

Dear Parents & Friends

AN UPDATE ON THE BUILDING UPGRADE:

We currently have two sets of contractors working simultaneously on different sections of our upgrade. Work on both components is progressing at an excellent rate with the two classrooms due to be finished and occupied in early June. Work on the hall should finish around the same time. Once these two items have been finished work will begin on a new canteen followed by the library and administration upgrades. As well as these major works we will also be laying a new section of hard court area between Rooms 20-21 (new) and Rooms 18-19, a new bridge over the creek (giving disability access from Hira Street) as well as a new path to the top gate on Winara Avenue. All in all very exciting if a little disruptive to normal programmes. Roll on September when all works should be completed!!!!

THIRD NEW ENTRANT CLASS BEGINS:

Welcome to Fiona Devlin who has come back to Waikanae School to teach our 3rd New Entrant class. Fiona is currently in Room 20 (Library) with four students. Fiona and her students will move into the new Room 20 as soon as construction has finished. It is our expectation that the class will be full by the end of the term and that we will be starting our 4th NE class very early in Term 3.

CANTEEN REMAINS CLOSED:

While a new contractor is sourced to operate the school canteen it will remain closed. This process is expected to take two to three weeks. Parents and students are reminded that no student is permitted to leave school to purchase their lunch from the local shops.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS:

Nominations close **tomorrow** for this round of the BoT Elections. To date we have received four nominations for the three positions up for election in this round. This means that we will definitely be having an election. Thank you to the four people who have put their names forward so far. The school needs parents such as these and it is fantastic that they are prepared to offer their services for the next three years. Key dates for the election are as follows:

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| 23 April | Nominations close |
| 28 April | Voting papers issued |
| 7 May | Election day -voting closes |
| 13 May | Results declared |

NZEI UNION MEETING – THURSDAY 6 MAY

SCHOOL CLOSING 12.30pm

Due to an NZEI Union Meeting for all teachers on **Thursday 6 May** school will close early at **12.30pm**. All students are required to go home at this time and buses will run from 12.30pm.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 25 JUNE:

Throughout the year the school will close for a number of Teacher Only Days. The second of these days will be on **Friday 25 June**.

In compliance with the Education Act the school **opened three days early** this year which has enabled the school to effectively ‘call back’ our teachers during their holiday time. Although it might not seem like it, teachers are actually working during their holidays when we close for a Teacher Only Day. If a fourth or fifth TOD is required the extra days will be made up at the end of the year. The actual number of days the school is open for instruction will be not be shortened.

The day will cover various themes including:

1. Working on the implementation of the ***Revised NZ Curriculum***. We will be further examining this new document and coming to grips with the changes needed to our practice.
2. ***National Standards*** have been published this year and work will need to be done to ensure that our assessment and reporting procedures are in line with MoE guidelines.

COMING DATES:

23.04.10	Nominations close for BOT Elections
03.05.10	Parent Information Evening – PATs & National Norms
04.05.10	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.30pm Staffroom
06.05.10	NZEI Union Meeting, School closes at 12.30pm
07.05.10	Voting closes for BOT Elections
21.05.10	School Assembly, 9.30am, Memorial Hall
25.05.10	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.30pm Staffroom
07.06.10	Queen’s Birthday Holiday – School closed
11.06.10	<i>Jungle Bungle</i> - musical
25.06.10	Teacher Only Day – School closed

ROAD PATROL PARENT SUPERVISOR NEEDED:

We are short of a parent volunteer to supervise the Road Patrol Wardens. 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 on **Monday afternoon 2.55 – 3.15pm** or would be willing to be a reserve, please phone Maria at the office.



HOCKEY AND SOCCER PLAYERS - WE NEED YOU!

Waikanae School's Year 7/8 hockey team needs a couple more players to cover for absences and sickness. If you would like to give it a go or have played before, please come and join. There is a big range of skill levels in the team, so anyone would fit in. We also need a goalie - a soccer player would be ideal and it would be a great help for your footwork. We play on Tuesdays, either in Paraparaumu or Levin. Our first game is next **Tuesday 27 April**. If you are interested, please phone Penelope on 06 364 3374 or talk to other hockey players in your class.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2010:

The RE programme for 2010 has begun for all of those students identified as being 'opted in'. This means that parents have made a conscious decision to 'opt in' by either completing the opt in form found on the website, notifying the office or by having checked the 'opt in' option at enrolment. This year RE will only be offered to Years 1 to 6 students.

TOUCH UNIFORMS:

Please return all Touch uniforms as soon as possible, there are still a lot outstanding. Put in a named plastic bag and leave at the school office.

SUN HATS:

The school sun hats have been collected and now need a good wash! Please could we have some kind parent volunteers to wash class sets of hats before we store them until Term 4. If you can help please call in or phone Maria in the office.

