

Dear Parents & Friends

POOR DRIVING BEHAVIOUR AT DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES:

Further to last week’s newsletter re our appeal to get drivers to take more care with their parking and driving while dropping off or collecting their children from school. We urge safe drivers to report poor driving around the school by downloading a form off the school website www.waikanae.school.nz and making a written complaint to the Police.

The report form is called a Road Watch Report and is found in the Downloads Tab.

To quote the NZ Police:

‘Road safety is a partnership between the public and NZ Police. A Community Roadwatch Report may cause a change in the way someone drives and prompt them to take care on the roads. You can fill out a Community Roadwatch Report if you see drivers putting others at risk. We will follow up the report by sending the owner of the vehicle a letter detailing the driving behaviour. A Community Roadwatch Report is not a formal complaint. If you wish the incident to be investigated, you should lodge a formal complaint at your nearest police station. Please send the form to: NZ Police Community Roadwatch, PO Box 9147, Wellington. Further copies are available from your nearest Police Station or www.police.govt.nz.’

MUD, MUD AND MORE MUD:

Due to the heavy traffic that has passed repeatedly over our top field we are now the proud owners of several mud baths. These mud baths are like magnets to some of our students and this is problematic! If you have a mud lark who resides with you please send them to school with some spare clothes as we have run out of clean clothes for muddy urchins!! Naturally we are/will be taking steps to remedy this behaviour; this will involve highly skilled behaviour modification techniques. As grass is hard to grow in winter it is likely that this problem will be with us for the rest of the winter!

PROPERTY UPDATE:

Our building projects are all proceeding within budget and more or less on time. Summary of progress to date:

1. The new classrooms are all but finished with final hand over expected to be next week. The New Entrant Classroom currently in Room 20 (Old Library) will take up residence by the end of next week.
2. The Hall Upgrade should be finished and ready for occupation at the end of next week. The Hira Street entrance should reopen for pedestrians as from Monday 14 June.
3. The new Hard Court is in need of a week of dry weather so that they can lay the hot mix then this job is also finished.

4. The pathway to Winara Avenue should be completed and ready for use on Monday 21 June.
5. The new Canteen is nearing completion and should be ready for use by 21 June.
6. The Library and Administration upgrade and extensions should begin before 21 June. This facet of the project will mean that the back entrance to the school on Utauta Street will close for several months.

It is important to note that all of these dates are tentative and completion dates are in the hands of the contractors and the weather.

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.**

COMING DATES:

04.06.10	Toku Tu Moana Performance
07.06.10	Queen's Birthday Holiday – School closed
11.06.10	<i>Jungle Bungle</i> – musical
17.06.10	HPV vaccinations for Yr 8 girls
25.06.10	Teacher Only Day – School closed
02.07.10	School Assembly, Memorial Hall 9.30am End of Term 2
19.07.10	Start of Term 3
22.07.10	Parent /Teacher Interviews Day 1
29.07.10	Parent/Teacher Interviews Day 2

NETBALL: Please note that there are no games this Saturday 5 June.

INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS:

Congratulations to all children who competed in last week's Interschool Cross Country. The following children gained selection in the Regional Cross Country team to be held at Waikanae Park on **Tuesday 29 June**. Full results can be found on the school website.

Year 4 Boys:	Marcus Flattery-Donohoe 5 th , Jaden Fearon 8 th , Cooper Hodges 9 th
Year 3/4 Girls:	Maia Shackelford 3 rd , Maxine Taylor 7 th
Year 5 Boys:	Jayden Yanko 5 th , Ben Clarke 6 th
Year 6 Boys:	Mathew Hira 5 th , Eriki Wilson-Arapere 9 th
Year 6 Girls:	Ella Bain 2 nd , Kesiah Dennis 8 th
Year 7 Girls:	Erin McKnight 10 th
Year 8 Boys:	Jesse Pearson 2 nd , Isaac McLennaghan 4 th , Sam Selby-Bennetts 10 th ,

DONATIONS OF PRELOVED CLOTHES REQUIRED:

As part of a Year 7/8 homework challenge students have to do a 'Giving' activity. All clothes will be given to an orphanage in Mexico that has over 100 babies/children/young people. Please leave items in Rm 15 with Alex Lopez-Sanchez or Rm 16 with William Lopez-Sanchez on either **Friday 4 June** or **Tuesday 8 June**.

