

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.



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39 Years of Education

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Kia ora katoa

Important Dates

Please put these dates in your diary or calendar now

Tuesday 10 March

Northern Zone Swimming Sports at Stokes Valley Pool from 9.00am – 12.30pm

Wed 25 March

Board of Trustees Meeting – 6.30pm

Thursday 2 April

Interzone Swimming

Friday 3 April

Parent Interviews from 2.00pm.

Sunday 5 April

Daylight Saving ends.

Wednesday 8 April

Interschool Triathlon

Thursday 9 April

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

A very warm welcome to Mya Hunwick-Judd.

Peanut Allergy Update

Please read the attached letter.

Two Concerns 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.

Darryl Gatward, one of our parents. Sincere thanks for all your efforts Darryl.

Hutt Mana Trust

Computer Furniture Grant

The Board of Trustees acknowledges a grant of \$1500.00. This grant has been used to buy computer desks and gas lift chairs for the recently installed student computers.

Behaviour Programme

In response to the 2008 biennial community consultation survey the BOT undertook to review its behaviour modification programme.

Some changes have been made to this programme. The major change being consistency in applying the chances programme. We are also giving the Year 6 student's more responsibility around the school with roles such as librarians, school gardeners, messengers etc.

The behavioural focus for both staff and students this term is Rights, Rules and Responsibility. The Life Education programme currently in the school also has a focus on Friends, Happy and Healthy and All Together, all topics that encourage a harmonious environment. I am pleased to report that in the first 4 weeks of this term a very positive tone is evident in classrooms and playground. Should you have any issues concerning student behaviour please discuss these with staff or myself.

Tawhai Website Thanks

Have you recently visited our revamped website? It looks really good. The Board of Trustees acknowledges the sterling work in upgrading this site on the part of

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School Lunches

The Bakehouse has advised us that they will be discontinuing the school lunch service effective from Thursday 5 March.

Future Enrolments

We need to continually update our anticipated new enrolment list. This information assists with our planning for the years ahead. If you know of any child turning five in 2009 or 2010 who may possibly come to Tawhai, please let the school office know.

We encourage our 'nearly fives' to come for several pre-entry visits. This helps both the child and parents to feel comfortable and secure with school life and the classroom routines. By the time children officially enter school they have begun to establish school relationships, thus making settling in a very smooth process. We welcome any questions parents may have as a result of these visits.

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.

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.

From the Library

Please refrain from mending books with sellotape. Just return the book to library with a note to say it needs mending.

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.

2009 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

The following schedule outlines the cost, closing date and actual competition date for these competitions.

Competition	Sitting Date
Computer Skills	Wednesday 27 May
Science	Wednesday 10 June
Spelling	Tuesday 23 June
Writing	Tuesday 23 June
English	Tuesday 4 August
Mathematics	Wednesday 19 August

Entry forms for the competitions will be available for students wishing to enter one or more of the competitions listed above from Mrs Young soon.

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FROM THE PTSG

Noodles:

Sold every Monday.
Flavours: Beef or chicken
\$2.00 each.

Aluminium Can Cage

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

Icon Photography - Saturday 14 March

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.

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.

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.

Regards

Ron Wainwright

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

SPORT

Touch Results

Thursday 19 February

Tawhai Troopers	3
Dyer Street Cougars	1

Tawhai Jets	2
Boulcott Blazers	5

Tawhai Tigers	8
Boulcott Flaming Scorers	1

Player of the Day:
Vincent Gabriel

Thursday 26 February

Tawhai Troopers won by default played friendly vs Dyer Street 1/1 draw

Tawhai Jets	0
Boulcott Hawks	3

Tawhai Tigers	1
Boulcott Fire	8

BMX Challenge

Last Thursday seven pupils competed in the School BMX Challenge in Upper Hutt. All students competed to the best of their ability and an enjoyable day was had by all. Thank you to the parents for transport and in particular Phil Page who helped out with the team on the day.

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