

Dear Parents & Friends

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT – MONDAY 3 MAY:

An information evening will be held on Monday 3 May, 7.30pm in the Staffroom for those parents who would like to know more about the assessments sent home to parents as part of our Term 1 Report to National Norms and what they mean for both your child and the school as a whole. As it is a public meeting we will not be discussing any individual student results but will rather look at trends and practices across the school and country. If you have specific concerns re your child's performance we urge you to attend the Information Meeting prior to talking with your child's teacher.

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**.

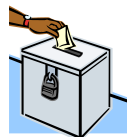
In compliance with the Education Act the school **opened three days early** this year which has enabled the school to effectively 'call back' our teachers during their holiday time. Although it might not seem like it, teachers are actually working during their holidays when we close for a Teacher Only 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS:

Voting papers have been posted to all eligible voters for the three positions up for election in this round. Please return your voting paper to the ballot box in the School Office as soon as possible. Voting closes at noon on **Friday 7 May**. The results will be declared on 13 May.



COMING DATES:

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	BOT Election: voting closes
13.5.10	BOT Election: results declared
14.05.10	School Cross Country
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
02.07.10	End of Term 2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:

The monthly Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4 May** at 7.30pm in the School Staffroom. All welcome.

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 this week.

ACTIVITY FEES:

We still have 40% of Term 1 Activity Fees outstanding. Please check as to whether you have paid.

NETBALL DRAW – SATURDAY 1 MAY 2010:

Team	Opposition	Court No.	Time
Tuis	RBS Meteors	4	8.30am
Kiwis	PBS FF1	Mills Albert	8.30am
Wekas	KK Sparklers	P J Plumbing	8.30am
Rubies	RB Rimu	K C Physio	9.00am
Keas	KK Embers	Mills Albert	9.15am
Pearls	PBS Hot Shots	9	10.00am
Sapphires	KK Shooters	Mills Albert	11.00am
Diamonds	PB Cookies	Otai Landscaping	12.00pm
Emeralds	RSS Scorpions	Mills Albert	12.00pm

NB: Netball Fees are now due - **\$40.00**. Only 15% of players have paid.

NETBALL UMPIRING SESSIONS:

If you are going to be your team umpire you will be required to attend one of these sessions:

Tuesday 4 May: Te Atiawa 7.00-9.00pm – For umpires of all standards, including novices. Bring drink, bottle & whistle. Approved Primary Umpires session.

Wednesday 5 May: Te Atiawa 6.30-8.00pm – For Future Fern coaches & managers.
A session to explain the rotation system.

Thursday 6 May: Te Atiawa 7.00-9.00pm - For umpires of all standards, including novices. Bring drink, bottle & whistle. Approved Primary Umpires session.

CROSS COUNTRY:

Our School Cross Country will be held over two days this year:

- **Year 1-2:** Waikanae School top field, **Wednesday 12 May** starting at 11:45am
- **Non-competitive - Year 3-8:** Waikanae School top field, **Wednesday 12 May** starting at 1:45pm
- **Competitive - Year 4-8:** Waikanae Park, **Friday 14 May** starting at 1pm.



The Inter-School Cross Country will be on Tuesday 25 May at Waikanae Park.

PCT NATIONALS:

This weekend both of our PCT teams will be competing in the national finals of the Blue Light PCT Challenge. A total of 42 schools will be taking part. The fun kicks off at 9am at the Police College, Porirua. All supporters are welcome.

TOUCH RUGBY UNIFORMS:

Thank you to those who have returned their uniforms. We still have a few outstanding. These are needed urgently for our winter sports teams. Please return to the school office in a named plastic bag.

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. If you are interested, please phone Penelope on 06 364 3374 or talk to other hockey players in your class.

'YOU'RE NOT EATING ME':

Picture Book and two CD's of Mr Forster's professionally recorded original songs available at the special price of **\$15**. Also available is the musical '*Seems Only Yesterday*' at \$10. See the School Office or Room 4.



COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **Hip Hop & Contemporary Dance Class:** Expressions of interest wanted. Classes expected to start in Term 3. Venue and cost to be confirmed but will be held in Waikanae. Please phone or text Sumara 021 0501565.
- **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 contact Raumatī South Kindergarten on 9029300.

- **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** 4pm to 5.30pm. Suitable for 8yrs to 14yrs. Enquiries to Lynn 042935459 or 0272827464 or, email colin.lynn@xtra.co.nz
- **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.
- **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.
- **Waikanae Swimming Club AGM & Prizegiving:** **Monday 10 May** at 7 pm, Rugby Club Rooms, Ngarara Road. All parents and swimmers please come. S speaker: Jane Parsons, cyclist. Please bring a plate for supper.
- **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.
- **Open Day at Rathkeale College:** Year 8 students & families are invited to the Open Day on **Wednesday 5 May**. The school will be open 'all hours' but at 1030am & 5.30pm there will be a presentation from senior staff. Conducted tours available. Rathkeale College, Willow Park Drive, Masterton, ph 06 3788377.
- **Parenting Evening with Diane Levy:** Counsellor, Family Therapist, Speaker and Best Selling Author of 'Of course I love you...NOW GO TO YOUR ROOM' on **Tuesday 11 May** in the Hall at Queen Margaret College, Wellington, 7.15-9.45pm. Tickets \$20 available on www.parenthelp.org.nz or phone 8025767.
- **Entertainment Books:** The new 2010-2011 Entertainment Books are worth their weight in gold! The Wellington Edition will be available at \$60 each from Waikanae Montessori Pre-School. Phone 9026135 to place your order. Books delivered at the beginning of Term 2. Your support for our local pre-school is appreciated.