

Thursday Newsletter



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Kia Ora Ano. Nga Mihi ki te Whanau me nga hoa o te kura o Putauaki.

Hello again. Greetings to the family and friends of Putauaki School.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Kia Ora - Welcome.

A warm welcome back to all our children who have returned. We look forward to the year ahead and progressing with your learning:

Moutohora

Bradley Dufty, Savannah TeRiini, El-Shaddai Harpur, Nina Rowan, Shartina Broughton, Maliq Falwasser, Max Morgan and Anaru Kameta

Te Atea

Tatyana Moses, Caleb Temple, Thomas Williams, Temara Temple, Turanga Tuhoro, Marshall Davidson, Shayvaughn Hotene-Marks, Jahrome Aramoana, Tatyana Hale, Stirling Moses, Zion-Elijah Davis, Makayla Peri.

Tarawera

Holly Rayner, Alazhay Apihai, Jordan Vernon, Annabelle Hardcastle, Savanah Anderson-Burrell, Angus Morgan, Charmaine Harvery.

Whakaari

Awanuiarangi Falwasser, Cassandra Thompson, Anthony Rayner-Herbert, Tiare Titoko.

National Standards

- There is debate at the moment as to the implementation of these Standards. The debate is not about the Standards but more around the way they are being "pushed" onto schools.
- Where these have been implemented in other countries – England being a prime example – they have proved not to work.
- Schools, through their choice (NZEI) are asking for a two year trial on some schools. If they work (ie: improve children's learning) then all schools would be asked to work with them – no problem.
- There are other issues around the National Standards debate which simply need time to be discussed, debated then implemented.
- I will outline these in future Newsletters.
- We will also look into the possibility of holding parent meetings for discussion and debate as the year unfolds.

I o Mahi Katoa Mahia' (Our Best Always in All ways)

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E-Learning

- Our school is moving into the E-Learning mode. This means children will eventually use digital media (computers, internet, etc) as their main learning/recording method. This year we will continue to allow groups of children to work increasingly in this mode and look at developing a complete class some time next year.
- These children will be assisted, even more, by the ownership of their own laptop.

Top School

We plan to have a Year 7/8 and a Year 5/6 team in the Top School competition this year. We will begin a selection and training process next week. If your child is selected you could help them further by doing some fitness/agility work at home.

WANTED

Any old gumboots/shoes to make shoe sleds for training

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PRINCIPAL

POD NEWS

Whakaari

Welcome to all whanau of Putauaki School and especially Whakaari Pod. We look forward to a great year sharing your child's learning journey with us. Whakaari staff remain the same, Mrs Martin-Paling W1 with Year 4, Mr Sutton W2 (same room but renamed) with Year 4/5 and Mrs Addenbrooke W3 (same room but renamed) with Year 5/6. Mrs George is with W2 as she completes her teacher training practicum. Do come in to see our remodelled pod with all rooms now single cell, lots more display space

and less distractions, and half the sound 😊. We still have doors open for flow and sharing, but you will see why the room spaces have been renamed as we have W1 flow into W2 into W3.

Testing

Is underway to see what has remained fixed over the holidays and what will benefit from revision, or who is more than ready to extend themselves. We look at reading, spelling, math and writing to put the children in to appropriate work groups. As well Whaea Tracy will work in Whakaari Pod on Wednesday and Thursdays taking Science extension, Sport skills and Spanish during Term 1.

Respect

Our initial topic is Respect – how we show it, what it means in our family, school and community life. This will be followed by “Our Environment” with a rich study on the Tarawera River – from Source to the Sea. Our first trip by the end of the month will be to The Tarawera Falls and Outlet. Watch this space!

School Bag

Please can parents assist by ensuring their child has a school bag each day. We ask children to place their clothing directly in to their bags as it is removed and find if the bag is of an adequate size they care for their clothing well this way.

Stationery

Parents are welcome to purchase stationery from wherever it best suits them, however, would please purchase the Portfolio book from our school as it has the correct number of pages and paper of a good quality for these treasured items. If your child has amendments on the stationery list it is due to them still having books stored from last year.

Water Bottles

Water bottles are encouraged in class, it is important we remain hydrated.

Tarawera

A very warm welcome back to all our children. We would also like to especially welcome those children who are new to our Pod. It is really

great to see smiling, refreshed children eager to be back at school and ready for another year of learning.

