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### From the Principal

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

The first few weeks are now behind us and the school is humming along. Thank you in advance to everyone who was able to attend tonight's picnic. If the weather is inclement for this evening's 'picnic' the evening will still be on, but without the picnic. You can enjoy a walk through your child's classroom and that should be a nice, informal way to meet your child's teacher, catch up with friends and enjoy some quality time at school with your children. Thank you for the feedback forms-the teachers have found them very useful. If you would like a more formal meeting please arrange a time with your child's teacher.

#### Room 8 Camp

Room 8 is off to Otaki Forks next week for their class camp. This is sure to be an exciting and memorable experience for them. Please ensure that your child has all of the necessary clothing and gear over the weekend. **Thank you to the parents** who have offered to go along as helpers and to **Mrs Bee** for organizing this great experience with her class. I will be attending and can't wait – my last night at Otaki Forks was as a 3<sup>rd</sup> former at Paraparamu College in 1985! I remember it clearly which says that it was a positive experience for me. What memories do you have of primary school? Share these with your children.

#### National Standards

The New Zealand Principal's Federation (NZPF) has organised a survey for all schools to send home to parents. There appears to be a lot of conflicting stories around National Standards. The survey intends to gather information from as many parents as possible and I encourage you to spend a few moments filing it out. It can be completed online, [www.surveymonkey.com/s/M5PNZYC](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M5PNZYC). Hard copies are available from the School Office. Please return to school before **Friday 26 February**.

#### Bus

Thank you for your support with the change to the bus run in the afternoon. I trust that the change has been smooth for you. As with all things such as this there are swings and roundabouts. On a positive Jackson informed me that he was home 20 minutes earlier! If you are collecting your child, or some else's child please ensure that you let either myself or the School Office know. Thank you.

#### Work around the School

Over the next few weeks you will notice that several areas of the school are being 'fixed up'. This includes smoothing off the raised asphalt areas to avoid trips and falls, replacing rotten windows on Room 5, replacing the rusted steel box lid with timber outside Room 5 to name a few. It is important that we ensure that our school environment is safe, clean and attractive.

#### Internet Agreement

Please spend some time reading through the attached cyber safety agreement and return it to school asap. Please also discuss this with your children.

#### Final Thoughts.....

We are at that strange time of the year when rugby and cricket are clashing. Is it early rugby or late cricket or both? At least the Winter Olympics have got it right!

'The pathway to educational excellence lies within each school.' Terrance Deal

## Coming Events

17 February	Parent Open Night 5-7:00pm
23-25 February	Room 8 Orientation Camp Otaki Gorge
1 March	Term 1 show Power of One—there are 2 shows 1:20 and 2:05pm in the school hall (more information next week)
3 March	Haruatai swimming 1:10-2:30pm World Maths Day
5 March	Haruatai swimming 1:10-2:30pm
10 March	Haruatai swimming 1:10-2:30pm
12 March	Haruatai swimming 1:10-2:30pm
17 March	Senior Swimming Sports at Haruatai 12:40-2:30pm
25 March	Theme Day-Beach
1 April	<b>TERM ONE ENDS!</b>
19 April	<b>TERM 2 BEGINS</b>
11 May	Otaki School's Cross Country
14 May	Postponement date for Cross Country
20 May-12 Aug	Netball starts for a 10 week season
15 June	Otaki School's Soccer
18 June	Postponement date for Soccer
2 July	<b>TERM TWO ENDS!</b>
<b>Term 3 heads up</b>	
19 July	<b>TERM 3 BEGINS</b>
24 August	Otaki School's Rippa Rugby
27 August	Postponement date for Rippa Rugby
24 September	<b>TERM 3 ENDS</b>
<b>Term 4 heads up</b>	
11 October	<b>TERM FOUR BEGINS</b>
19 October	Otaki School's Touch
22 October	Postponement date for Touch
16 November	Otaki School's Athletic
19 November	Postponement date for Athletics
17 December	<b>TERM FOUR ENDS!</b>

## Lost

Kieran Cooper has lost his red and black firewise back pack. He left it in the school playground. It had lots of things in it, like a toy hammer. If you have seen this please let the School Office know.

