

Dear Parents & Friends

TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 19 MARCH:

A reminder that the first Teacher Only Day this year will be on **Friday 19 March**. **The school will be closed, there will be no supervision provided for students on this day.**

PTA MEETING MONDAY – 8 MARCH 7.30pm STAFFROOM

All friends and parents of the school are invited to attend the first PTA meeting of the year. The PTA is relaxed and informal group made up of parents and teachers who want help to 'build' our school. If you have some spare time then come along. All welcome.

UNION MEETING CANCELLED - SCHOOL AS NORMAL FOR 23 MARCH:

The NZEI Union meeting for all teaching staff that was timetabled for the afternoon of **Tuesday 23 March** has now been postponed. Therefore the **school will operate as per normal and will close at the usual time of 3.00pm** and not 12.30pm as previously stated in Newsletters etc.

COMING DATES:

- 05.03.10** Interschool Swimming Sports
- 08.03.10** PTA Meeting, 7.30pm
- 12.03.10** School Photos
- 19.03.10** Teacher Only Day – school closed
- 30.03-1.04.10** Year 6 Camp at Palm Grove
- 01.04.10** End of Term 1
- 19.04.10** Start of Term 2

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY:

Class photos and individual/family portraits will be taken on **Friday 12 March**. Photo envelopes have been sent home. Order envelopes for family/sibling photos are available from the school office.



DENTAL CLINIC:

Linda & Sandra shifted from Kapanui to Raumati South School Dental Clinic on **Tuesday 2 March**. They anticipate starting at Kenakena at the beginning of May and should return to Kapanui in September.

SPARE CLOTHES & ACCIDENTS:

Please could the parents of the Year 1 and 2 children (especially the boys!) ensure they have a change of clothes in their bag **every day**. We have had a large number of 'little accidents' recently and we only have so many spare clothes in small sizes to go round!

Also please could parents **wash and return any clothes** their child has borrowed from the office this term. We have quite a few items out there in the school community

ROAD PATROL PARENT SUPERVISOR NEEDED:

We still require a parent volunteer to supervise the Road Patrol Wardens on **Monday afternoon 2.55 – 3.15pm**. Do you have a spare half hour? This is a vital (if low key) role for the safety of our students at peak traffic flows. If you can help or would be willing to be a reserve, please phone Maria at the office.

EXERCISE BOOK LIST:

Several dictionaries/books are required this year and are still available from the school office:

Yr 5/6	Collins NZ School Dictionary	\$17.50
Yr 3/4	Collins First School Dictionary	\$15.50
Yr 2	PM Word Book	\$ 7.00
Yr 1	Home Reading Diary	\$ 4.00

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUBS:

Flyers have been sent out and the next Bookclub will close on 22 March.



WAIKANA E SCHOOL HOCKEY / KAPITI JUNIOR HOCKEY:

The 2010 Primary Winter Hockey season starts on **24 April**. We would like to extend the number of Waikanae School hockey teams this season to include Minis Y1/2 children and a Junior Y3/4 team. Y1/2 will practise skills/play on a Saturday morning 8.30-9.30am and Y3/4 will play 9.30am–11am on Saturday. The Y5/6 children will play on Wednesday afternoons 3.30-6.30pm and the Y7/8 children play Tuesday afternoons/evenings 3.30-7.30pm.

All teams will require adults to supervise (Minis & Juniors) and also coaches for Y5/6 and Y7/8 teams. This needs to be organised before the team will be registered. Please contact Jane Lumsden (School Co-ordinator) Rm 12, 027 2608409 or email j.lumsden@waikanae.school.nz if you can assist and/or to pick up registration forms.

Fees for 2010: \$40 Minis, \$50 all other grades. \$10 discount each additional child from same family. Payments can be made at Waikanae School Office (cheques made out to Waikanae School).

RUN FOR FUN:

On **Sunday 7 March** there will be another **Run for Fun** at Paraparaumu Beach. It will be a day full of fun, running, cheering and achieving.

The runs are along the beach and you will run with kids your age. You can enter in the following categories;

- 5-6 year olds, 0.5 Km 10.00am
- 7-10 year olds, 1.5 Km 10.30am
- 11+ year olds, 3 km 11.00am



(Your parents can run along, but they won't win anything.) It will cost \$3.00 to enter and you pay on the day. This is not a school event, so your parents or other caregiver will have to be there with you.

BAD TRAFFIC BEHAVIOUR:

- **BLP738** - 4WD, Stopping on yellow lines
- **TA354** - White Ford, Drove through the Road Patrol sign

Wanted to Buy: Keyboards for children's use. Phone Louise 9043983.

Wanted to Rent: Rental property required in Waikanae area for family of four. Three+ bedrooms, clean & tidy property for long term rent. Contact Kerry 9710470.

FOUND:

- Junior Phoenix ticket – contact the office or phone 9022441.
- Navy Kathmandu jacket, size 6-8, on the Peka Peka bus. Please see the Office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS – MAY 2010:

The Waikanae School Board of Trustees has what is called a 'split' Board. This means that we have Board elections every 18 months where some of the positions come up for election rather than all positions every three years. Elections this year will be held in April/May for three parent representatives for a three year term. Being a Board member is a very worthwhile method of supporting your child's education and I urge you to consider standing for election.

