

WAIPARA SCHOOL CHILDREN'S GARDEN COMPETITION

We have decided to have a children's garden competition as a part of Pet Day – or points that can contribute to the Pet Day Trophy. Children are encouraged to develop a garden at home – either flower or vegetable or mixed, that they tend to and nurture. These gardens can be prepared anytime now but would need to be judged in February ish....The garden needs to be a minimum of one metre squared in size. Seeds being sold by the PTA could start the process. We will try and organize extra prizes as an incentive for children to develop a garden. In the newsletter, I will include helpful ideas as to what needs to be happening in the garden at different times of the year. I will need to swat up on this or delegate the task to someone more knowledgeable than myself! So, encourage your children to find a space to make a garden at your place (one each or one per family) and start to dig up the soil in preparation for seed sowing in the spring. This will develop into something very exciting – feeding families even!

OLD PANTYHOSE REQUIRED

For another Pet Day activity, children will need old pantyhose. If any mothers or grandmothers have any old ones of these with ladders in them, please send them to school and we will make good use of them.

NITS DISCOVERED IN THE HAIR OF A ROOM FOUR CHILD

Eeeeeek! We have not had nits reported in the school for ages (it seems), but they have found a loophole and they are back!! Please check your child's hair, whether in Room Four or not, and treat if found ☺ The best way of dealing with these critters is to brush, brush, brush and use a cheap conditioner to aid this process. Don't worry about throwing money at commercial products....brushing and cheap conditioner and lots of time!!!! seems to do the trick.

NORTH CANTAMATHS COMPETITION

This Tuesday, Sahara MacFarlane, Ebony Varnam, Taleia MacMillan and Campbell Shepherd will compete in the North Cantamaths competition at Clarkville School. We wish this team good luck in their assault on North Canterbury mathematicians. Thanks to whomever is transporting these children to the event.

WAIPARA SCHOOL CLEANER REQUIRED

Karen Duncan, our wonderful cleaner, is leaving. If you think you can do the same excellent job in eleven hours per week, then send a letter of application, with the names of two referees to: The Principal, P.O. Box 11, Waipara, 7447 by 5 pm on Wednesday 10 August, 2016. Duties commence on Monday 22 August.