

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.



Newsletter No. 8

39 Years of Education

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Kia ora katou

Important Dates

Please put these dates in your diary or calendar now

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.

Monday 20 July

School reopens at 8.55am for the start of term 3.

Tawhai School will be closed for instruction next Wednesday 3 June. 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.

Welcome to new students Kieren Butler, Leah Kingi, Tyrone Lloyd and Cody Setter who have all joined Discovery.

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.

Avalon Intermediate School invites parents / caregivers who currently have students in Year 6 to our Open Evening to be held on Thursday 11th June at 7.00pm in the Reading and Research Centre. This invitation gives prospective parents / caregivers the opportunity to meet with staff as well as hear an outline of what Avalon Intermediate School has to offer students for their Year 7 and 8 Intermediate school education.

Where: Avalon Intermediate School
Reading and Research Centre

Address: 1041 High Street, Avalon, Lower Hutt

Phone: 5677 453 or fax 5677 475 or email principal@ais.school.nz

Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. {Anonymous}

We are desperately needing boys trousers for when children get wet etc. Trackpants are ideal however we will take anything offered.

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

Entertainment Books

A big thank you to those who have purchased entertainment books or made a donation towards purchasing jackets for sport.

A few books are still outstanding, could these please be returned to school by Friday 5 June.

Books for the Junior School are being given to students this week. If you do not wish to purchase a book please return to school as soon as possible. Books cost \$55.00 (\$11.00 of which will go towards buying sports jackets).

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.

From the Board

Voluntary 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 voluntary 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.

Requests for these donations will be sent home shortly. Please place your donation in a sealed envelope, with your child's name and room number, and give it to your child's teacher.

From the Dental Clinic

The Dental Nurses are now leaving Tawhai School on Thursday 18 June and will be located at Tui Glen School.

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.

The great end of life is not knowledge but action. {T. H. Huxley}

FROM THE PTSG

Noodles:

Sold every Monday

Flavours: Beef or Chicken - \$2.00 each

COOKIES

Available Thursday morning tea outside the school office - .70c each.

NETBALL

New World Longest Till Receipt

Please collect your New World docketts from now until 14 June and put them in the box in the office foyer. The twelve netball teams with the longest docketts win!

Writing Pieces from Room 11

Rain

It was raining on me. I didn't like the rain but I like the rain a little. It was stormy. I didn't like the storm. I didn't really like it. It was lightning. The lightning was big because it was really loud. We were driving mum to work. My mum works in an office. My mum works on a computer.

By Paris Harrop-Hemara

T-Shirts

In the morning I got a t-shirt from my mum. It has two balloons and there are two contractions on my t-shirt. My shirt is a size 8 and Daniel's t-shirt is a size 12. I don't know why my mum got the t-shirts.

By Joshua Pereira

Taupo

On the first day of the holidays we went to Taupo because we were having a holiday. On Easter Friday I got a Hannah Montana Easter egg. I got a bag of Easter eggs. On the last day of the holidays we went for a ride on the boat to the trout. We did not get any trout.

By Emma Hanrahan

Tog Zone

Tomorrow I am going to Tog Zone for swimming lessons so I know how to swim. I'll be a good swimmer in the class. Hollie is the teacher. We'll go to the big end of the pool. Dad's going too but he's not going in the pool. We are going to have fun. When we get out of the pool I'll have a shower. Eloise is having a shower as well. Hollie, the teacher, is swimming next to me. I'll have fun with Hollie. I will play with Hollie.

By Nikita Old

Thunder and Lightning

In the night there was thunder and lightning. In the morning it was loud and it was raining. It was fun. It was raining at Tawhai School. It was very loud and it was scary.

By Liam Russell

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Monday 8 June - A Fundraiser for Matiu Marie and Aroha Samuel to fly to Las Vegas, for the Dance Challenge - the movie "Angels & Demons" starring Tom Hanks - 8.30pm at the Lighthouse Cinema in Pauatahanui - Tickets \$20.00. For more information please contact Fiona Morrison 938 -8003.

Registered Nurses and Caregivers

We have temporary and permanent positions available now for experienced Caregivers and Registered Nurses in local aged care facilities.

We can offer:

- Competitive pay rates
 - Flexible working hours
- Contact Sheree or Bridget
Nightingale Nursing Bureau
Ph: (04) 477 9347

Email: bridget@medcall.co.nz

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North City Shopping Centre

*** Win Your School \$500 ***

During the July school holidays, North City Shopping Centre is proud to be hosting the 9th Annual Shooting Star Talent Search. This will provide young uprising stars with the opportunity to showcase their own unique talents on Centre Stage and to compete for the chance to win some great prizes! The talent search is open to any child aged between 5 and 16 years, who is attending a registered primary or secondary school at the time of the competition. There is \$4500 worth of prizes up for grabs, including \$500 cash for the overall winner and \$500 cash for the overall winner's primary or secondary school to go towards a project of the school's choice. Registration forms are available at the school office or download from www.northcityshoppingcentre.co.nz or from North City Shopping Centre Customer Service Desk.

Widen your family's experience by hosting an exchange student. AFS Intercultural Programmes are looking for volunteer families to host 16 - 18 year old students arriving in July from Italy, Canada, Dominican Republic the Czech Republic and several other countries. If hosting is not possible, you could become an aunt and/or an uncle and invite them round for a regular meal or a weekend. If you would like to enquire about this opportunity, please phone Judith Baxter on 934 8666.

Come and be Creative at Craft House!

We have a wonderful School Holiday Programme that is Unique and Educational – inspiring projects for Boys & Girls of all ages. Scrapbooking, Cards, Mini-Albums, Clocks, Blocks – and now sewing your own "SOFTIES" - Easy, Fun, Exceptional Value AND Affordable sessions (starting at just \$18 with

morning, afternoon, daily and weekly options with flexible time arrangements before and after).

Join us for some fun and creativity these School Holidays at Craft House, 47 Hutt Road, Thorndon. Visit www.CraftHouse.co.nz or call **499-4499** to register now.

SPORT

Netball

Saturday 16 May

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| Tawhai Tornadoes | 4 |
| Waterloo (2) | 0 |
| Tawhai Tornadoes | 10 |
| Tui Glen (1) | 0 |
| Tawhai Hoopsters | 6 |
| Rata Street (3) | 0 |
| Tawhai Hoopsters | 3 |
| Te Aroha Jnr | 11 |
| Tawhai Shakers | 10 |
| Muritai Magic | 0 |

Flippaball

Wednesday 20 May

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| Tawhai (1) | 5 |
| Muritai | 6 |

Player of the Day: Rhianna Morgan

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| Tawhai (2) | 3 |
| St Peters & Pauls | 11 |

Player of the Day: Nicole Alabaster

Basketball

Thursday 21 May

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| Tawhai Sparks | 11 |
| Randwick All Stars | 2 |

Regards
Ron Wainwright

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