Key dates for the election are as follows:

15 March	Roll closes
15 March	Call for nominations
23 April	Nominations close
28 April	Voting papers issued
7 May	Election day -voting closes
13 May	Results declared

COIN TRAIL – RELAY FOR LIFE:

On **Wednesday 24 March** Brogan and Hollie Dunce will be running a coin trail on the Court at 12.15pm and will talk a little bit about what Relay for Life is. Relay for Life is the biggest worldwide fundraiser for the Cancer Society. It runs in 22 venues across New Zealand and last year the Wellington Division raised almost half a million dollars. Their team, The Inspirations, has 17 members and are going to walk and run around a track at Frank Kitts Park from 4.00pm on **Saturday 27 March** to 9.00am Sunday. Please note on your calendar if you would like to donate.

IHC'S CONSULTATION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:

The Review of Special Education is an important chance for family/whanau, advocates, educators and all members of the public to have their say about the changes they think need to happen in the New Zealand education system. IHC is aware of the longstanding concerns about the current system and we have lodged a complaint with the Human Rights Commission about the difficulties experienced by children, parents and schools. **Tuesday 23 March**, 6.00-8.00pm at Idea Services Offices, 8c Ihakara St, Paraparaumu.

RSVP: Laura O'Donovan Laura.o.donovan@ihc.org.nz (04) 439 4782. All are welcome – we are very eager to hear about parents'/caregivers initial reactions/feelings to the discussion document and also responses to the questions posed by government.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **For Sale:** Football Boots – UK 4 Lotto & Active size 5, \$15 each. Milazo UK 9 & Puma UK 9.5, \$25 each. Phone 9043660.
- **Life of Tarore:** Hear the fascinating story, of how the life of a twelve year old girl (Tarore) changed Te Rauparaha's son so much that he bought peace amongst New Zealand's tribes. Presentation (with data projector slides) at 8.00pm **Saturday 6 March** by the duck pond at Mclean Park, Paraparaumu. Suitable for all ages. Enquiries to Paul Vince, phones 0274 462 462.
- **Waikanae Junior Rugby Club Registration Days:** At Waikanae Rugby Clubrooms, Ngarara Road on **Sunday 7 March** 3-5pm. First game 17 April. \$35 per player which includes team photo, without photo \$25. Cash/Cheque/Eftpos available. WJRFC also has a policy to match players to the right age, weight and skill level to ensure maximum enjoyment, safety and skill development. Rugby also has very few weather cancellations compared to other sports. Any enquiries email: waikanaejuniorrugby@yahoo.co.nz
- **Wearable Art Show:** As part of the Kapiti Coast Sustainable Home & Garden Show, the Wearable Art Show is open to ages 5-18 yrs. To be held **Sunday 28 March** at 1.00pm. Entry forms available from the School Office, entries close 17 March.
- **Drug Proof Your Kids:** This parent education course will be run at the Waikanae Baptist Church from **2 March**, 7-9pm over four weeks. This drug prevention program assists parents to take a proactive role in educating their children regarding the ever present threat of drug and alcohol abuse. It also helps those parents who are struggling with children who are already drug and alcohol abusers. For more information please contact Neil on 293 6810 or 021 793 425. Cost \$20 per person or \$30 per couple, financial assistance is available to cover this cost should you need it.
- **Waikanae AFC (Soccer Club):** Club Open Day - Jnr & Snr Registrations is on **7 March** at Jim Cooke Park from 10am – 1pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, fun skill activities for the kids, club merchandise, 1 x raffle of a Signed All Whites Shirt & 1 x raffle of a Signed Phoenix Shirt. So come on down with your boots and have some fun, grab a sausage and a few raffles. Any enquires please ph Snr 027 445 5848 Jnr 027 4033 492
- **3PM** specializes in quality care of primary school aged children and services all Kapiti Coast Schools. Before school care 7-9am, breakfast & lunch making options, and children delivered to school. After school care 3-6pm, homework supervision, sumptuous afternoon teas, a wide variety of sports, creative play and artistic expression, free small group music lessons for recorder and beginner guitar, and delivery to after school activities for children booked in 3+ days. Specialist mentoring program for children 10+ years. High staff to child ratio with trained and police checked staff. All programs are OSCAR approved with CYF'S subsidies available. Program located at The Meadows Church, 1 Realm Drive, Paraparaumu. Phone 2973516 or www.3pm.co.nz **Phone us to organise a free trial afternoon where children and parents can visit together with no obligations.**

