

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 katou

Important Dates

Please put these dates in your diary or calendar now

Wednesday 29 July

Board of Trustees Meeting – 6.30pm.

Year 6 students to Avalon Intermediate School

Thursday 6 and Friday 7 August

Parent/Teacher interviews.

Scholastic Book Fair in Library.

Thursday 13 August

Artsplash Concert – Michael Fowler Centre – 8.00pm.

Tuesday 8 September

School photos.

Thursday 24 September

End of term 3.

Friday 25 September

School closed for instruction – New Zealand Curriculum Professional Development.

During the school holidays new security fencing and gates was installed at both the Horoeka and Glen Road entrances. Parents entering and leaving the school between 8.55am and 3.000pm are requested to ensure that they close the new gates firmly.

Tawhai School will be closed for instruction on Friday 25 September. 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.

Tawhai School Reading Outcome (Years 3 - 6)

At the beginning of this year, we collected reading data from our year 3 - 6 students using the STAR (Supplementary Test of Achievement and Reading) Reading Test.

Overall our students are making accelerated progress in reading.

The following table shows our results for years 3-6 students achieving @ or above the national Expectation in Reading:

	Maori	Non-Maori	National Norm
Year 3	72%	70%	60%
Year 4	50%	60%	60%
Year 5	92%	71%	60%
Year 6	83%	75%	60%

Welcome to term 3

We look forward to many interesting and challenging programmes.

A special welcome to Jenni Adams (returning to work full time in the Junior School) and to Naomi Clench (returning to work part time in the Junior school).

Your goal may change and evolve over time, but you will get there.

Mid Year Reporting to Parents

Last Monday, parents received a written report on their child's progress this year. Parent/teacher interviews will take place on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 August.

Welcome to Tahleah Kiri, Logan Polaczuk and Troy Utumua who have joined Discovery.

Internet Permission Forms Years 4-6

There are still some permission forms outstanding – please return to school as soon as possible.

Cookies sold at morning tea on Thursday's only – 70 cents each.

FROM THE PTSG

Garage Sale – This event is planned for late August, so time for everyone to start going through their cupboards and hauling out those things you have been meaning to get rid of but just haven't gotten around to. We will advise you closer to the time when they can be dropped off to 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.

Meat Pack Raffle

There will be ten meat packs raffled fortnightly over the next 18 weeks. Tickets are \$2.00 with a limit of 30 tickets each time. If you're interested, catch Graham around the school sometime. This will be a quick and easy fundraiser for the Senior School Camp Fund.

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

Yummy Apple Promotion – New Sports Gear for Our School

Again this year, the Yummy Fruit Company is running the Yummy Apple Promotion which allows schools to earn new sports gear through Rebel Sports. Just like last year, all we need to do is collect "Yummy" stickers from individual apples or "Yummy" cut-out labels from 2kg bags of apples.

The Yummy Fruit Company has a prize pool of \$200,000 of sports gear they wish to give away so the more stickers and labels we have the more sports gear we can earn.

If your family and friends could help us to collect the stickers and labels and send them along to school, we would be very grateful. The children can place these on special collection sheets that will be held in their own classrooms. All stickers need to be in by Friday 25 September.

If you want to know more about the promotion you can visit the website on www.yummyfruit.co.nz

Skool Stars

This is a fundraiser for the school where each class learns a dance to a chosen piece of music. It is then professionally recorded by the Skool Stars team. The dvd's will then be available for purchase - prices to be confirmed. A percentage of this money will go to the school. Each class may have separate notices going home about costuming and props. Any queries please check with the class teacher.

Thursday 13 August is recording day and 2 September is the Premiere Showing Day.

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FROM THE COMMUNITY

HOLBORN KINDERGARTEN DISCO:

Holborn Kindy are holding their annual disco on Friday 7th August.

They would like to extend a warm welcome out to all past pupils to come along & join in with the fun of seeing old Kindy friends once again.

The disco will be held at Korauuni School Hall & will run from 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

Tickets cost \$2.00 each.

Come along for a few hours of fun & dancing.

Great raffles, food & drinks are being sold throughout the evening.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Tonia on 977-8926 or Holborn Kindergarten on 920-9818.

Need Before School/After School Childcare?

New Zealand Nannies International have Au Pairs available to care for your children and help with housework for up to full time hours in exchange for free board and \$200-250 per week. The Au Pair can stay for 12-24 months as required. For more information please go to www.nznannies.org.nz or email kristina@nznannies.org.nz



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Tue 4 Aug, 7-9 pm @ Riley Centre,
Wellington High School. Tickets \$15

Purchase online www.parenthelp.org.nz

or at: Parent Help, Compassion House,
2 Lukes Lane (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm)

Konev Leather, 166A Featherston Street
Dymocks Queensgate, Shop 107,
Westfield, Queensgate

Playdays Toyshop, 238 Jackson St,
Petone

Toyworld Porirua, 7 Cobham Court,
Porirua

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Entertainment™ Books features many of the area's best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities, all with valuable 25% to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers. Purchase an Entertainment™ Book for only \$55 and you'll receive over \$15,000 in valuable offers that you and your family can use all year through to June, 2010! Now that is a good return on your investment!

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We have only 16 copies left so contact us now to ensure you don't miss our on your Book.

To purchase your copy of the 2009-2010 Wellington Entertainment™ Book, contact: Sharon Gilmour on 563-6329 or email admin@tawhai.school.nz.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising.

Regards

Ron Wainwright
Principal

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