

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

Wednesday 20 May

School Cross Country – please see attached for more details.

Monday 1 June

School closed for Queen's birthday.

Wednesday 3 June

School closed for instruction – New Zealand Curriculum Professional Development

Thursday 4 June

Northern Zone Cross Country

Tuesday 16 June

InterZone Cross Country

Friday 3 July

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

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

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 new students Connor Byrne, Colton Foss and Aria Neemia who have all joined Discovery.

Names on Clothing

It is essential that parents name any clothing that might be taken off at school. There is a huge basket at the back of the school hall full of lost clothing. All clothing unclaimed will be given to the Salvation Army at the end of the school term.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are in the process of being sent out to students. Thank you to those who have bought them. Please send back to school if you do not wish to purchase.

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.

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Influenza-Like Illness

The Ministry of Health has recommended that the best thing 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

Head Lice

Head Lice are a common problem the world over.

Ideas about prevention and treatment abound – some of them are really scary!! Have you tried any of these ideas to minimise cost and reinfestation?

- Brush hair every night. This helps to kill or injures lice and therefore stop them from laying eggs.
- Long hair is best tied back.
- Hair conditioner and combing (see below) is a most effective way of finding and treating head lice. The conditioner stuns the lice for some 20 minutes so they can be easily removed.
- Constantly washing bedding is time consuming. Take a hot iron to the bed (preferably vacated) and run it over the pillowcase and sheets. The heat will kill the critters.
- Using hair curling tongs. Heat them up and tong the hair making sure you get the tongs as close to the

scalp as possible (especially useful on longer hair). Once again the heat will kill them.

- Soft and fluffy bed toys can harbour head lice. Put them in a plastic bag and in the freezer for 24 hours.

Conditioner and Combing Technique

- Use enough hair conditioner to cover the whole head from the roots to the tips and comb through with an ordinary comb.
- Divide and clip hair into small sections.
- Take one section at a time and carefully fine toothcomb from the roots to the tips.
- Wipe the comb on a tissue and check for head lice or eggs. (An old toothbrush may be used to clear the debris from the fine toothcomb).
- Continue until all the conditioner has been combed out of the hair.
- Wash hair normally.
- Wash combs in hot water and dispose of all tissues.
- Repeat this every 2 days until no live lice have been found for 10 days.

From the Dental Clinic

The Dental Nurses are leaving Tawhai School on Thursday 21 May and will be located at Tui Glen School.

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, raisins etc and water (please supply a named water bottle that can be kept at school). Remember – children who eat well can learn well!!

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Writing Pieces from Room 4

My dad is a power lifter. He is as strong as an ox. His eyes are lighty medium green. He is good at doing beautiful plaits (even though he is a boy). He has got interesting things to tell and I'm always waiting for him to speak. He's a friendly man; he is keen to do anything. For when he bakes it's delicious and tastes great all the time, even when it's burnt. Sometimes he sleeps in but most of the time he's a tweety bird (that means that he wakes up early). My dad's gleaming smile goes from ear to ear, it shines. My dad's great at gardening, he's perfect. I love my dad.
By Kerenza McMillan, Room 4

He was my best friend, Jug. I loved him very much. He had brown eyes. He was the greatest pet I had. He had a sparkle in his eye. I felt sad when he died. I played with him when he was little.
By Keaton MacKail, Room 4

My dog Dock has eyes like the brown autumn leaves. He's really fast. Dock is the shortest dog I know. He is white with a black head. He's a really high jumper. He's a nipper. If you don't stroke him he bites you, it doesn't really hurt. He is really good at jumping and running. I love him more than Pipe because he is faster at getting to the door and when I am at school he sits at the gate waiting.
By Jack Kilty, Room 4

FROM THE PTSG

Vivienne Jackson has resigned from her position as Chairperson. Rachel Tallon has been elected as our new Chairperson – congratulation Rachel.
Secretary – Julie Hanning
Treasurer – Elaine Baker

Committee Members – Vicki Foss, Adele Lloyd, Rebecca Nelson and Rosa Stewart.
Staff Representative – Jill Finlayson

Noodles:

Sold every Monday

Flavours: Beef or Chicken - \$2.00 each

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Brochures are available in the Library. Last date for ordering is Wednesday 20 May.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Hospice Appeal Week runs from 11 - 17 May 2009 and is an opportunity for Te Omanga Hospice to be one of 36 hospices throughout New Zealand to inform and educate the community about what the Hospice movement is and what services we offer.

So keep your eyes peeled for media coverage of who we are and what we do.

Do come and support us at some of the events shown below!

"Living Every Moment" This new initiative is part of a national campaign and has been developed to give people the opportunity, through our website, to experience how it feels to give and receive a special 'moment' like a hug, a smile, breakfast in bed to friends and family.

We would hope that the recipient of the 'moments' would then be inspired to send their own 'moments' to friends and family.

Thursday 14 May - A Charity Premier of the movie "Angels & Demons" starring Tom Hanks - 8.30pm at the Lighthouse Cinema in Beach St, Petone
Tickets \$25.00 pp (includes wine and cheese) - Available from Lighthouse Cinema - 939-2061

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The team behind the global phenomenon "The Da Vinci Code" returns for the highly anticipated "Angels & Demons", based on the bestselling novel by Dan Brown. Tom Hanks reprises his role as Harvard expert Robert Langdon, who once again finds that forces with ancient roots will stop at nothing, even murder, to advance their goals.

**Friday 15 & Saturday 16 May –
Te Omanga Annual Street Appeal**

Our Annual Street Days will see over a hundred volunteers out and about around our region "rattling tins" in support of Te Omanga!

This year we are very lucky to have several new weekend venues such as the Riverbank Market, Bunnings, California Garden Centre, and Mitre 10 Upper Hutt. And we would still love as much help as we can possibly get!

So if you or your friends and family have an hour to spare sometime over these two days, PLEASE let the Funding Office know – email events@teomanga.org.nz or phone 04 566-4535 during office hours.

Friday 22 May - "Coffee and Slice Special" at Robert Harris Cafe, Lower Hutt

Purchase a small coffee and slice (from a selection) for only \$6.00!

A VERY generous offer indeed ... not to mention Yummy! ... with the total purchase price going to Te Omanga Hospice. Kindly organised by Home Instead Senior Care and Robert Harris Cafe

SPORT

Netball

Saturday 2 May

Tawhai Tornadoes	2
St Michaels (2)	9
Tawhai Tornadoes	15
Our Lady (1)	3
Tawhai Hoopsters	4
Hutt Central (2)	5
Tawhai Hoopsters	7
Epuni (1)	0

Saturday 9 May

Tawhai Tornadoes	8
Naenae Primary	7
Tawhai Tornadoes	6
Eastern Hutt (4)	2
Tawhai Hoopsters	3
Dyer Street	0
Tawhai Hoopsters	2
Gracefield (2)	1
Tawhai Shakers	8
Eastern Hutt	1

Regards

Ron Wainwright

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