

Dear Parents & Friends

TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED - TOMORROW FRIDAY 19 MARCH:

A final reminder that school will be closed **tomorrow** for a teacher only day. Supervision will not be provided for students and buses will not run. School will operate as normal on Monday 22 March. Thank you for your cooperation.

CANTEEN CLOSING, NO SCHOOL LUNCHEAS AS FROM TUESDAY 23 MARCH:

Due to family illness the Canteen will be closing for an indefinite period as from Tuesday 23 March. It is highly likely that the current providers will be finishing up permanently with a new provider being sourced sometime early in Term 2. Parents are reminded that **no pupils are permitted to leave the school grounds** for the purposes of buying lunch from either Mahara Place or the Elizabeth Street Dairy. The school will not be making any interim arrangements for the provision of lunches therefore students will need to bring lunch from home for the next few weeks.

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.

TERM 1 REPORT TO NATIONAL NORMS, YEAR 4 TO 8 STUDENTS ONLY:

At the end of the last week of Term 1 we will be posting home a report on all students in Years 4-8. It is important to note that we are not providing the results for any Year 3 students. The reason is that these are the first formal multi choice type tests that these students have experienced and as such may indicate a student's ability to perform in a test situation rather than their actual ability in a given subject. The report for Year 4 to 8 students will contain the results of a maximum of five tests taken during Term 1. The primary purpose of the assessments is to assist teachers to identify a student's strengths and weaknesses and inform the next steps for learning rather than to assess for reporting to parents on student achievement.

Despite the primary diagnostic purpose of these assessments, we think it is worthwhile informing parents of the Stanine Score. The Stanine Score will enable parents to compare student performance in a given assessment to other students throughout New Zealand. The PAT (Progress and Achievement Test) and STAR (Supplementary Test of Achievement in Reading) assessment tools provide parents and teachers with a scaled Stanine Score rating each student from 1 to 9. These ratings are based on the student's performance against national norms.

Analysis of the school wide performance in all five tests will also be available on the school website by the end of the term.

http://www.waikanae.school.nz/1/file_sets/68-student-achievement-information

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.

TERM 1 ACTIVITY FEES:

Statement/Invoices for Term 1 fees will be sent home shortly. Please note that the Year 6 Camp Fee is included in the Year 6 Activity Fee for Term 1. Camp Fee \$115 + Activity Fee \$35 – Total \$150.00.

TOUCH:

- This week (**17 & 18 March**) is the last week of touch for the season.
- **Touch Prizegiving** will be on **Wednesday 24 March** at 5.30pm for Under 7, Under 8 and Under 13 teams. Prizegiving for Under 9 & Under 11 teams will be at 5.30pm on **Thursday 25 March**.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to the parents who have been helping with counting money and issuing chocolates for our Ski Camp fundraiser. Our sincere thanks go to Lisa Goggin, Kari-lee Marshall, Claire Foronda, Jacque Head, Jacqui Carr and Penelope Christoffel. Your help is much appreciated.

COMING DATES:

19.03.10	Teacher Only Day – school closed
24.3.10	Coin Trail for Relay for Life
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
23.4.10	Nominations close for BOT Elections
7.05.10	Voting closes for BOT Elections
21.5.10	School Assembly, 9.30am, Memorial Hall

‘MOVIN’ MARCH: 22 – 26 March

Celebrate ‘Movin’ March’ by walking, scooting or cycling to school. Everyone who walks, scoots or bikes **all or part** of the way to school during the week of **22 – 26 March** will receive one ‘MOVIN’ point per day. Senior classes will be buddied up with a junior class and their totals will be combined. School councillors will collect daily class totals and all points will go towards the presentation of ‘Happy Feet’ award. Join in and have some fun.



SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUBS:

A reminder that Bookclub orders will close next Monday 22 March.

INTERSCHOOL TRIATHLON:

Congratulations to the senior students who took part in Tuesday's triathlon. Final results will be placed on the school website once they become available.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING:

Congratulations and well done to the following children who took part in the recent Interschool Swimming Sports at Waikanae Pool. Official results have not been received as yet.



Juniors

Boys - Cooper Hodges, Isaac Kerschbaumer, Chris Dewhurst, Oscar Macdonald, Ryan Gardner, Ben Clarke, Fergus Aitken, Thomas Foster

Girls – Natalie Watson, Bronte Ennis, Claudia McLean, Emma Flattery-Donohue, Helena Rickard, Tommie Milne, Nachalah Rickard, Frankie Davis, Josephine Paxie, Keilah Seumanufagai, Rose Surrey, Maia Richmond, Paige Edwards, Meg Goodman

Seniors

Boys – Callum Riding, Kris Watt, Alex Lopez-Sanchez, Jed Castle, Josh Tafili, Jordan Cain, William Lopez-Sanchez, Callum Carr, Jacob Higgins, Farrell McShane, Sam Selby-Bennetts

Girls – Hannah Jefferies, Kellee Candy, Jemma McLean, Grace Brosnahan, Courtney Richmond, Harriet Foster, Rhyanne Vasta, Jordan Gates

TRAFFIC BEHAVIOUR OUTSIDE SCHOOL:

- Parking on bus stop – **GAPPO, PY4365, EEP1.**

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.

‘WHEN THE BELL RINGS’ AFTER SCHOOL CARE HAS EXTENDED THEIR HOURS:

As WINZ needs a minimum of three hours for clients to receive OSCAR funding, we have extended our hours to 6pm. This means funding can now be obtained for as little as one session per week. We will be charging \$18.00 per session. For those children attending more than one session we will charge only \$15.00 per session. We will still take casual clients who are unfunded at \$6.00 per hour.

