

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

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 Olivia Cook, Ashlee McEnirney, Javan Rangiwhetu & Braydon Rihari-Paese.

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.

From the Board Voluntary School Donations

You should have received by now an envelope for the school donations. Please send this envelope back to school to the **class teacher**. You are reminded that this donation is voluntary.

The names of 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.

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.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Brochures are available in the Library. Last date for ordering, Wednesday 1 April.

WHANAU SUPPORT GROUP

For all the Maori and Pacificia parents who received letters from the Board of Trustees (forwarded home Tuesday 10 March), could we please have a response before Friday 20 March.

No matter what your ability, background or starting point You can be great!

Anne-Marie and Debbie (Dental) are off site at Koraunui School from 16th – 26th March. Please call Koraunui School 939 9707 for any urgent cases.

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

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 Horoeka Street entrance.

Icon Photography – Thank you to all who participated in the ICON Photography Fundraiser. You will be able to view your photo from 2.30pm – 6.30pm on Thursday 26 March in the school hall.

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.

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

KIDS DOMAIN

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Lower Hutt & Stokes Valley Centres
WINZ subsidies available
Cost: From \$20.00 per day
email: kidsdomain@slingshot.co.nz
phone: 5266398 or 027 4749573

FROM THE LIBRARY

If you know your child will be leaving school please return your library books.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books will be distributed to students at the beginning of term 2. If you order your book prior to Tuesday 24 March you will receive \$150.00 of extra vouchers (see attached form). Please note for every book sold \$11.00 will go to purchase sports uniforms for our teams.

'Cars In The Capital' - Classic Cover Insurance NZHRA 2009 National Hot Rod Show

11-13th April 2009 (Easter) at the TSB Bank Arena, Wellington. Opens at 9am each day.

Bring your family along to see New Zealand's top Classic and Hot Rod Cars on display.

Adults \$10 Children (5-14yrs) \$5 Family pass \$25 (2 Ad & 2 children) Under 5yrs free.

For more information:

<http://apps.wcc.govt.nz/iebms/coe/coe>

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SPORT

Flippaball

Last week students took part in a "Have a Go Day" for Flippaball at Stokes Valley Pool.

This was a great morning enjoyed by all students who demonstrated some natural skills.

This year we will enter two teams in competition.

We are fortunate to have Nicole James an ex Hutt Valley Water Polo player to help coach the teams.

Touch Results

Thursday 5 March

Tawhai Troopers	8
St Bernards	0

Player of the Day:
Whole Team

Tawhai Jets	8
Maranatha Meteors	2

Player of the Day:
Rebecca Stewart

Tawhai Tigers	5
Pomare	4

Player of the Day:
Tyler Wallis

Thursday 12 March

Tawhai Troopers	3
HIB Crusaders	3

Tawhai Jets
Boulcott Hawks
Won by default

Played friendly vs Maranatha won 4/3

Player of the Day:
Nicole Alabaster

Tawhai Tigers	2
Pomare Moody Blues	9

Player of the Day:
Daniel Olsson

Cycles – Bike Helmets

We are noticing more and more students riding their bicycles and not adhering to the basic cycle road rules. It's compulsory for all cyclists on New Zealand roads to wear cycle helmets. Your cycle helmet must:

- meet an approved standard (see below)
- be securely fastened.

Check that your helmet is the right size – it should fit snugly on your head with a minimum use of pads. It's not a good idea to buy a child a helmet that they will 'grow into'. If your cycle helmet gets damaged, replace it with a new one. Please note that if a police officer stops you and asks to inspect your helmet, you must give it to them. Every cycle helmet must meet an approved standard. Your helmet should have a sticker inside it stating which standard it complies with. The approved standards stickers are:



Regards

Ron Wainwright

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