at the fish and chip shop, the talks we have with each other, the texting on phones, writing up our shopping lists. We do all these things without realising the huge basis they provide for our kids.

Any time whānau have any questions around learning and how they can involve themselves more – please call in and see us. Home and school – together we can make a huge difference!

Rugby League World Cup: We were lucky to have the Rugby League World Cup shown at school yesterday. It was exciting for all the staff and tamariki. Rugby league representatives came and showed us the Cup – which has to be handled with white gloves!

Bubbles visit: Matua Eric and Whaene Denise went to visit Bubbles yesterday. It was wonderful to see the amazing set-up of the centre, and all the tamariki and teachers there. We are hoping to visit all ECE providers in the area to deepen connections and ensure we have successful transitions of tamariki into our kura.

Swimming/Hats: Okay, truth be told – this isn't much of a summer. But we are still pressing ahead with swimming when we can, because it is an essential part of the curriculum. So remember togs and towels every day.

It may be cloudy, but we are still aware that the sun can still do damage. Please remember that tamariki need to have hats on at school. Please support us to keep the children sun-safe.

Denise Tutaki,

Junior Syndicate Leader



DUB SUB IS BACK EVERY THURSDAY

Your choice of

Hot Meats

Pork Riblet

Or Chicken Riblet

Cold Meats

Ham

Or Roast Chicken

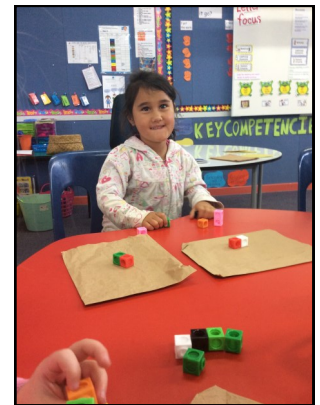
All subs served with cheese, lettuce, carrot and a splash of mayo.

\$6.00 includes a yoghurt

OTHER NOTICES

Discovery time in Room 5 – it is a time to develop skills with Key Competencies in our school curriculum. Discovery time gives our children opportunities to direct their learning, and to participate in new experiences. By doing this, the children come across challenges, but they build skills to cope and work together well, interact socially and problem-solve creatively. These are all skills needed to be a life-long learner.

Room 5 has been practising fair/equal sharing for maths. Make the connections at home by halving and quartering apples, sharing the pizza, or dividing up things so we have the same amounts each!



The Rugby World Cup was shown off in our school hall yesterday.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2.45–5.45 WITH CHERISH CHILDREN which is based at Waitara Central School.

Children are collected from school or the bus stop closes to Central School. Regular bookings are \$6.50 per hour or Casual bookings \$7.50 per hour. For further information please contact 75504405 or David on 0277770051. There is information at Waitara East Office also.

THE INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Every Tuesday 9.30 a.m.—12.00 at Knox Community Centre, Grey Street Waitar. It is FREE and morning tea and all materials supplied.

For further information contact Ministry of Education—Trish Cover on 06 7576420 or 0278398634