## From the Home and School

### TISSUE DRIVE

Last year we ran a very successful tissue drive in the winter term and would very much like to do it again this year. The school has just run out of tissues from that drive and as it is hayfever season, its time for a "Tissue Drive". So please next time you are at the supermarket it would be great if you could pick up a box or two of family tissues (it doesn't need to be the fancy, 3 ply smelly ones), and drop them into the School Office. Your support will ensure a continuous supply without burgeoning the School's operating budget. Please remember however if your child is unwell or has cold/flu symptoms, our teachers are not nurses and it is best to keep your child at home!

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## School Banking News



To Kickstart School Banking this year ASB have an exciting promotion running for Term 1 starting the week being 8<sup>th</sup> February. Your School Bankers may be in a draw each week for 8 weeks to win one of 25 prizes of \$50. To enter, the children only have to make a deposit to their account through the school, this will automatically enter them into the draw for that week to win one of 25 prizes of \$50.00. So the more weeks that they deposit the more chances they have of winning. This is a fantastic promotion to encourage the regular savings behaviour and to start the School Banking year off really well!! So don't forget to send in your banking on Fridays for pick up.

## Students of the Week

- Room 1 **Brynn Jarnell** for fantastic Reading.
- Room 3 **Teegin-Jorge Ravenwood** for settling so well into Room 3.
- Room 2 **Ezra O'Brien** for his improvements in swimming.
- Room 7 **Flynn Wyman** for organising himself and taking responsibility for his learning.
- Room 8 **Justin Joe and Zoe Matla** for choosing the challenge options.
- Room 5 **Jack Rider** for being an excellent learning partner, making sensible choices for himself as a learner and showing persistence.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

FREE TO A GOOD HOME—HENS x 2. Approximately 18 months old, not currently laying. Please phone Rebecca on 3643690 if you are interested.

# Community Notices

## **U13 Boys & Girls Age Group Representative Trials**

Date: Sunday's **7, 14 & 28** March 2010 Time: **6 –8pm**

Venue: B&M Centre (Arena) Cost: \$2 per session  
To be eligible you must not turn 13 in 2010.

For more information please contact:

Helen Richardson

Coaching & Development Manager

Palmerston North Basketball Association

[pnba2@inspire.net.nz](mailto:pnba2@inspire.net.nz) 06 354 5458 021 990 028

## **The Otaki Sports Club Inc.**

Junior Tennis Coaching with Alice Wiggin

6 weeks of 1 hour lessons (approximately 6 children per lesson) starting Monday 22 February

3.30pm onwards at **Haruatai Park, Mill Road, Otaki**. Cost is \$50 for the 6 lessons payable at the first lesson To register contact Jamie

[atkinson.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:atkinson.tennis@gmail.com) or 027 573 9302

## **RAHUI JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB REGISTRATION DAYS**

Rahui Junior Rugby Club will be holding registrations on the following days and times. This is for all players from 4—12 years as at the 1st of January, 2010 (U7s to U13s)

Friday the 19th, February 4-6pm

Friday the 26th, February 4-6pm

Saturday the 6th March - 1-3pm

Fees for 2010 are as follows:

1 player \$30.00, 2 players \$45.00

3 or more players \$55.00 (from the same family)

We also need coaches and managers for a number of teams so if you are interested or require further information please contact Megan Nelson-Latu on:

027 4814599 3687914(after 6pm) or via email:

[Hydepark@clear.net.nz](mailto:Hydepark@clear.net.nz)

## **OTAKI GYM CLUB AGM / GYM CLASSES FOR TERM 1**

The Otaki Gym Club AGM will be held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30, 3 Lemon St, Otaki.