CHOCOLATE MONEY:

There is a large amount of money outstanding. Please return all money to the office as soon as possible as we are winding down this fundraiser now. No more chocolates will be given out after the end of Week 2.

SCHOOL SORES:

Please be on the lookout for school sores (impetigo) on your children. They are scabby sores which are very contagious and need to be treated with antibiotics and covered so as not to spread them to other children. Children should be kept away from school for one day from the start of treatment.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **Closure of After School & holiday programmes:** The last day of after school care for When The Bell Rings will be **Friday 30 April**. Katherine has been offered a job in Levin and no one is available to take over the programme.
- **Rotary Quiz Night:** On **Wednesday 28 April**, 7.30pm at Waikanae Chartered Club. A great night with quizmasters Barry Herbert & Richard Campbell. Team entry \$24 per team of 3. Meals available from 6.00pm. A Rotary fundraiser with funds used for youth projects in the Kapiti District. Entry forms available from the school office.
- **New Pippins Group** starting **29 April** – "Matenga Pippins". For girls aged 5 & 6 years old. Meeting in St Luke's church hall, Elizabeth Street, Waikanae from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, Thursday afternoons. Call Cushla now to enrol your daughter phone 9051388 – limited spaces. I am also looking for co-leaders, so I would love to hear from you if you are interested.
- **Beginners Clinical Pilates** classes starting early May. For more information or to book your place in a class please call Beach Physio & Clinical Pilates on (04) 905 2228 or see www.empowerpilates.co.nz
- **Artful Kids After School Fun In Raumati South:** Fine arts classes for kids, using quality materials & mixed media. We will be exploring portraiture, real & imagined. Course includes studying mentor artists, self portraiture, and using a wide range of art

materials. Starts **Thursday 29 April** 3.30 till 5.20pm at Raumati Sth Kindy on Tiromoana Rd. Tutor Kirsty Anderson – BFA. Places limited to 12. \$18 a week, all materials supplied. Phone Rachel on 04 905 8219 or text your land line to 021 234 0949 and I'll call you straight back.

- **Waikanae Badminton Club:** Waikanae Memorial Hall, Pehi Kupa St, Waikanae. Adults session every Tuesday 7.30pm onwards suitable for senior college students 15yrs+ & adults (parents who want a night out for themselves most welcome.) Children's session every Tuesday from **20 April** (1st Tuesday Term 2) 4pm to 5.30pm. Suitable for 8yrs to 14yrs. Any enquiries please phone Lynn on 042935459 or 0272827464 or email colin.lynn@xtra.co.nz
- **Te Horo School Fundraiser:** **Wednesday 28 April** 7:00pm in the Community Hall on School Road. *Looking good, Feeling Great*—come along and enjoy..... This is going to be such a fun night out. A night full of surprises, **the first 100 ticket sales will receive a goodie bag which contains hair product, perfume & a voucher.** Models having complete makeovers, hair cut and styled by a very experienced hairdresser, makeup applied by a make up expert, beautiful clothes modeled by local ladies, prizes galore, bubbles and auctions. Come on girls, get a party together and come out for a great night. Tickets are available from the School Office, or phone to secure them and get your goodie bag on 06 364 3071.
- **Dr Tony Attwood Seminars on Autism and Aspergers:** **Dr Tony Attwood** is well known throughout the world for sharing his knowledge on autism spectrum disorders. **Friday 30 April**, 9.30am – 3.30pm, Palmerston North Convention Centre. **Seminar Content:** Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children with Autism, and Strategies to Reduce being Bullied and Teased. Cost **\$170**. Book online at www.creatingsuccess.co.nz
- **Gifted Child?** Here's another chance to come and try out One Day School, NZ's longest running programme for gifted learners. On **Friday 30 April**, some extra 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, 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
- **Solway College Open Day:** For prospective students & families on **Saturday 1 May**, 10am – 2pm. Solway is a Yr 7 to Yr 13 day & boarding school for girls in Masterton.
- **Kapiti Kitchen Tour:** An opportunity to visit 10-12 stunning kitchens on **Sunday 2 May** between 10am – 3pm. With your ticket you will receive a fabulous goodie bag. Some kitchens will be selling delicious baking & other interesting items. For further info or to purchase a \$20 ticket please contact Raumati South Kindergarten on 9029300.
- **How to Drug Proof Your Kids:** Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm, **4 May - 25 May**. Venue: Kapanui School Staffroom, Cost \$20 single, \$30 couple (covers cost of parent manuals). DPYK is designed to educate & empower parents to steer their children away from drugs. For enquiries & registrations contact Will Buist 9023920 or 027 5324412, or Neil Milmine 2936810 or 021 793425.