We are looking at creating a **school holiday programme** for the April holidays but in order to do this we need to know numbers of those interested in using our service. We will need to know by **Friday 26 March** in order to go ahead with this holiday service. If you are interested please phone or text Katharine urgently on 021939684.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **For Sale:** Computer unit/table, very good condition \$50. Football boots 'Active', size 5, \$10. Please phone 9043660.
- **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
- **Wearable Arts Competition:** We are making our LAST CALL for entries into the Competition being held at the Kapiti Coast Sustainable Home & Garden Show on **Sunday 28 March**. Entries need to be **submitted by 20 March** to the Kapiti Coast District Council. Prizes include MP3 players and book vouchers. Entry form and information available from Council on 04 296 4700 or by visiting www.kapiticoast.govt.nz
- **Waitohu School Gala:** On **Thursday 25 March**, 5-7pm. White elephant, raffles, food, cakes, face painting, bouncy castle, Harley rides & much more.
- **Paraparaumu College 1st XV Rugby Tournament, Brisbane – Samosa Fundraiser:** These are a good size triangle & really handy for children & adults as quick snacks & light meals from the freezer after school or sports. Available in a bag of 4 for \$10. Please phone Vanessa 9043393 to place an order.
- **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
- **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.
- **Named Easter Eggs - Bunnies.** Have your child's name printed on the Egg or put in a message for them to read. Contact Alison at Organic Chocolate Boutique Phone 905 4742 or call at Cnr Rauparaha Street and Te Moana Road. A large range of Dark, Milk, White and Dairy-Free available.
- **Girls Football Academy:** A fun based environment for girls 12-15yrs to practice & play together. Venue: Jim Cook Park, Thursday nights 5.30-7.00pm. Bring boots/sports shoes, shin pads & a drink. Free, but you must be a paid up member of a local club. Phone Steve 021 427985.
- **Kāpiti Coast District Plan Review:** The District Plan is an important regulatory document for future land use and development in the District. KCDC is currently reviewing the District Plan & the first stage is to identify which topics need to be

reviewed. The Council has recently released a Scoping Discussion Document suggesting topics for review and is seeking your opinion. This Document & a feedback form can be found online at: www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/districtplanreview.

Hard copies can be obtained at Council libraries & service centres, or by phoning 296 4700 or 0800 486 486. We welcome your feedback via the online or postal feedback form by 31 March 2010.

- **The Kapiti Gymnastics Club** will be holding **Open Days** for children who wish to try out cheerleading – **Wednesday 24 March** from 6.30-8.00pm for children 12ys & over, & **Saturday 27 March** from 3.00-4.30 pm for children aged 6-11 years. Please ensure you wear clean sneakers. We are now accepting enrolments for all Term 2 classes. For more information please telephone 298 7010 or email kapitigym@xtra.co.nz

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES:

- **The Funky Monkeys** *'Camping Adventure' Show!*: The Funky Monkeys are coming to town to perform their live musical extravaganza during the April school holidays! This is a great holiday outing at an affordable price! Southward Museum Theatre, **Wednesday 14 April**, 11am. Tickets available at www.iticket.co.nz or call 0508 484 2538, Door Sales also available. For more info visit www.thefunkymonkeys.co.nz
- **AHOY there!** *Pirates* is the theme for the holiday programme at your local library. Come and listen to stories and make a craft. For bookings or enquires please phone or visit your local library, or check out our website: www.kapiticoastlibraries.govt.nz
- **Artful Kids Holiday Fun:** Mixed media painting and drawing in Paekakariki. Starts **Monday 5 April** through till Friday 9 April, 9.30 am till 12.30 pm. All art supplies provided. \$20 a session. Call Rachel on 04 905 8219
- **El Rancho Junior Camp:** For 8-12 yr olds from **6 – 10 April** at a cost of \$150 per child. For further info phone Amy 9026287 ext 726.
- **Swim Magic Swim School:** Lessons are on offer in our nice warm pools at Otaki Pool during the April School Holidays and in Term 2 2010. **Holiday dates:** 6 April – 10 April & 13 April – 17 April. Cost: \$50 per week. **Term 2 dates:** Monday 24 May – Saturday 3 July. Term 2 is only 6 weeks as the pool will be closed for its annual maintenance from 19th April. To book your swimming lessons contact Kimra on 3645542.
- **School Holiday Workshops** for Tall Poppies, Bright Sparks, High Flyers, Rising Stars, Creative Thinkers, Odd Bods....and all Gifted and Talented students 8-15 years old. **Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 April** at Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland. Topics include: Super Sleuths, Medieval Mayhem, Maths Wizardry, Art Lab, Design, Philosophy, Toybox Technology, Beginning Classics, Cartoon Idols, Strategy Games, Advanced Word Skills, Brush Up Your Shakespeare, Predict Catastrophe, Human Calculators...and more besides! Full details are at www.holidayseminars.co.nz/next_seminar, email info@holidayseminars.co.nz, tel 09 585 0111 & 021 389448. Organised by Jean Hendy-Harris for Holiday Seminars Charitable Trust.

Last Thursday the builders weren't the only ones working hard to get constructions finished. Lots of kids were working together, in the sandpit, to make a giant sand tower. Their goal was to build a tower that was higher than Miss Maartje and ... they almost succeeded. Great job guys!

