

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

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.

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.

Do not drive up the school driveway.

There is little room to manoeuvre and it is used by children.

From the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is currently advertising for a new teacher to fill the vacancy created by Nycki's resignation. Parents will be advised of the new appointment once it has been made.

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 the end of term 1 will go into a draw for a \$200 grocery voucher.

Voluntary donations are used to offset additional costs to the school not covered by the Ministry's operational grant. Last year; and this year, considerable expenditure has been focussed on upgrading the schools information and communication technology. Voluntary donation money has been used to purchase ICT equipment that enhances learning outcomes for your children.

WHANAU SUPPORT GROUP

Recently the families of all Maori and Pacific Island students at Tawhai School received a letter asking for interest in the setting up of a Whanau Support Group. Thank you to all the parents who responded to this letter. A meeting to progress this matter further will be held early in term 2 and you will be advised of this date in due course.

Congratulations and Farewell

Nycki Proctor, (Room 2), will resign her position at Tawhai School from the end of this term. Nycki will take up a new position at Pinehaven School. During her time at Tawhai, Nycki has made valued contributions, especially in the areas of Literacy and the Arts. The Board of Trustees, staff and parent community wish Nycki well.

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

Entertainment Books

This year for the first time these books will be distributed in term 2. Books cost \$55.00, \$11.00 from each book sold will go towards the purchase of jackets for various sporting events e.g. netball.

A sample of this jacket can be viewed at the office window.

There is no obligation to purchase these books, however students can bring home a book to give you the opportunity to browse at your leisure. New to these books for this year is admission discounts to the Wellington Phoenix and Vodafone Wellington Lions.

Thank you to those parents who have already purchased books.

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.

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 2008 or 2009 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.

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.

A reminder to parents that spring bulb orders need to be in by this Friday 3 April.

PTSG AGM will be held on Wednesday 29 April at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.

Gate Combo – Thursday 9 April, the last day of Term 1. Dried fruit (3 packs) will also be for sale at .50c. Flyers to go out next week.

FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Just a gentle reminder that breakfast is the most important meal of the day!

Try these healthy low cost ideas:

Wheat biscuits + milk = 50cents.

Toast + spread = 50cents.

Porridge + milk= 50cents.

All these breakfasts provide children with energy to start them on their day and enable them to be ready to learn.

FROM THE LIBRARY

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

School Library Books and Readers

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

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2009 Term Dates

Term 2:

Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3:

Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4:

Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December

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.

SPORT

Touch Results

Thursday 26 March

Tawhai Troopers	1
HIBS Crusaders	3

Second

Tawhai Jets	10
Maranatha Meteors	2

Third

Player of the Day:

Tiaan Bonica, Caitlin Te One, Cherie Lloyd

Tawhai Tigers	2
Boulcott	7

Fourth

Player of the Day:

Thomas Sirota

The under 12 boys played extremely well in the final and should be particularly proud of themselves considering they were playing Intermediate boys.

Well done to the under 12 mixed team who improved considerably throughout the competition. Their skills will hold

them in good stead for the competition in term 4.

The under 10 boys should also be proud of themselves they never lost heart and played exceptionally well in the playoffs without having any subs.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

WHATS-ON www.whats-on.co.nz

We have launched a fantastic online directory for children and families across New Zealand to find out "whats-on" for little ones, kids, teens and families in their area. There is also a notice board for "one off" family friendly events and activities. Please check this cool website out.

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

Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club - April School Holidays

Roller Disco

Tuesday - Friday (1st week),

Monday – Friday (2nd week)

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Entry \$6, Blade hire \$3, Skate hire Free

34B Goodshed Rd

Phone 939 0507

www.skate.wellington.net.nz

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Wellington School of Cricket Holiday Programmes

13th -17th April and 20th - 24th April
Wellington School of Cricket Indoor Facilities (Mana, Hutt Rec and Westpac Stadium).

Register online at www.cricketwellington.co.nz or email asoka@firebirds.co.nz

The Swish Dish, 295 Jackson Street
Petone, Phone 939-1979

Term 1, 2009 Holiday Programme

Our Holiday programme will run

1st Week	2nd Week
Mon Easter Monday	Mon 20 April
Tue 14 April	Tue 21 April
Wed 15 April	Wed 22 April
Thur 16 April	Thur 23 April
Fri 17 April	Fri 24 April

We will offer discounted items for the morning sessions which are between 9.30am and mid-day. **Bookings are essential** and parents need to accompany children under 7 years. The only cost to your child is what they choose to paint as tuition, painting, glazing and firing are included in the purchase price.

We have a new email address.
Let us know what you think
theswishdish@gmail.com

'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>

GROWING TOGETHER PARENT EDUCATION & SUPPORT PROGRAMME

WHEN - Term Two: May 6th - June 26th 2009, Wednesday - 10am -12pm

WHERE - Family Works Upper Hutt

Programme Aims:

- ❖ To provide a supportive space for parents/caregivers of children aged 0-6 years old to share their parenting experiences
- ❖ To raise awareness and understanding of positive and nurturing parenting approaches and how children learn and develop

Facilitators: Johanna Pibal- Child and Family Therapist/Diane Wolters- Family Worker. Please register your interest with Shirley on 528-4164- before the 30th April 2009. We require a minimum of 6 participants for this programme to go ahead. Child- minding available please enquire. This programme is gratefully supported by **S.K.I.P** (Strategies with Kids-Information for Parents).

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

Regards

Ron Wainwright

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