

Through a stimulating educational programme, our school seeks to develop individual children to their full potential so they may become happy and well adjusted adults.



Newsletter No. 1

39 Years of Education

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Kia ora katoa

Important Dates
Please put these dates in your diary or calendar now

Friday 6 February
School closed – Waitangi Day

Friday 13 February
Meet the teacher school picnic from 6.00pm onwards. Bring your own fish and chips or a picnic basket. Games and equipment will be provided.

Wed 25 February
Board of Trustees Meeting - 6.30pm.

Wed 4 March
Senior School Swimming Sports.

Sunday 5 April
Daylight Saving ends.

Thursday 9 April
School will close at 3.00pm for the Easter break and reopen Monday 27 April.

A very warm welcome to staff and students. We have several new students enrolling at the beginning of the new term but some of them will not be arriving until the beginning of next week.

A very warm welcome to new teachers to Tawhai; Nisha Bhana, Nicole James, Judith Miller (former Tui Glen Principal), and Amanda Neemia.

Carol van Dusschoten is now on long term sick leave from Tawhai School. No doubt the community will wish Carol well for the future.

New Tawhai School Website

Please take the time to browse our revamped website; www.tawhaischool.stokesvalley.net

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Brochures are available in the Library. Last date for ordering, Wednesday 25 February.

Peanut Free

We have a student at Tawhai School, Ella,



who has a severe allergy to peanuts and peanut products. Her allergy is potentially life threatening. If Ella comes into contact with the smallest amount of peanut in her mouth she will have a severe allergic reaction which could result in a medical emergency. If Ella unknowingly comes into contact with any residue she would have a severe reaction. It would be a huge help if other children did not bring peanuts or products / baking containing peanuts. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school.

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Staff for 2009

Principal : Ron Wainwright
Deputy Principal
: Sharon Boese
Assistant Principal
: Kathryn Boyd
Acting Senior Teacher
: Raewyn Young

Senior Syndicate

Room 1, Y5/6
Nicole James
Room 2, Y4/5
Nycki Proctor
Room 14, Y5/6
Janette Page
Room 15, Y5/6
Raewyn Young (Syndicate
Leader)

Middle Syndicate

Room 3, Y3/4
Wendy Nelson
Room 4, Y3/4
Lynley Poole
Room 5, Y3/4
Sharon Boese (Syndicate
Leader)

Junior Syndicate

Room 10, NE/Y1
Kathryn Boyd (Syndicate
Leader)
Room 9, NE/Y1
Yvonne Randell
Room 6, Y1/2
Amanda Neemia
Room 7, Y2
Julia Dorgan
Room 8, Y2
Nisha Bhana
Room 11, Y1
Diana Wheeler

Literacy/Numeracy Support

Rhondda Welsh

Part Time Teachers

Jill Finlayson
Judith Miller

Teacher Aides

Sharon Gilmour
Yvonne Olivecrona
Julie Hanning
Susanne Markwitz
Rosa Stewart

Office Manager

Nicole Horgan

Caretaker/Cleaner

Vincent Baker / Margaret
Carroll

Safety Reminder

Children are welcome to use our ground facilities out of school hours but you are strongly advised to provide adult supervision while they are doing so.



Cookies on Sale

Every Thursday at morning tea. Cost is 70 cents each. Year 5 & 6 children will be selling these so it would be very helpful if the correct money could be given.

2009 Term Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 4 February –
Thursday 9 April

Term 2

Monday 27 April -
Friday 3 July

Term 3

Monday 20 July –
Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October –
Friday 18 December

FROM THE P.T.S.G.

Noodles

Reminder that noodles are sold every **Monday** for \$2.00 each. Flavours available are Chicken and Beef.

Reminders

Sending Money to School

We remind you that all money coming to school should be in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with the child's name, room number and the reason for the money (eg 'stationery'). All money should be sent to your child's teacher. Please do not take money direct to the school office.

Student Absences

In the interests of student safety, it is important that you notify the school by 9.15am if your child will be absent. The phone number to call is 563 6329.

The school will endeavour to contact you if we do not hear from you. It can take up to four phone calls to locate a parent and this often takes up a great deal of office staff time, so please – **ring us early.**

Parents

If you have any changes to your phone numbers, address or any other vital details we need to know about, could you please write this down on a note and either bring to the office or give to your child's teacher.

Medical Information

Please advise us as soon as possible if your child has any medical conditions that we need to be aware of – thank you.

Arrival at School

The school day begins at 8.55am. Students should aim to arrive at school

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between 8.30am and 8.45am, to allow for a little socialising before the day begins. It is important for student learning that they arrive at school on time and ready to start the day. Please do not allow them to be at school before 8.30am as we cannot guarantee there will be staff available to supervise them.

