

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.**

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - TUESDAY 23 MARCH:

All friends and parents of the school are invited to attend our monthly BoT meeting held at 7.30pm in the staff room on Tuesday 23 March. Reports available on request from office as from Friday 19 March.

YEAR 7/8 STUDENTS SELLING CHOCOLATES FOR SKI CAMP:

Over the next three to four weeks Year 7/8 students will be selling Chocolates and Snakes around the community with the aim of raising funds towards their Senior Outdoor Education Camp in September. We will allow children to fundraise money directly to their own account. This means that whatever profits they raise, reduces their own camp costs by an equivalent amount. This was an extremely successful format in 2008 with some children fundraising the entire cost of their camp. We look forward to your support with this initiative.

TEACHER AIDE NEEDED:

We have a vacancy for a part-time teacher aide, 2 to 3.5 hours per day, starting Term 2. The successful applicant will work in our New Entrant Class. Expressions of interest are invited. Please contact Michelle Banks, Deputy Principal or Bevan Campbell, Principal.

COMING DATES:

- 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:

A reminder that class photos and individual/family portraits will be taken tomorrow **Friday 12 March**. Order envelopes for family/sibling photos are available from the school office. Class photos can be ordered after the day.



WAIKANAЕ 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.



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).

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.

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 make note on your calendar if you would like to donate.

RUN FOR FUN:

Well done *Patrick Allan* and *Jaden Fearon* for participating in the Run for Fun last Sunday. Patrick ran the 0.5km and did very well. Jaden ran the 1.5km and ended in the top 20. Congratulation to both of you!

BAD TRAFFIC BEHAVIOUR:

- **DZM429** – White Toyota, parking on bus stop
- **TU5987** – Toyota Prada, parking on bus stop
- **BRR429** – parking on yellow lines

CAR WASH: Fundraising for the Year 7/8 ski camp – Saturday 13 March, 11.30 – 3.00pm at Warwicks Motor Services, Waikanae Beach. Cost: \$5 per car. The Chocolate Shop will be open for coffee and food.

2009 PRIZEGIVING & YR 8 FORMAL PHOTOS:

Kodak Express at Coastlands have a selection of photos available from last year's Prizegiving and the Year 8 Formal. Assorted sizes, prices start at 99c.

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:

- **Free:** Trampoline – free to a good home. Phone Louise 9043983.
- **SPCA Open Day & Kitten Adoption Day:** Find out about the work of the SPCA, kids activities, sausage sizzle – **Saturday 13 March, 9am – 3pm** at Kapiti SPCA, SH1 North, Waikanae. Free kitten starter pack, valued at \$49.95, with all kitten adoptions.
- **Kapiti Junior Hockey Club Fun Day:** On **Sunday 14 March, 10am-1pm** at Kapiti Multisport Arena for new & experienced players. Drinks, sausage sizzle, prizes. Hockey sticks available to borrow.
- **Soccer Registrations:** Kapiti Coast United Soccer Club invites all existing & new players to the registration days on **Sunday 14 March, 11am-4pm** and **Tuesday 16 March, 4pm-8pm** at Weka Park Clubrooms. For more information see the website www.kcu.co.nz.
- **Waikanae Junior Rugby - Final Registration Day:** On **Sunday 14 March, 3.00-5.00 pm** at the Clubrooms, Ngarara Rd, Waikanae. New players please bring passport or Birth Cert as proof of age. For info email: waikanaejuniorrugby@yahoo.co.nz
- **Buy Sell & Swap:** Basketball Gear Sale on **Sunday 14 March** at Hoop Club 9.30 to 11.30am at the KCDC Sportshall at Paraparaumu College Mazengarb Road. We also have some brand new Triple Threat Gear for sale starting from \$10, childrens & adults sizes available. This is a great day to sell, swap or pass on any Basketball gear that is still in good condition and is great for our up & coming Basketballers who can get some good gear at great prices. For further info please contact Bev Hoar on 297 0935.

- **Netball Development Officer:** We are seeking an NDO for the 2010 season. The hours are varied, working out to around 25 hours per week. A job description is available at www.netballkapiti.org.nz or contact Sandra 2969003 or netball@sportkapiti.org.nz or Clare Bugden 021 1084438. Applications close 20 March.
- **For Sale:** 2 pairs soccer boots, Lotto UK1 and an Active pair very slightly smaller (size no longer legible). Both in good condition and should fit approx 5 or 6 year old child. \$10 each. Feel free to come and try them on! Phone Elizabeth 293 2005.
- **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.*
- **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.
- **Stu's Lawnmowing:** Phone Stuart Lawrie for a quote 027 5446127 or 2934943. (Young keen school leaver starting a business, Waikanae based)
- **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.
- **Sustainable Home & Garden Show:** On **27-28 March** there will be a cycle skills course & free bike safety checks for all ages & abilities at the Bike Bay located on the basketball courts at Kapiti School. A great opportunity for children & parents to learn some basic cycle skills & have helmet and bike safety checks.
- **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
- **Fundraiser For French Students Travelling To France 2011 & 2012:** "What Not To Wear" with Lisa O'Neill - 'stylist for everyday people'. A fun evening out with the girls to be held **Monday 22 March**, 7.30pm in the Pavilion at Paraparaumu College. Tickets \$15 each & include a light supper and refreshments. Limited number of tickets available, so be in quick. To purchase a ticket contact 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.