Hi there Jaguar Families!

Welcome to the end of our first full week here at John Muir! And a busy week it has been! Our kindies are now in 'full swing', which offers a wonderful dynamic to our Jaguar environment. Those little gals and guys must be exhausted by the end of the day! They are doing extremely well, and we are so happy to help them acclimatize to life as a full-time Jaguar.

We enjoyed a wonderful morning at Ella Beach today. For those of you unfamiliar with this beach, be sure to check it out if you ever have the chance. It is located at the end of Ella Road, which is a lovely 15 minute walk from John Muir. The students kept themselves busy building forts, setting up a variety of 'stands' (tattoos, rocks, and beach jewelry to name a few), throwing rocks in the ocean and socializing with their many friends and acquaintances. The weather was perfect for a morning at our favourite little beach, and we were fortunate to choose such a day!

Thank you to those parents able to make it out to our Welcome Night on Thursday. We love what we do here at John Muir, and you are all a huge part of our Jaguar community. If you did not have a chance to pop in last night, there will be many opportunities to connect with your child's classroom teacher throughout the remainder of the year.

We also hosted our first monthly Open House this past Wednesday. Again, thank you to those families able to join us. The purpose of this Parent Mingle was to make connections. We know that relationship-building is the key to success at any school, and we want to provide many opportunities in this regard throughout our year. It was wonderful to chat with many of you, and I look forward to our next event!

Of special note, as we head towards our wet season, is the value of sending in an extra change of clothes for your child. Our days will be wet before we know it, and it would be valuable for each of our Jaguars to have a change of clothes should the need arise. You would be surprised at just how damp our school grounds can get!

Just a reminder--Monday is a Non-Instructional Day, which means that there is not any school for our students. We will see you again bright and early on Tuesday!

Here are some important dates to remember:

Monday, September 18 Non-Instructional Day (no school for our students

Thursday, September 21 First PAC meeting--6pm in our library

Friday, September 29 Terry Fox Run

Monday, October 9 Thanksgiving (no school)

Thursday, October 19 School Photos

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your children with us on a daily basis. We love what we do here at John Muir, and your children are what makes this job so rewarding. Please take a moment to give them an extra hug this weekend, as they all deserve it!

Have a wonderful weekend!

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