

Dear Parents & Friends

**KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL, FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER, WAIKANAĒ MEMORIAL HALL:**

A reminder to interested parties that the district Kapa Haka Festival is on **tomorrow** (all day). Waikanae School will be performing after lunch at 12.30pm (in theory). I am positive that we will not be early but going by tradition the Festival may be running a little behind schedule by this stage. All parents are welcome. Come along and enjoy the occasion as well celebrate our culture.

**WHANAU MEETING - MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER, 7.30pm**

The Board of Trustees will be holding a consultation meeting with all Whanau on Monday 8 November. This meeting is primarily for parents of Maori students but other interested parties are welcome. The primary purpose of this meeting is to establish appropriate mechanisms for dialogue and consultation between whanau and the Board of Trustees. We sincerely hope that as many parents as possible attend this meeting

**SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR 2011:**

Planning is well underway for 2011 and one of the major issues is to figure out who is teaching where and the makeup of the various classes. With these thoughts in mind a breakdown of the syndicate makeup is listed below. The key changes for 2011 include:

1. Nancy Williams moves to the Year 3/4 Syndicate
2. Maartje Schouten moves to the Year 1/2 Syndicate
3. A sixth teacher will be appointed for the start of the year in the Year 1/2 syndicate
4. Teacher v class level placements for Year 1/2 are still to be finalised.

Y7/8	Rachael Green	Lead Teacher Year 7/8
Y7/8	Lucy Cameron	
Y7/8	Martin Taylor	
Y7/8	Angela Lemana	
Y5/6	Michelle Fearon	Lead Teacher Year 5/6
Y5/6	Jane Lumsden	
Y5/6	Peter Corlett	Lead Teacher ICT
Y5/6	Doris Lake	
Y5/6	Lisa Geraghty	
Y3	Sandra Reynolds	AP & Lead Teacher Year 3/4
Y4	Nancy Williams	Lead Teacher PE Sport
Y4	Mandy Shaw	
Y3	Paul Forster	
Y1/2 TBC	Andrea Boon	Lead Teacher Year 1/2
Y1/2 TBC	Tracy Scott-McCleary	
Y1/2 TBC	Regina Castle	
Y1/2 TBC	Rosie Mackenzie	
Y1/2 TBC	Maartje Schouten	

### **2011 CALENDARS & GREETING CARDS FOR SALE - \$12:**

A personalised calendar or greeting cards for 2011 featuring your children's art can be ordered from the office. The children's art is fantastic!! The calendars/greeting cards will make ideal gifts for grandparents and family, especially those overseas.

#### **How To Order:**

1. Come to the office and view your child's art work in the class display folder.
2. If you like it, fill in an order form and return with money to the office.  
**Money must be with order.**
3. Additional order forms are available at the office.
4. Multiple colour copies of your child's calendar/cards can be made available.

**NB:** All unsold art will be returned to the students.

### **NATIONAL STANDARDS:**

The Board of Trustees has serious concerns about National Standards and together with 240 other primary and intermediate schools has recently passed (unanimously) a resolution voicing our Board's concerns about them. Our concerns about National Standards are three fold:

1. They are unrealistic and poorly designed
2. Problems exist with the lack of moderation within and between schools
3. There are many problems associated with the potential use of data in creating league tables. This is our Board's primary concern.

Let me assure you of two things:

1. As a Board we intend to comply with the law. We simply intend to defer compliance until the last possible moment as a form of protest. Any departure from this position would not be without the consultation of, and support from, our parent community.
2. We will continue to report to parents as to how their children are progressing. Such reporting shall continue to be of a very high quality.

**Peter Foster, Chairperson BOT**

### **COMING DATES:**

<b>08.11.10</b>	Whanau Meeting 7.30pm, School Staffroom
<b>16.11.10</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.30pm
<b>19.11.10</b>	School Assembly, Memorial Hall, 9.30am
<b>09.12.10</b>	Year 8 Formal
<b>14.12.10</b>	Prizegiving Assembly, Memorial Hall 9.30am
<b>15.12.10</b>	End of Term 4

### **JUNIOR FOLK DANCING DVD:**

We have DVDs available of the Junior Folk Dancing event held last term. They are available from the School Office at a cost of **\$5.00**.

**CANTEEN:** Wednesday Special – Spaghetti Bolognaise **\$4.00**

**A new Summer Menu is now available.** Check it out on the school website.



## LETTER FOR TIME CAPSULE:

In our last school newsletter ( [click here](#) ) there was information about the school's time capsule and an invitation to write a letter to your child that they can open in 11 years time. It was also suggested that parents may wish to include additional items such as photos and electronically recorded material on a flash-drive. We have since discovered that a flash-drive is problematic as the data might only be held reliably for about 10 years before the charge on the chip is lost. Therefore a better option may be to use a CD or DVD. Children are also involved in various activities that will result in items to go into the time capsule. Please hand any further items for your child to the school office by next **Monday 15 November** as we need an indication of what size container we need.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

- Well done to **Nikita Palmer** from Room 12 who won a 'You Beauty' award last week from Solid Gold FM for helping her elderly neighbour with her gardening. Nikita is the youngest winner yet!
- In the recent Taihape Interschool Gymkhana two of our students achieved excellent results. **Isaac Kerschbaumer** gained 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> placings and **Liam Kingswell** gained a 1<sup>st</sup> & 4 x 4<sup>th</sup> placings. The Waikanae team was placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall, behind three colleges.

