

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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Kia ora katou

Important Dates

Please put these dates in your diary or calendar now

Tonight

Board of Trustees meeting at 6.30pm held in staffroom.

Notice of PTSG AGM in the boardroom at 7.30pm.

Monday 1 June

School closed for Queen's birthday.

Wednesday 3 June

School closed for instruction – New Zealand Curriculum Professional Development

Friday 3 July

School closes at 3.00pm for the end of term 2.

Welcome back to school and to Term 2. We have lots of things planned and we look forward to some very successful outcomes. Please remember to ask your children for the school newsletters, they are published on a fortnightly basis.

Two new rooms (Rooms 16 & 17), were commissioned at the end of the school holidays. These rooms will be used to house our Literacy, Numeracy and extension teachers and their respective groups of students.

Welcome to Anne Olsen, new teacher who will be working in Room 2 for the remainder of this year.

Thank you to all parents who attended the end of term parent interviews with their child's teacher. There was a very high turnout on the 3rd of April. May I remind all parents that if you have any concerns with regards to your child's educational progress at Tawhai School please do not wait until the next scheduled parent interview. In the first instance talk to your child's teacher and if you do not get a resolution then talk to the Syndicate Leader or myself.

The Education Review Office (ERO) will carry out a scheduled education review of Tawhai School during the week beginning 18 May. ERO carries out education reviews of schools throughout New Zealand. The purpose of each review is to help improve the achievement of school students and to provide information to schools, parents, communities and the government to help them in their efforts to bring about improvement in schools.

Education Reviews have been designed to be useful to boards of trustees, Principals, staff, students and their parents.

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

Advanced notice is given that Tawhai School will be closed for instruction on Wednesday 3 June. On this day all Tawhai staff will be engaged in a Professional Development programme relating to the implementation of the new New Zealand Curriculum. This day has been granted by the Minister of Education. Further I give advanced notice that a second day will be taken on either Friday 23 or Tuesday 27 of October (Labour Weekend). I will advise you of the final date as soon as Professional Development arrangements have been confirmed.

Welcome to Giuliana Havill, Killarney Howsan, Jordan Lowrey, Chelsea McKibbin and Brooke Watkins.

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

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

Northern Zone Triathlon

On the 8th April, 45 of our students, 36 in teams and 9 individuals took part in the Triathlon at Speldhurst Park. It's an event we haven't run in a number of years and it was very successful. It was great to see a number of our students that don't usually participate in many sporting events, have a go as part of a team unit. Congratulations to all who took part of a team unit. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we look forward to the event taking place again next year.

Easter Raffle Winners

Room 1 – Burney Family
Room 2 – 1st Olsson Family 2nd Trethewey Family
Room 3 – Wilkinson Family
Room 4 – Kilty Family
Room 5 – Anslow Family
Room 6 – Mills Family
Room 7 – 1st Byrne Family 2nd Gatward Family
Room 8 – Ngarewa Family
Rooms 9 & 10 – Reremoana Family
Room 11 – 1st Hemara Family 2nd Old Family
Room 14 – Baker Family
Room 15 – 1st Jensen Family 2nd Hanning Family

Influenza-Like Illness

The Ministry of Health has recommended that the best things you can do to stop the spread of any type of influenza virus is to:

- stay at home and away from others if you are sick
- cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- put used tissues into a rubbish bin
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth – germs spread that way
- be careful to wash your hands often with soap and dry them thoroughly – **hand hygiene is critical:** even when you start to feel better there is still a risk of infecting others, so keep to the 20/20 rule – 20 seconds washing and 20 seconds drying
- keep surfaces clean at home

For more information please call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or visit the Ministry of Health's web page which is frequently updated: www.moh.govt.nz

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Congratulations to the Sharp family from Room 11 who won the draw for paying the school donations before end of term 1. They are the lucky recipients of a Stokes Valley New World voucher for \$200.

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FROM THE PTSG

Noodles:

Sold every Monday

Flavours: Beef or chicken - \$2.00 each.
Thank you to Tammy Old for her help in the past for making the noodles on Monday. We now welcome Amber Payne who will carry out this task.

Aluminium Can Cage

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

A reminder to parents that spring bulb orders will be here by end of this week.

Many thanks to parents and PTSG members who assisted with the gate combos at the end of last term: Rosa Stewart, Sam Pryce, Julie Hanning and Vicki Foss and Elaine Baker.

SPORT

Netball

This season we are entering three teams in competition. A big thank you to Paula Te One, Nicola Bonica and Jacinta Glynn for coaching teams. Grading games start on Saturday 2 May for the Year 5/6 teams. Competition for the Year 3/ 4 team does not now start until Saturday 9 May.

Basketball

This year we have one team entered in competition. Thank you to Jack Walker who will be coaching. Training now will be on Tuesday from 3-4pm. Games start on Thursday 14 May.

Flippaball

It is great to be able to enter two teams in this year competition. Games will start on Wednesday 13 May.

All the best to all teams for a successful and enjoyable competition.

Stokes Valley Cosmopolitan Club Ping Pong Ball Race 2009

Held Sunday 3 May @ 2.00pm starting from Stokes Valley New World and down Stokes Valley Stream finishing at the Weir. All proceeds to be donated to Westpac Life Flight Trust.

Writing Pieces from Room 11

We went to Taupo for Easter. I got a Hannah Montana Easter egg and a cup. Mum and Dad were sleeping. I was peeping when the Easter bunny came. I saw heaps of Easter eggs in the basket.

By Nikita Old

On Sunday the Easter bunny is coming to leave me Easter eggs. I like Easter eggs so much.

By Luke Manning

Next week I'm going to Te Marua, my Dad is at Stock Cars and maybe my Dad will win. My Dad's car is 33 and my Uncle's car is 13 and maybe he will win at Stock Cars and get the chequered flag. I will be impressed if he wins and my Mum will be impressed too.

By Hollie Sharp

Cameron is starting to play with us and he will be our friend forever.

By Josh Pereira

Regards

Ron Wainwright

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