CANTEEN: Wednesday Special next week – Spaghetti Bolognese

CHOCOLATES & CHOCOLATE \$\$:

Can any family with outstanding chocolates please either:

- (a) Sell all remaining bars ASAP and return all money to the school office urgently, or
- (b) Return both unsold chocolates and money to the school office ASAP.



SKI CAMP:

All permission forms and ski clothing hire sheets are due back at school now. Please return as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

YUMMY STICKERS:

A reminder that we will be collecting Yummy stickers right through until the end of Term 3. Class totals will be kept and **all** rooms will be able to choose sports equipment of their choice depending on their total of Yummy stickers. Sticker sheets can be downloaded at www.yummyfruit.co.nz or picked up from the school office. Happy crunching.



COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **Wanted to Buy:** Booster seat or half booster seat. Phone Catherine 905 4226.
- **Cleaner:** Honest, reliable, references & quotes available. Phone 9054249 or 021 0501565.
- **Home Required:** Kiriana Woolf and 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 & car trained, current shots. Sweetest dog, gets on with other dogs & people. Loves kids. We leave at the beginning of July. (06) 364 2447.
- **A.F.S Student Programme.** Host family required for a 16yr old French Girl, already enrolled at Paraparaumu College. Enjoy a Cultural Experience in your own home, can you provide a friendly, caring home if so please contact Kevin Pritchard 2937328
- **Lindale Lodge:** Do you have a special occasion soon.. or ..do you require a venue for your seminar, retreat or reunion? Let us take the hard work out of organising your event. Call Lindale Lodge Conference Centre for venue and/or accommodation.
- **Gifted Education Information Night:** What is the difference between a smart child and a gifted child and why do they need special attention? Find out what you can do to help your preschool/primary school child find the stimulation and support they need. Information night for parents, caregivers & educators from the Gifted Education Centre, **Wednesday 9 June**, 7pm at Paraparaumu Beach School, 65 Gray Ave, Paraparaumu Beach. Contact Shirley Lawn on 04 232 3523 or shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz .
- **Barn Dance:** On **Saturday 19 June** at 7.00pm, Te Horo School Hall, School Road, Te Horo, live band, line dancing, auction, supper provided and best costume prize. Hay Bale Bar (beer, wine & RTDs) – no BYO. Plus live rugby from 7.30pm – All

Blacks vs Wales. Tickets \$25 per person available from Te Horo School, Otaki Hunting & Fishing or Farmlands, or phone Rob/Suzanne 2932547.

- **Scouts Jamboree – Fundraiser:** We are looking for stuff to sell at a Garage Sale on **Saturday 17 July**. Bring your donated stuff to the Scout Hall on regular nights.
- **help! Programme:** A programme for parents of children aged 5+, young people or adults who have a recent diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder (pref within the last 12 months). More details available from the school office or contact Autism New Zealand www.autismnz.org.nz or phone 04 4707616.
- **Special Deal!!! Matenga Auto Services:** Here is an opportunity to support your school with no effort. Have your vehicle repairs carried out at Matenga Autos and all invoices over \$100 will have 5% of the total bill donated to Waikanae School. We are a WOF inspection site. We carry out full servicing on all makes and models, all mechanical repairs including tyres, power steering flush & service, auto transmission flush & service, brakes & suspension. Take advantage of this great offer – valid until 31 May 2011.
- **El Rancho Camps:** Camps to be held during the July school holidays – Kid’s Camp for 7-9 yr olds, Tues 6 – Sat 10 July, \$150 per child. Junior Camp for 10-12 yr olds, Tues 13 – Sat 17 July, \$150 per child. Registration forms available from the school office or book online at www.elrancho.co.nz
- **Nanny Available:** Has over six yrs experience, qualified, CV with references available, full licence & own car. Phone Rachel 027 3751295.
- **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