Our club offers fun gym sessions for kids aged 3-12 yrs old. Rebecca, our highly qualified coach, teaches basic gym skills as well as cool tricks like flips and walk-overs (depending on the age group). In order to keep this wonderful opportunity open to all kids in the community we keep our fees low, but we need more hands on board to make it work. If you are able to contribute in some way or just want to find out about our club you are welcome to join the AGM or phone Jutta (3648552) for more information.

Gym sessions for Term 1: NEW AY (Wednesdays), 3-7 yrs 3:30-4:15 pm, Tumbling Turtles 8-12 yrs 6-7 pm. Enrolment date and first day of session will be advised soon.

## **Otaki Football Club - Registration Days**

If you are interested in playing football(soccer) on Saturdays this winter for Otaki we are having junior registrations (minis thru to 14th grade) on Tuesday, March 2 - (6 to 8 p.m.) and Saturday March 6 - (1 to 3 p.m.) at the Otaki Sports Clubrooms, Haruatai Park. We will be taking registration fees on the day by cash or cheque. Also Mens teams need players ranging from social to a little more serious to play in the local Horowhenua /Kapiti leagues. We are having kick arrounds on Wednesday nights from 6-30 p.m. at Haruatai Park (we need a goalkeeper too if anyone is keen to put on the gloves!). Any queries please contact me (Adrian Mourie) on 063643032 or 0275005540 or e-mail : [phoenix.fan@hotmail.com](mailto:phoenix.fan@hotmail.com)

Want to play **RUGBY** this winter. The first game is Saturday the 17th of April so its time to sign up. Waikanae Junior Rugby Club Registration Days. Waikanae Rugby Clubrooms, Ngarara Road Sunday 28 February 3-5 pm, Tuesday 2 March 5-7 pm Sunday 7 March 3-5 pm \$35 per player which includes team photo. If you do not want photo \$25 Cash/Cheque/Eftpos available. WJRFC has a policy that ensures maximum game time for each player by keeping teams to smaller numbers. WJRFC also has a policy to match players to the right age, weight and skill level to ensure maximum enjoyment, safety and skill development. Rugby also has very few weather cancellations compared to other sports. WJRFC had an awesome 2009 with more teams than ever before and we want to make 2010 even better. Any enquiries email: [waikanaejuniorrugby@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:waikanaejuniorrugby@yahoo.co.nz)

## **Did you Miss Kapiti Music Centre Enrolment Day?**

Our first enrolment was such a success we have decided to have another. If you missed out enrolling your child, and they would like to learn an instrument this year, come to our second enrolment day -

**Thursday 18th February 5.30pm - 6.30pm at St Patricks School.**

Remember, if you know what you would like already or are re-enrolling, you may like to simply download an enrolment form off our website below and either drop this in or post.

The Kapiti Music Centre is a charitable organisation formed to provide affordable music through group tuition to the children of the Kapiti Coast. We provide tuition in recorder, brass, ukulele, flute, cello, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, guitar, rock guitar, violin and percussion.

Lessons likely to start week of 22 February, so be in quick!

Kapiti Music Centre 021 297 1413

Kapiti Music Centre P O Box 447, Paraparaumu 5254

Email Address: [kapitimusiccentre@gmail.com](mailto:kapitimusiccentre@gmail.com)

Website Details: [www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz](http://www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz)

## **Kapiti Basketball Association Under 13 Boys Rep Basketball Trials**

Players must be born in 1998 or 1999 & must be available to attend the regional tournament in Wellington in July. Trials will be held:

Sun 21st Feb 2.30-4.30pm Sun 28th Feb 2.30-4.30pm Sun 7th Mar 2.30-4.30pm at KCDC Gym at Paraparaumu College

A commitment to attend all 3 trials is ideal. If you are not able to attend all trial dates please contact the coach.

U13 Coach Andrew Stellingwerf (04) 2986671 [inspect@xtra.co.nz](mailto:inspect@xtra.co.nz) or look up Kapiti Basketball Association on facebook