- **Kapiti Coast Rugby League Club:** Registration day between 11am & 3pm **Sunday 14 March** at Coastlands Mall outside Stirling Sports. 5 - 9 yrs (mini footy), 10 - 12 yrs (mod league), (Mini Footy and Mod League is a modified version of the adult's game). \$25.00 per player or \$35.00 per family (2 or more children). If you require further information please contact by phone or txt: Al Kapa Ph: 0273471335 , or Karen Feary Ph: 2992399. *Please bring your birth certificate as well*
- **Children's Afterschool Pottery Classes:** Taking enrolments for Term 1 & 2. Vacancies in our Thursday sessions starting **4 March**. Monday sessions are full, but waiting list for cancellations. Classes - Monday or Thursday 3.30-5.00pm, 4 classes \$25.00 inclusive of clay & firing (subsidised). Sessions include coiling, slab or pinch pots & glazing. Approx 12 children per class at Otaki Pottery Club (back of Otaki College). Parent helpers welcome to stay and learn. For 8 years & older (children under 8years will be considered if a parent stays to help). Limited spaces available but can be put on a waiting list. Contact Michelle Retimana 04 905 8298.
- **International Day of the Child: Sunday 7 March** is a day set aside to focus on and celebrate our children. In Kapiti we will be holding a small Cabaret at Lembas Café, Poplar Ave in Raumati South. The idea is to create a welcoming stage for children to come & share their songs, stories, jokes, poems or just a thought or idea. Each child, group or choir usually do 1 – 3 numbers. We don't have a fixed cap on age, so school students all qualify. The show starts around 2 pm. Any parents or teachers wishing to know more can email the above address or phone Paul on 021425826. If people intend to perform an rsvp would assist in stage management and gauging running order etc.
- **Emergency Services & Children's Day: Sunday 7 March** at Paraparaumu Airport Eastern runway, 10am to 4pm. Community groups participating include Parents Centre, Plunket car safety, St Johns youth cadets, Fire Service, Police dog display, Drug proof your kids, Parents Inc etc. We also have EMS & Westpac rescue chopper. A family day out with the usual entertainment - merry go round, bouncy castles, food and other entertainment including groups from Kapiti & Paraparaumu Colleges. Funds raised from donations at the gate go to Family Matters Foundation. Further info contact Alison on 0274418770 or email alison@cscp.co.nz
- **St Patricks School Twilight Fair:** On **Wednesday 17 March** (St Patricks Day), from 5pm. Venue: St Patricks School, Tongariro St, Paraparaumu. Includes: Irish Food & Drink, Irish Music, Irish Dancing, Air Castle, Ponies. Bring a blanket to sit and enjoy the entertainment.
- **Gifted Child?** Here's your chance to come and try out **One Day School**, NZ's longest running programme for gifted learners. On **Friday 19 March - Mind Adventure Day (MAD) sessions** will be held 9.00 - 11.45am for children aged 6-8 years, and from 12.45 - 3.30pm for children aged 9-12 years. Sessions will be held in our One Day School classroom at Rangikura School, 95 Conclusion St, Ascot Park, Porirua. The cost is \$30 per child. Parents and teachers welcome too. For more information, or to book a place for your child, please phone Shirley on **232 3523** or email shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz
- **Host a Student:** Become a volunteer host family with EF. Our teenagers come to NZ for 6-12 months and are from 26 countries. If you can offer meals, a bed and a loving home call today to experience the joys of hosting - 0800 445511.

- **Fundraiser For French Students Travelling To France 2011 & 2012:** "What Not To Wear" with Lisa O'Neill - 'stylist for everyday people', is an event not to be missed! A fun evening out with the girls to be held **Monday 22 March**, 7.30pm in the Pavilion at Paraparaumu College. The tickets are \$15 each and include a light supper and refreshments. There are a limited number of tickets available, so be in quick. To purchase a ticket contact either Linda Weijers 0274070231 - 2984446 (evenings) or Shelley Evans 0272496200 - 9024741 (evenings). Funds raised from this event will be used by Paraparaumu College students who are travelling to France in both 2011 and 2012 on organised school trips.
- **Bullying & Behaviour Management:** For teachers, parents & all professionals working with youth. With Dr Ian Lillico, **19 March** at Brentwood Hotel, Kilbirnie, Wgtn, 9am-3pm. This seminar will look at *digital kids* and the way that they communicate and interact. This has ramifications for the way we must deal with them socially and manage their behaviour – particularly when it comes to cyber and SMS bullying. Registration from 8:30. Morning tea, lunch & extensive handouts included. Cost AUD\$196. Download registration forms at www.boysforward.com
- **Speechcraft Course:** Waikanae Toastmasters & Coastmaster's Toastmasters (Paraparaumu) are holding a Speechcraft course where you will learn how to be a better speaker & leader, think on your feet, run meetings, become a leader & communicate effectively. Skills you can use for the rest of your life to meet with other people/organisations. For \$160 you will receive positive feedback, manuals, 6 months membership of International Toastmasters & a certificate of completion. To be held at Waikanae Memorial Hall, **Thursdays** 25 March to 29 April, 7.30-9.30pm or Paraparaumu Community Centre on **Tuesdays** 23 March to 27 April. Please contact Graham Kaywood 2937898 or Helen Robinson 9021389 for details and a registration form. Also check out www.toastmasters.org.nz