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Dear Parents of Remuera Intermediate School,

Over the past year there has been an increase in the number of thefts of students' bicycles from Remuera Intermediate School with the most recent theft occurring on Friday the 6th of May. The offenders for the theft were identified as young people who were washing windows at the Greenlane Road and Great South Road intersection. Worryingly, when one of the young people was interviewed by police he stated that the school is viewed as a "soft target" for stealing bikes.

Police will continue to partner with Auckland Council to address window washers at the intersection and work with the school to identify prevention measures to reduce the chance of bicycles being stolen, however the key to ensuring that your child's bicycle is not stolen is for you and your child to remove the opportunity for thieves to take it.

The school had recently moved the bike rack closer to the office so they were more visible to staff, so I visited the school on Friday the 13th May to understand why bikes were being easily targeted. I found that a number of bikes were left unlocked in the bike racks. In fact I saw that one bike had a chain which was not being used – this bike was a high-end bike worth over \$1000 and any thief would have loved to have had the opportunity to take just such a bike. I also noticed that a number of chains and locks being used were quite flimsy and could be easily cut.

To reduce the number of bikes being stolen from the school, I ask that:

- If your child brings a bike to school please reinforce the message that they lock it to the bike rack, or if that is full, to the wire fence.
- Consider investing in a heavy duty bike lock that will make it much harder for bike thieves to cut through.

With regards to window washers, my message is simple; don't pay them. Some of them deliberately intimidate motorists, so simply wind up your window and do not engage with them. If they approach your car put your hand up politely to say "no thanks". If they don't make any money from their 'trade' then they will soon disappear. If you are threatened please call 111 immediately.

If you have any questions please give me a call on 09 6228709 or email deane.mcentee@police.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully

Sergeant Deane McEntee
Auckland City District Police

Tahuna Intermediate Visit

As this Newsletter goes out we are saying farewell to our guests from Tahuna Intermediate in Dunedin.

Remuera Intermediate has a sister school relationship with Tahuna, the aim being to develop understandings between the two schools.

It was wonderful to have this group of students and teachers in our school and to show them around our city.

A very big thank you to our host families and students, our school exchanges would not be possible without such community support.

Remuera Intermediate will travel to Dunedin in early term 3. We will begin to promote and call for applications for this trip shortly.

The Last Day of Term – After School Activities

It has become a bit of tradition for a number of our students to go to McDonald's after school closes on the last day of each term. The students see this as a great way to finish the term with their friends.

However in recent times we have been disappointed in the behaviour of some students and this has spoilt the occasion for those who wish to enjoy the afternoon in an appropriate manner.

The gathering at McDonalds is not a school event and will not be supervised by teachers. If your child is going to McDonalds, or any fast food outlet in the school area on the last day of term, we ask that you have arrangements in place for their supervision.

Remuera Intermediate String Orchestra

On Friday May 6th the string orchestra performed at Remuera Library as part of May NZ Music Month.

The performance was very well received and a credit to the performers.

Thank you to Mrs Kearney and Dr Thomson for their hard work and to the audience and parents for their support.



Cars in and around the School

Please remember, parents should not drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up students. This is a safety issue for all concerned. Please arrange to meet your child away from the school gates in the afternoon and drop them off outside the school grounds in the morning.

PTA Chocolate Fundraiser

The chocolate fundraiser is going extremely well and we would like to thank you for your continued support of this event.

The proceeds of this year's fundraiser will be going towards fitting out and furnishing our new classroom block.

Please ensure money is returned to school clearly marked with your child's name and class. At the end of the fundraising period we will hold a prize giving where we will reward the top sellers as well as providing many spot prizes. Students go into the spot prize draw each time they sell a box.

School Social Dance - Thursday 30th June

Our school Social Dance will be held in the school hall on Thursday 30th June.

Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 21st June 8am in the school foyer for \$10.

For traffic safety reasons please do not drive into the school grounds to drop your child off.

Blues Visit

On Friday May 6 members of The Blues rugby squad visited the school and joined in training with our rugby teams. Over 80 students participated in drills and exercised with these professional rugby players.

The experience was very valuable to all as we move forward to our school rugby season.

A big thank you to the teachers who worked hard to make this a successful afternoon.



Central Zones Rugby Success

Following on from The Blues visit the Under 45 kg Rugby Team competed at Central Zones Rugby Tournament on Thursday 26 May at Wesley Intermediate.

The boys played extremely well all day winning every game and taking out the tournament. Over the day they scored 18 tries and conceded only 3.

They will now compete in the Auckland Championships toward the end of this term.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

The Auckland Regional Dental Service provides free dental examinations, oral health education, x-rays and treatment to all eligible children from birth up until their 18th birthday, once enrolment documentation has been received.

It is the parent's responsibility to enrol their child/children in our service.

To access an enrolment form please contact your local clinic or complete the enrolment form online:

www.ards.co.nz

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's teeth, or wish to update your contact details, please contact:

Ph: 09 8390565 www.ards.co.nz



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