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Kia Ora Children, Parents and Whanau,

#### **New Students**

Welcome to **Caleb** (Room 3) and **Joshua Pishief** (Room 4) who have moved back from Australia to settle in Te Horo. It is great to have you and your parents join our school!



### **E-Portfolios**

As reported last week Years 4 and above will have E-portfolios this year. Below are a couple more bits of information.

- Can we still have a paper portfolio? Yes, not all families have the internet and some may still prefer a paper copy. Please let us know closer to the time and we'll print one off.
- What does an E-portfolio look like? We'll be using Google slides which is similar to powerpoint. Children will place links to writing, maths, art work, video and pics as well as all other aspects of a traditional portfolio.

### **Circus Show**



We were treated to an exciting circus show in the hall on Monday morning. This was followed by individual class workshops throughout the day. The children learnt how to spin plates with a long stick-tricky!



### Short Term Storage-can you help?

In a few weeks Rooms 7 & 8 will be relocating to the hall as work will begin on the upgrade to their classrooms. We have 3 portable stage boxes which are currently in the hall and need to be out. If you have space in a shed or garage could we please store them there for a few weeks? Ideally we would like these removed asap as Year 7 & 8 technology begin next week and sewing and cooking will be held in the hall. Thank you.

# Tips for Helping Your Children With Maths Be supportive



Not everyone loves maths. But everyone uses maths in their everyday life, so it is important for your child's future that they are successful in mathematics. One of the easiest ways to help ensure that this happens is to be supportive of their experiences in maths. Do you spend as long helping your child learn about maths as you do reading? Do you show a positive attitude towards your child's

maths homework? You are your child's most important role model and their attitude towards maths is likely to reflect your own.

It is easy to be interested in the books your child is reading, the writing they are doing, and the sports they are playing at school. Try to be equally interested in the maths they are learning.

Mission Statement: Our children, Our community, Our future.

## Give them opportunities to do maths

Maths is everywhere! Regardless of the age or ability of your child there are opportunities for them to practice their maths.

If your child is learning to count - count things. You may count the number of steps in a staircase, the number of toys on the floor, the number of cars driving past, or anything else you can think of. The more your child counts, the better they will get.



If your child is learning to add - add things. This could be easy things such as the number of knives on the table plus the number of forks on the table, or more difficult things such as the cost of items at the supermarket. Don't forget to subtract as well.

Ask your child what they are doing in maths at school and try to use it in everyday life. If they are learning about fractions, ask them about fractions "What fraction of people in our family are children?" "What fraction of the milk is left?". This will not only give them practice, but also show them that maths relates to the 'real' world.

Some great contexts for maths are:

- Money counting and calculating. Pocket money, banking, shopping...
- Measuring things lengths, areas, volumes, cooking ingredients...
- Travelling reading numbers on signs for young children, calculating distances and speeds for older children.
- Games Monopoly, Bingo, board games, cards...
- Time and timetables.

### Staff News



to **Mr Saunders** who has relieved in Room 5 while **Mrs Bee** has been overseas. Dave has slotted in really well and the class have enjoyed having him! Mrs Bee returns from jet setting around Scotland and Ecuador next week.

Year 7 & 8 technology and science begins next week

# Navigating the digital world - guiding our children and youth to be netsafe

All welcome to this important and interesting event.

Parents, grandparents and teachers are invited to hear local community constable, Jacqui Muir, and training and education specialist for NetSafe\*, Lee Chisholm, talk about strategies for ensuring safety in the online world. <a href="http://www.netsafe.org.nz">http://www.netsafe.org.nz</a>



### TONIGHT - in The Pavilion at Paraparaumu College. A light supper will be provided.

\*Each year NetSafe receives over 8000 requests for guidance and support from parents and caregivers, schools, individuals, businesses and government agencies. Lee will talk and take questions regarding young people's online activities, the challenges they need to manage and how the adults in their lives can guide them.

You don't have to be technically minded, just wanting to know more about online safety, your children and digital citizenship.

For further details, please contact Deborah Morris-Travers, Paraparaumu Raumati Community Board tel 0274 544 299 email <a href="mailto:deborah.morris-travers@kapiti.govt.nz">deborah.morris-travers@kapiti.govt.nz</a>



The 40 hour famine is on **22-24 May** this year. Make a change and fight hunger by taking part. This year's money is going towards Bangladesh. If you would like your child to participate please contact the School Office for a sponsorship book.

## Yummy stickers

Please collect your yummy fruit stickers and pass on to Mr Bond in Room 7. In past years we have purchased sports gear and swimming equipment with the rewards from these. There are sheets available in the School Office for you to stick them onto. Thank you.

### Year 3-4 Netball

We need one more player to make a second Year 3-4 netball team. Would you like to play?

Please contact Mr Bond Room 7 <u>richard.bond@th.school.nz</u> ASAP so we can get teams together.

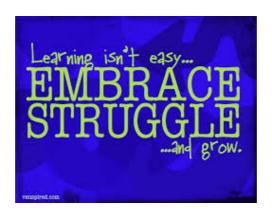


### To all budding netball enthusiasts

There will be an afternoon of basic netball skills to be held Thursday 21st May 3.30pm -5pm.

To all who would love to come and join in see you there. Bring a water bottle, your listening ears, enthusiasm, and get ready to have a bit of fun and learn some good netball skills too.

