

Dear Parents & Friends

TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 25 JUNE:

The second Teacher Only Day for the year will be held on **Friday 25 June**. **The school will be closed, there will be no supervision provided for students on this day.**

PROPERTY AND BUILDING UPDATE:

Stage one of our building and property upgrade is progressing well with both the Hall and new Classrooms 20 and 21 looking to be finished and ready for use immediately after Queens Birthday. I would expect the path and pedestrian access through to Hira Street to be open before this date.

The new Hard Court is now at a weather dependent stage and needs time to dry and a warm day to lay the asphalt. Work will continue in this area for sometime after the sealing as we landscape, create gardens and meld the Hall, Classrooms and Court into one harmonious area.

The work being undertaken in the Hall is particularly exciting as it will turn a cold noisy hall into a warm acoustically sensitive teaching space that will be ideal for such activities as performing arts, technology and visual arts. This facility will really add to our corporate learning and teaching space.

We will also be building a pathway to Winara Avenue along the northern boundary fence. This will make an all weather pedestrian access way to the eastern boundary and reduce congestion at other exits. These works have all been somewhat disruptive with a lot of vehicle traffic moving backwards and forwards across the school field. The worst of this is now over with the laying of the base course on the Hard Court completed.

CANTEEN NOW OPEN:

A reminder that the canteen reopened on Monday 17 May complete with a new menu and personnel. The canteen is operated by Mrs Lisa Ennis. It is our intention to provide healthy food options for students and menus and products for sale will be refined over time to fulfill this objective. A copy of the latest menu is posted in the downloads section of the school website www.waikanae.school.nz.

Wednesday Special next week – Butter Chicken & Rice

A reminder of the new rules....

1. No food sold before school
2. No Ice blocks before school or at playtime
3. Lunch orders to be made by placing in an envelope (with the correct change) in the box outside the canteen from 8.30am to 9.00am
4. Canteen closes at 1.10pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION:

A huge thank you to those seven parents who put themselves forward for the BoT Elections. Of the seven only three could be elected which meant that four people were always going to miss out. We are very fortunate that we had such a high quality field to choose from as many schools did/do not have the luxury of willing and highly capable parent candidates. Any and all of the candidates standing would have made excellent BoT members. Thank you for being willing to do your bit to govern the school and I certainly hope that you will all be prepared to put your names forward again in the future.

STUDENT ABSENCES & LATE ARRIVALS:

As part of our 'safety net' for students the school makes every effort to ascertain the whereabouts of every student by 10.00am. **We need your help to do this.**



1. If your child is away ill or absent from school please ring the school and leave a message on the answerphone. This service operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
2. If your child arrives late to school ie after 9.00am, please report their arrival to the office.

We need your help to ensure the safety of your children!! Thank you.

COMING DATES:

21.05.10	School Assembly, 9.30am, Memorial Hall
25.05.10	Interschool Cross Country Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.30pm Staffroom
04.06.10	Toku Tu Moana Performance
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

NETBALL DRAW – SATURDAY 22 MAY 2010:

Team	Opposition	Court No.	Time
Wekas	PBS FF1	PJ Plumbing	8.30am
Keas	Te Ra Kiwi Kids	Texturite	8.30am
Tuis	RBS Meteors	Mills Albert	9.15am
Kiwis	KK Lazars	9	9.15am
Rubies	PBS Aces	KC Physio	9.00am
Sapphires	St P Shamrocks	Otai Landscaping	9.00am
Diamonds	PBS Cookies	4	11.00am
Emeralds	Para Asteroids	10	12.00pm
Pearls	Kapanui Pulse	Brien Elect	1.00pm

NB: Waikanae School is the Duty School. Netball Fees are now due - **\$40.00.**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – TUESDAY 25 MAY:

The monthly Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 May, 7.30pm in the Staffroom. This is a chance to welcome new members and farewell old. All welcome. Reports available on request from the office.

SKI CAMP NEWSLETTER 2 ON WEB SITE:

Attention all parents of Year 7/8 students! A Ski Camp Newsletter full of important information was sent home on Friday 7 May. The newsletter and all related information is posted on the school website <http://www.waikanae.school.nz/907/pages/90-general-information>

NZ POST MASTERMIND COMPETITION RESULTS:

Congratulations to both of our Mastermind teams for winning heat one at Te Horo School last Monday. Both teams gained enough points to secure a place in the final. (This year nine Year 7/8 teams in the Kapiti area participated in the competition). The final competition was held last Friday and Waikanae 1 came 2nd (by 1 point!), with Waikanae 2 3rd. Well done to both teams for a FANTASTIC effort!