School Newsletters

Newsletters will be sent home each fortnight on a Wednesday. Please keep your copy at least until the next one arrives, so that you don't have to ring to ask for information that has been in the newsletter. If you wish to receive your newsletter by email please advise the school office. Newsletters will also be available on the school website.

Our office staff are very busy and we appreciate your assistance with this.

School Lunch Orders

The lunches on offer from the Bakehouse remain the same as for last year. Please do not vary the lunches, choose from the list and write the order, your child's name and their room number. No change will be given.

Melanoma Awareness

We remind you that students must wear a sun hat during morning tea, lunch time and extended outside activities. Hats need to cover the head, neck and ears, and shield

the face. Please reinforce the importance of sun protection with your children.

Road Safety

- Please do not park on the bus stop. It places everybody in danger when the bus arrives and departs.
- Please ensure you use the road crossing at all times, and encourage your children to do the same.
- Please insist that your children wear their cycle helmets when cycling or scooting to school.
- The school driveway from Glen Road is closed to all vehicle traffic between 8.30am and 9.15am, and 2.45pm and 3.15pm daily.

We remind you of the following instructions from NZ Police:

- **Do not double park.** This creates congestion and a hazard for other children who must cross the road. It also sets a bad example in its disregard for the law.
- **Keep crossing clear.** Don't park your vehicle on or near the approach to the pedestrian crossing. School patrols and children cannot be seen by approaching drivers through your vehicle.
- **Park correctly.** It's better to walk a short distance (even in the rain) than to cause an accident.
- **Park on the school side where possible.** This will avoid the temptation to run across the road. Have the children get out of the car on the footpath side. Remember, when driving,

approach a school with extra caution. Both children and adults make mistakes.

- **Do not drive up the school driveway.** There is little room to manoeuvre and it is used by children.

SPORT 2009

We are looking forward to another enjoyable year for sport. Soccer and Touch Rugby start week beginning Monday 16 February. To those who miss out on Touch or Soccer this term, another competition will run in term 4. The teams this term are predominately made up of players from last year.

Sport booklets are in the process of being sent out to all year 3-6 students. Permission slips are due back Friday 20 February. Please do not send any money at this stage. This year we have lost a number of coaches, so please consider putting yourself forward (coaching is available for all codes).

Good luck to our soccer and touch teams, enjoy and have fun!



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Fundraisers – Te Omanga Hospice

Below is our diary of upcoming events for the next three months ...

Dilmah Afternoon Tea with Alexander McCall Smith – Monday 9 February -

3.30 – 5.00 pm, Hutt Golf Club, Military Road, Lower Hutt. \$25.00 per person, with proceeds to the Hospice. Meet the bestselling author of more than 60 books and hear him talk about his latest book from the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, *Tea Time for the Traditionally Built*.

To book tickets email fundraising@teomanga.org.nz or phone Sandra at the Hospice 566 4535 ext 716.

Sculpture in the Country - 14-15 February, Carrington House, Carterton

The grounds of Carrington House (Main Road North, Carterton) is the spectacular setting for this bi-annual event showcasing the works of leading New Zealand sculptors. Admission: \$8 Adult - \$4 Child - \$20 Family Pass (2A + 2C). Open 10am to 4.30pm both days. Food & Refreshments available - Picnic facilities also available Live entertainment

Off-street parking available. Proceeds from this event to Te Omanga Hospice.

Rotary Petone Fair - Saturday 21 February - We will again be having a stall at this popular event and would love to receive donations of baking (cakes/loaves), pickles, sauces, and jams. We would also like to set up a roster of volunteers to help on the stall, so if you have one or two hours to spare on 21 February, please email volunteers@teomanga.org.nz or ring Janice on 566 4535.

Te Omanga Hospice Foundation Black Tie Dinner – Thursday 19 March - Interested in joining the Te Omanga Hospice Foundation and future-proofing the hospice for future generations?

Come and join us for an informative and elegant evening at the Hutt Golf Club, Military Road, Lower Hutt.

Tickets are \$120 pp. Available from Dianne Raynes at the hospice on 566 6157

2009 Great Englefield Charity Duck Race – Sunday 5 April, 11 am – Hutt River - The Petone Workingmen's Club will again be running this event, following the huge

success of the 2008 race. Sponsor a duck for \$5 each. Great prizes to be won, including a Regatta Bubble Massage bath valued at \$1699 + \$500 cash and spot prizes. For course details and race times please visit www.petoneclub.co.nz

Regards

Ron Wainwright

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