### Quote



### Last thoughts...

- Survival in the outdoors. Two great stories involving a mother and police dog this week getting lost in the bush and surviving. A great opportunity to talk to your kids about survival, steps to stay safe, stay on tracks, take spare clothes, food water, leave your intentions etc.
- Go the Canes v the Chiefs. Hopefully there will be a huge crowd at the cake tin this week!

Nga mihi nui

Craig Vidulich (Principal)

# From the Board of Trustees

**New Member** - having completed the selection process for the vacant position on the Board of Trustees we are pleased to announce that **Michael Pearson** has been appointed to the Board. It is great to have Michael join the team and we look forward to his contribution to the Governance of the school.

A little about Michael...

Michael has over 20 years of experience as a management consultant and has worked across a variety of sectors including central and local government, manufacturing, oil and gas, and financial services in Europe, North America, Australia and NZ. He has previously been part of the leadership teams at EY, PwC, Microsoft and Capgemini.

Michael moved to Peka Peka a few years ago with his wife Orlaith, and girls Aoife (Room 3), Nuala (Room 4), and Niamh (age 4). Michael and family are actively involved in a number of activities within the community such as skiing, horse riding, swimming and ballet.

The next BoT elections are in May 2016.

**Hall News** - The Board has recently formed a sub committee to help with progressing the Hall building.

One of their tasks is to identify and decide on potential school community donations of artwork or time in supporting the Hall building.

We have been approached by members of the School community who would like to contribute to the Hall, some through artwork and others through time or other donations.

To ensure the School community has an opportunity to contribute we are happy to consider projects that members of the school community might wish to contribute for the enhancement of the hall.

If you have an idea for a contribution please pop it in an email with as much information as you feel relevant and the property sub committee will see whether there is an opportunity for it to be included.

Please send to Principal by the 30 May (email principal@th.school.nz)

Regards, Paula Cull, Chair

# Pink Shirt Day

### Attention, Attention.

Next week on Friday, 22nd of May, the school is running Pink Shirt Day. It is a day to celebrate Anti-bullying and to show that it is okay to be yourself.

Rm 8 will be selling Pink Iced Cupcakes for \$2.00 and Pink Drink for \$1.00, to donate to the Mental Health Foundation and we will ask you to bring a gold coin donation. Since it is Pink Shirt Day, everyone needs to come in a Pink Shirt or a Crazy Pink Outfit. It is a National Event all around the world and all around New Zealand people are supporting Pink Shirt Day.

So Speak up, Stand together,

Stop bullying,

And always be YOU!

-Message from Rm8

# **Coming Events**

May 14th HPV for Year 8 May 18th B.o.T meeting May 20th Assembly 2:20pm May 22-24th World Vision Pink Shirt Day May 26th Home and School meeting 7:30pm May 27th Coffee and Chat with Craig June 1st Queen's Birthday June 3rd Assembly 2:20pm June 9th Otaki Schools' Cross Country Coffee and Chat with Craig June 10th PP date for Otaki Schools' Cross Country June 17th Assembly 2:20pm June 18th Matariki Otaki Schools' soccer June 23rd June 24th Coffee and Chat with Craig PP date for Otaki Schools' Soccer Home and School Mid Winter Dance June 27th June 28th Assembly 2:20pm Term 2 ends July 3rd September 18th LOUD shirt day September 25th Term 3 ends October 12th Term 4 begins October 21st Piwi Kiwi

December 18th Term 4 ends at 12:30pm

# Garden club news



There has been lots happening in the garden club. Slab poured for the garden shed, framing and mulching around the raised beds, fruit trees purchased and ready to plant.

Unfortunately the weather has been against us but we are enjoying planning our future projects.

Please can children in the club make sure they wear gumboots or old shoes when we meet next Monday, thank you. It is very wet underfoot.

## **Sponsors**



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### **KIDZOWN AFTER SCHOOL CARE:**

After School Care available from 3pm-7pm in the Te Horo School Hall. For enrolment information visit our website <a href="www.kidzown.co.nz">www.kidzown.co.nz</a> and enrol online or contact us on 0800 543 9696.

Prices start from \$17.00 per day, casual and permanent bookings welcome.

# **Community Notices**

## Basketball Coaching Clinic

This is a fantastic opportunity for ALL Coaches (from beginner to experienced).

Sunday 17 May

12.00noon to 2.00pm – Coaches need to be there by 11.45am for a pre-coach meeting.

KCDC Sports hall, Paraparaumu College, Mazengarb Road.

Please confirm back to me your attendance by Friday 15

May on ar.rimutaka@paradise.net.nz or txt 021 1651819

### **TENNIS FUNDRAISER FOR PATRICK JOSS**

Patrick is in year 8 and has been invited to attend the Australian age group tennis Nationals in Brisbane. They are being held over two weeks in the July holidays.

The wonderful people at Centa Bakery Lower Hutt are helping Patrick raise funds for this trip through the sale of their delicious savoury and sweet FAMILY size pies.

Varieties and prices are:

\$8 each - Mince, Apple, Apricot, Caramel, Lemon Flan

\$9 each - Mince & Cheese, Potato Top, Savoury Mince, Steak & Onion, Steak & Kidney, Cracked Pepper Steak, Mediterranean Lamb, Country Chicken.

The pies can be frozen and reheated with no loss of quality. All pies are egg glazed and are not gluten free.

Please email your order, no later than Monday 8 June to <u>alisonjoss@hotmail.com</u>. Your pies will be delivered on Thursday 18 June.

We have two female Emu's free to a good home. They do need deer fencing but will just graze on grass very low maintenance, if interested please contact Mike on 0272860371.