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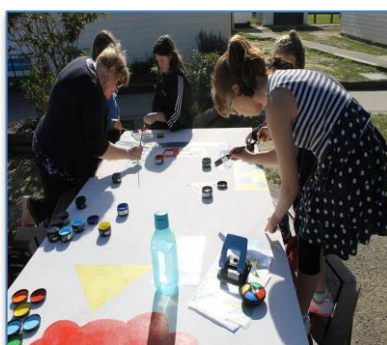
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A very warm welcome to all our new families who have recently joined the Tawhai School community.

I would like to acknowledge some very special contributions to recent events at Tawhai School.

- Our wonderful Student Council and parents who made Yellow Cupcake Day such a huge success. We raised over \$900 which was an amazing effort.
- Janette Page and our very talented choir who performed so beautifully last Wednesday evening. You were a delight to listen to and watch.
- Ross Mckinnon, for helping us create a vision for the top garden and supporting Nisha Bhana (our Enviroschools Leader).
- Gavin, Matt, Ross and our helpful army of students for moving the woodchips onto our playground.
- Andrea Sinclair for her work with the Art Hoarding Project.



Included in our Tawhai School curriculum is a graduate profile which unpacks what we would like our Year 6 students to leave with. It is really important to us that our graduate profile reflects our parent voice. We are going to start with meeting our Maori whanau next week. We are providing two opportunities to meet (Tuesday September 13, 9am or 7pm). If you have received a letter please send the reply slip back with your preferred time.

With only a few weeks left of the term, please try to make the most of the school day by ensuring your child is here by the 8:45 am bell in the morning. Being on time gives the children a much more positive start to the day.

spellathon

Thank you for all your great support with our recent Spellathon. Please remember to bring back the Spellathon sponsorship forms and any monies before the 9th September and be in the draw for a Westfield voucher.

Lost Property

We have a very large number of lost property items including 3 scooters and 2 bikes! Clothing items will be put out on the stage on our next fine day so please have a look through for any items you think may belong to your child. Pop into the office if the scooter or bike belongs to your child.

PAID UNION MEETING – THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER






On Thursday 8 September there is a paid Union meeting for teachers, held at the Walter Nash Stadium, from 1.30pm until 3.30pm. Please complete the form sent home on Monday to ensure teachers know your arrangements for your child.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – AMENDED DATE

We have changed the date for school photos to **FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER** due to the Union meeting which is taking place at 1.30pm on Thursday 8 September.

Tawhai School on 9th September, 2016

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.
You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.
 You will receive an order envelope featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p>Premium Pack(A) plus You get The File</p> 	<p>Value Pack(B) plus You get The File</p>  <p>Packs include: Premium Pack: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar, The File voucher and a Class photo Value Pack: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, The File voucher and a Class photo Single Pack: 1x 5x7 portrait, The File voucher and a Class photo Class Photo: All class photos in portrait packs and Class only are 8x10 and laminated *The File voucher* includes the code to redeem the 2MB file of your child's portrait.</p>	<p>Single Pack (C) plus You get The File</p>  <p>Portraits only (D)</p>  <p>Class only(E)</p> 	<p>Pack prices (do not pay now)</p> <p>A = 35.00 B = 29.50 C = 28.00 D = 20.00 E = 14.00</p>
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Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home or you can go to Family Order Form at www.schoolmemories.co.nz to download a form. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

MASSEY STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMICALS IN KIDS

Environmental pollution, such as heavy metals and synthetic chemicals, can be found in soil, air, and water around the world. Every human in the world is exposed to pollution to varying degrees and carries traces in their body. The past decades have seen many successful efforts to reduce the levels of pollution in our environment, such as better control of industrial waste discharges. This study will show whether these efforts have been successful and indicate where more work is needed. Your child is invited to take part in a study measuring levels of environmental chemicals in their bodies. These chemicals include metals (such as lead, mercury, arsenic), cotinine (indicating exposure to tobacco smoke), additives to consumer products (such as triclosan, fluoride, sunscreen active ingredients, parabens), and components of plastics (such as bisphenol A and phthalates). If your child participates in the study, a university scientist will measure these chemicals in their blood and urine, and provide you with individual testing results free of charge. If you are interested in hearing more about the study, pick up an Information Pack from the school office or contact:

Jonathan Coakley, Study Co-ordinator
Freephone 0800 328 284
DDI 04 979 3384
email j.d.coakley@massey.ac.nz

IMPORTANT DATES

[Please keep checking our school website for the most up to date events calendar]

- 6 – 23 September – Dental Van
- 8 September – Paid Union Meeting
- **9 September – School photos**
- 23 September – Last day of term (3pm finish)
- 23 September – Gate combo
- 10 October – First day of term 4
- **21 October – Teacher only day – professional development on Student Agency**
- 31 October – 24 November – Junior Syndicate swimming

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kia pai tō rā
Kia ora

Karen Poole
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LOOKING TO START DRAMA CLASSES?

Kids 4 Drama classes teach clear communication, vocal techniques, and the art of improvisation, mime, character portrayal and general performance and public speaking skills. These lessons are wrapped up in a unique framework that promises loads of fun and are an excellent confidence-building tool. To be sent an information pack or to trial one of our community classes, please email becca@kids4drama.co.nz.

STOKES VALLEY TENNIS CLUB JUNIOR OPEN DAYS

Sunday 11th and 18th September 1pm-4pm

Inviting all new and returning tennis players to come for some fun and to check us out! Experience tennis in our friendly, supportive environment. Racquets and modified equipment available. Two terms of professional coaching available - begins Sunday 16th October (start of Term 4) and finishes April 2015. Junior Coaching Programme on Sundays from 1pm-4pm (3 session levels available).

Many Saturday interclub teams available to join for those ready to play matches. For more info, contact Theresa Lill (Junior Convenor) - ph 977 5937 or 021 167 9413 email: tlill@paradise.net.nz or our website: www.stokesvalleytennisclub.org.nz
Stokes Valley Tennis Club is located at 380 Stokes Valley Rd (behind the fire station).