## NEWSLETTER FORMAT:

You will notice that our updated newsletter covers are now in use. A big thank you to the firms who have advertised on the cover. These companies have in effect sponsored the production of our newsletter. We therefore encourage all our parents and families to support those firms that support the school.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **Kapiti Coast Museum** presents 'Once Upon a Time...' a celebration of childhood. Our new display of games & toys from a bygone era is a wonderful trip down memory lane. You can even add your own favourite childhood recollections to our memory board. Kids aged 5-10 yrs can enter our colouring competition and be in to win a limited edition Kapiti Coast Museum Moneybox – entry forms from the museum or the school office (closes 3 December). 9 Elizabeth St, Waikanae, open 2-4pm Sat/Sun & public holidays.
- **Waikanae Beach Tennis Club**: Interested in playing tennis? Come and join us on Tuesday mornings, 9.30am - 12 noon at the Waikanae Beach Tennis Club, 69 Rauparaha Street, Waikanae. For more information contact Leah on 905 2090, or just turn up!
- **Acrobatic and Circus Classes**: two new exciting classes starting at Kapiti Equestrian & Vaulting Centre. **Acrobatic Class** – Adagio, tricks & much more, Saturdays 12.00pm-1.30pm, **Circus Class** – Silks, Rings, juggling & much more, Tuesdays 5.30pm-7.00 pm. Class Fees \$150.00 for 3 months plus Club registration (annual fee \$50.00) if you are not already a club member. More information contact Lyn or Ruth 9048495 or 021 464009 or email us at [vaulting\\_nz@hotmail.com](mailto:vaulting_nz@hotmail.com). Check us out at [www.kapitieuquestrian.com](http://www.kapitieuquestrian.com)

- **Parenting Courses: Tween/Teen:** Monday 1 November - Monday 6 December, 7:30pm. **Middle Years:** Thursday 4 November - Thursday 9 December, 7pm. Cost \$67.50 individual/\$90 couple. Both courses held at 20 Jeep Rd, Raumati South. To register or for further information please contact: Rose Marinan 021-111-0746 [rosem@arisechurch.org.nz](mailto:rosem@arisechurch.org.nz).
- **Raumati South School Gala:** **Saturday 6 November**, 10.30am-2.30pm. Entertainment, activities, rides, cake stall, sweets, clothing, books. Auction 12.45pm.
- **Pauatahanui School's Lamb & Calf Day** is **Saturday 6 November** from 10am to 2pm, rain or shine (12 Paekakariki Hill Rd). Farmyard Experience, Paintball, Great Live Entertainment & all of our usual Country Fair Fun!! Pony Rides, Free Farm Animal Displays, Classic Car Rides, Homemade Cakes, Sweets & Preserves etc. For more information please contact: Lee-Ann Duligall 239-8449.
- **Protect Self Defence** is holding a women's only personal safety seminar on **Saturday 6 November** from 2pm to 3.30pm at Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. This 1.5 hour seminar will provide empowering and extremely effective personal protection strategies for all women. Cost is \$15 – which will be donated to Wellington Rape Crisis. The minimum age to attend is 15 years. To book or for further details, visit [www.protectselfdefence.co.nz](http://www.protectselfdefence.co.nz) or contact Darcy on 021 701 848.
- **Pamper & Indulgence Expo:** Waikanae Memorial Hall, **Saturday 20 November**, 10.30am-4pm. Massages, facials, pedicures, manicures, spray tanning etc. Demonstrations including Zumba, lots of workshops & entertainment. Heavily reduced expo only prices, treatments starting as low as \$3. Fundraising for breast Cancer Awareness. Presale tickets \$7, door sales \$10, group discount of 5 for \$40.
- **Mana Education Centre:** Two subsidised evening sessions for teachers & parents of primary & secondary aged students: Dyslexia for Parents: Strategies for **Reading, Writing and Spelling** (MEC10.209) – Glenys Moir & Paula Gilbert. **Thursday 11 November**, 4pm-7pm, \$20 per person. **Engaging Resistant Young People** (MEC10.144) – Nigel Latta, **Thursday 18 November**, 4pm-6pm, \$20 per person. Registrations can be made by emailing details to [courses@manaeducationcentre.org.nz](mailto:courses@manaeducationcentre.org.nz), or at our [website](#).
- **Indian Head Massage:** This massage involves the use of massage techniques to relieve tension and stress not only in the head, but also the upper back, shoulders, neck and face. I can come to you, home or work.... Call Helen to experience this amazing 1/2 hour massage - 04 293 6032 or 0275 808948.
- **SwimMagic Swim School:** Lessons are on offer at Waikanae Pool, ages from 6 months up to adults. **Block Course:** 15-19 November, 22-26 November, 29-3 December, 6-10 December, 13-17 December \$60.00 per week, 5 lessons. For bookings & inquires please contact Debbie. E-mail: [swim.waikanae@xtra.co.nz](mailto:swim.waikanae@xtra.co.nz) or Phone 296 4789 to leave a message.
- **Children's Pottery/Sculpture Classes:** Taking enrolments for Term 4 & 2011. Monday or Thursday 3.30-5.00pm, 4 sessions \$25.00 inclusive of clay & firing (subsidised). Sessions include coiling, slab, pinch pots & glazing. Approx 12 children per class at Otaki Pottery Club (back of Otaki College). Parent helpers welcome to stay & learn. 8 years & older (children under 8yrs considered if parent stays to help). 1<sup>st</sup> sessions commencing Monday 15 Nov & Thursday 18 Nov, Christmas Themed. Limited spaces available but waiting list. Contact Michelle Retimana 04 905 8298.