

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. 2

39 Years of Education

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Kia ora katoa

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

Tonight
PTSG Meeting –
7.30pm.

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 our new students; Alexandra Raiti-Young, Bailey Neemia, Ella Workman, Annelise Sirota, Georgia Rundberg, Sophie Browne, Sophie Dellaway, Timothy Rempala, Mydeara Hemana, Simon Scully, Shardae Hautapu-Kepa, Darion Crawford, Demiah Paora, Keanu Askew,

find it so that you are aware of the school's intentions in case of any emergency. A good place to keep this is the back of your telephone book.

Please note that in any civil emergency, the school will not release students to anyone unless we have written permission to do so.

Scholastic Book Club

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

Healthy Eating

We have two fuel breaks during the school day. The first is at 10.30am and the second is at 12.30pm. Could you please make sure your child has a lunchbox that contains enough healthy and 'filling' food that can be eaten during these breaks. Therefore, if your child is ordering lunch at school it is important that you still send food along for their morning tea. The major part of your child's lunch should be things like sandwiches or rolls with healthy fillings, fruit and raisins etc and water (please supply a named water bottle that can be kept at school). Remember – children who eat well can learn well!!

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.

Stephanie Norton, Marlene Koeninger, Malachai Hune, Alicia Perez, Gemma Lister, Caleb Stanley-Dwyer and Claudia Hume.

Emergency Procedures

With this newsletter you will receive a copy of school policy No. 5.2 : Emergency Procedures, together with the implementation plan for that policy. Please keep this in a place where you can easily

We hope, that in a small place, in your heart and in your mind, warm memories of your time here will be always there to find.

Entertainment Books are coming to Tawhai School.

Tawhai School is pleased to be offering the new edition of the Entertainment book to parents as part of our fundraising campaign for this year. Entertainment Books contain hundreds of 25-50% off and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotels, the arts, and leisure activities. There truly is something for everyone with high value offers from Logan Brown, Boulcott St Bistro, Zibibbo, St John's Heineken Hotel, The Tasting Room, Wagamama, Ernesto, Gotham, St Pierre's Sushi, Sky Village Cinemas, The Hurricanes, Wellington Phoenix, Karori Wildlife Sanctuary, Avis, Hamilton Island.....and many more!

The sale of each book will raise \$11 for the school and contribute much needed funds to our Sports Uniforms for this year. The books will be coming home at the beginning of Term 2, so keep your eyes peeled for further information on how you can get your hands on a copy of the fantastic new Entertainment Book!

For more information contact - Sharon Gilmour on 04 563 6329.

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.

Names on Clothing

It is essential that parents name any clothing that might be taken off at school. Unclaimed clothing will be given to the Salvation Army on a regular basis.

School Library Books and Readers

Please have a look under beds, in bookshelves and wardrobes for any library or reading books that need to be returned to school.



From the Board School Donations

The school relies on donations from each family to bridge the gap between the grant received from the Ministry of Education, and the true cost of providing an excellent education for its students. This year the requested donation remains the same as last year; ie:

\$80 for one child for the year, or \$20 per term
\$100 for two children for the year, or \$25 per term
\$110 for three or more children for the year, or \$27 per term.

There is a reduction for full payments made before 31 March (\$75 for one child, \$90 for two children, and \$100 for three or more children).

Requests for these donations will be sent home shortly, but if you wish to pay them sooner, please do so. Please place your donation in a sealed envelope, with your child's name and room number, and give it to your child's teacher.

The names of those families who have paid in full before end of term 1 will go into a draw for a \$200 grocery voucher.

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FROM THE PTSG

Noodles:

Sold every Monday.

Flavours: Beef or chicken

\$2.00 each.

A big thank you to Lynn Alabaster for helping with the preparation of the noodles over the past year. Rosa Stewart has now taken over from Lynn however if you would like to help every second Monday for approximately an hour please ring or visit the school office.

Aluminium Can Cage

Please remember to bring in those empty cans and deposit them in our cage situated at the Horoeka Street entrance.

Next PTSG meeting tonight in the staffroom at 7.30. All welcome.

Reminder – all sunblock orders to be into school before Wednesday 25 February.

Icon Photography - Saturday 14 March

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.

Arrival at School

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

Social Badminton Group

Enjoy a couple of games of Badminton and have a coffee and a chat every Tuesday morning, 9.30am-11.30am at the Kirk Church Hall, 346 Stokes Valley Road. For more information please call Susanne 563 5439.

SPORT 2009

Summer Soccer – Due to insufficient numbers of teams registered there will be no competition at Fraser Park this term. I am sorry but this is totally out of my control.

Touch Rugby – thank you to Karl Sirota, Janette Page and Matt Poole who will be coaching the teams this term. Games start tomorrow night. Good luck to all. Draw results will be put on the notice board outside school office.
Sharon Gilmour

Smoking

A reminder that Tawhai School grounds are a no smoking area. **Please do not smoke within the Tawhai School grounds.**

Dogs

Please note that dogs are not permitted within the school grounds.

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Stokes Valley Junior Rugby Registrations

Sign up and receive drink, sausage and other promotional material. Also get your photo taken with one of the Hurricanes on Saturday 21 February.

Venue – Stokes Valley Rugby Clubrooms at Delaney Park

- Saturday 21 February – 12pm-2pm
- Wednesday 25 February – 6.30pm- 7.30pm
- Saturday 28 February – 12pm-2pm
- Sunday 1 March – 10am-11am
- Sunday 8 March – 10am-11am
- Sunday 15 March – 10am-11am

Contact Kimberley Davis 567 1506 or 027 251 2222 or email k.davis.80@hotmail.com

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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