Team members were:

Waikanae 1: Katie Auckram, Maya Duckworth, Taylor Marlow-Jones, Helen Piercy & Ben Walker

Waikanae 2: Laura Carter, Alisa Mihaila, Edan Mourie, Courtney Richmond & Katrina Thompson

Special thanks to our Mastermind Co-ordinator Penelope Christoffel, for without her help and guidance this result would not have been possible

COMPUTERS:

Do you need a computer screen? We are giving away several ex-school CRT computer screens for free. Some of them have inbuilt speakers and microphones, perfect for Skyping family and friends. They come with power cables and any other appropriate cords they may need. If you would like one, please talk to Oliver Couchman in Room 13.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY:

A large group of students have gained selection for our interschool team by finishing in the top 10 for their age group in last Friday's competitive races held at Waikanae Park. Names can be viewed on the Office window or from the school website. The Kapiti Interschool Cross Country is scheduled for **Tuesday 25 May** starting at 12 noon at Waikanae Park.

VOLLEYBALL:

Well done to the following group of girls who are competing in an after school Volleyball competition run by Paraparaumu College. Your sportsmanship and 'give it a go' attitude are impressive to watch.

Tanisha Shelford Hinds, Grace Brosnahan, Amber Johnston, Alisa Mihaila, Harriet Dunseath, Katrina Thompson, Lucy Aitken, Sapphire Taylor, Kailey Northcott, Hope Britton, Kacy Fortune, Kellee Candy, Jordin Daniel, Sharmane

TRAFFIC BEHAVIOUR:

- Mitsubishi Wagon - CN574 – Parking on yellow lines
- Toyota Wagon DKH516 – Parking on bus stop

LOST: Hooded jacket, sweat shirt fabric, khaki with motif on front. Name on label.
Return to Adam Rm 5.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **New Home Needed:** The Woolf family are leaving the area, and we'll miss it. We are looking for a new home for our lovely dog Dude. He is a 6 year old Huntaway/Border Collie cross. He's looking for a new family to show his love to, with some fenced space to run. House and car trained, current shots. Sweetest dog, gets on with other dogs and people. Loves kids. We leave at the beginning of July. Phone (06) 364 2447.
- **Lost** from 21B Huia Street, on Saturday 16 May, a small grey flop eared rabbit, contact 0273 250 242.
- **Parents Inc Course:** Middle Years (ages 6 to 12) parenting course in Kapiti commencing 28 May at Family Matters Centre, Corner of Kapiti Rd and Hinemoa St, Paraparaumu. Six week course on Fridays from 9.30am to 11.30am. Cost \$67.50 per person or \$90 per couple. Subsidies are available. For booking or more information contact Alison Hobcraft, phone 9051071 or 0274 418770, www.ParentsInc.org.nz
- **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.
- **Artful Kids and Adults in Raumati South:** A program designed and run by an experienced artist, for Artful Adults & Kids to come together, for a creative and fun adventure. Raumati South Kindergarten, starts **Saturday 22 May** for 5 weeks, 9.30am till 11.30am. For pairs of kids & adults eg; Mums & sons, Grandads & grand kids, Ages 6 to 100 years. Cost \$18 a week per person. Class size limited to 6 pairs, all art materials supplied. Contact Rachel on 04 905 8219 or 021 234 0949
- **Live Music @ Mahara:** Celebrating NZ Music Month with local musicians. Live music in the Gallery daily, **22-29 May**, Monday to Saturday 12 noon-1pm, Sunday 2.30-3.30pm.
- **Autism New Zealand's Annual Appeal:** This will be held in first week of June and this year we have the support from Cookie Time Charitable Trust. Volunteer Collectors needed at of our key locations in Wellington - are you able to spend a couple of hours either **Thursday 3rd or Saturday 5th June**. The donations you help collect will go to the local Autism New Zealand Branch to help support local families living with autism spectrum disorder. Phone 4721007, www.autismnz.org.nz.
- **Need Before School/After School Childcare?** NZ Nannies International have Au Pairs available to care for your children and help with housework for up to full time hours in exchange for free board and \$200-250 per week. The Au Pair can stay for 12-24 months as required. For more information please go to www.nznannies.org.nz or email kristina@nznannies.org.nz
- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:** A non-profit Charitable Trust, based in New Zealand, established to support Grandparents who are raising Grandchildren. They provide support to Grandparents who are primary caregivers to grandchildren in difficult circumstances and to ensure fair treatment from the legal and child protection services in New Zealand, in order to stabilise and normalise the life of the children involved. Phone 4770632 or www.grg.org.nz