Teachers

Tarawera Pod consists of three teachers with children from Yr 0 to Yr 3. Teachers and classes are as follows:

T1	Ms Lafaelle	Yr0-Yr1
T2	Mrs Rangi	Yr1-Yr2
T3	Mrs Findlater	Yr2-Yr3

Stationery

Stationery lists have been sent home this week. As soon as most children have their books, we can begin using them. Prompt purchasing of stationery would be very much appreciated. Please feel free to see class teachers if you have any queries. Thanks.

Hot Summer Days

With the weather being so hot, could you please ensure that your child has a hat with a complete rim and a water bottle also. Named clothing and footwear is also essential so items of clothing can be returned to the rightful owners. Could all children please have a towel, a spare set of clothing or togs in their bags as on very hot days, they will be allowed under the sprinklers to cool off.

Swimming

Swimming begins again this term. Times have not been confirmed at this stage but you will however be informed with the relevant details when they become available.

Moutohora

Welcome back to all Year 7/8 who are attending Moutohora Pod this year. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and you're ready for an exciting, action packed year. A special welcome to our eight new students: Bradley Dufty, Savannah Te Riini, El-Shaddai Harpur, Nina Rowan, Shartina Broughton, Maliq Falwasser, Max Morgan and Anaru Kameta we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Swimming

Swimming starts in Week 3 with M1 swimming on Wednesday 1:00-2:00pm and M2 on Monday 1:00-2:00pm. If your child can not swim we do require a note. Thanks.

Outdoor Education

We hope to start outdoor education also in Week 3 with the first round being canoes, swimming and snorkelling. We will get further information to you as it becomes available.

Computers

If you have a laptop that your child can use please send it along to school as we would like to encourage our children to work from computers for certain subjects eg. Written language, topic etc.

Staff

Our staffing is the same as it was for the second half of 2009 with Mr Rangihika in M1 and Mr Paling in M2.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would just like to have a chat about your child, feel free to drop in after school for a cuppa.

Have a great weekend.

Te Atea

E hika ma!!! Nga mihi tino nui kia koutou te whanau whanui o Te Atea. Ka mihi nui ano kia koutou mo tenei tau hou. Kia nga whanau hou, mihi mai ra haere mai ra.

A big welcome back to the Te Atea whanau and great greetings to new whanau who have joined the pod. Your time with Te Atea is assured to be safe and filled with exciting and challenging learning experiences.

Te Atea Teachers

TA1 ... Mrs More Yr0-Yr1 TA2 Mrs Mc Cauley-Walker Yr1-Yr2 TA3 Whaea Janeen Yr2-Yr3 TA4 Whaea Ange Yr4 TA5 ... Whaea Kim Yr5-Yr6 TA6 Mr Savage Yr7-Yr8. There may be in-class shifts within the next three weeks. Therefore, whanau will be informed if your child will be affected.

Whanau Hui

Our first hui for the year will be in Week 3. A definite date and time will be in next weeks newsletter. Remember, this is the time to meet with familiar and new faces, to share what is happening this term and the opportunity for whanau to share any issues. Senior syndicate teachers will also inform whanau when their first hui will be.

Outdoor Education

TA6 will be involved in outdoor education programmes this term. It is hoped that this will start in Week 3. Also happening this term is Big Day Out where we will spend the day at Thornton Reserve experiencing kayaking, waka-ama, fishing, and other water activities. Mr Perenara will contact the school when waka-ama resumes this term.

Stationery

Class stationery lists arrived home yesterday. Teachers are eager for children to begin using these books as soon as possible and it is great to see the many forms being returned. Ka mau te wehi.

Swimming

TA6 will swim next Monday afternoon. Swimming is a part of the Physical & Health Curriculum, therefore, children are expected to participate in every lesson held. Children who reside nearby will be released from there if they have a consent form from parent / caregiver. Other Te Atea whanau will be advised as to when their child / children swim. Kia ora.

Have a safe and relaxed Waitangi weekend with your treasures.

Nga kaiako o Te Atea

GENERAL NOTICES

Kawerau Youth Touth Tournament

Saturday 6th February

Debriefing at 9:30am games starts at 10:00am

\$10.00 per team (spot prizes up for grabs)

For more information contact:

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Monogram T-Shirts and Jackets

If you have one or more of the above at home we would like you please to return it/them as soon as possible. They are a school issue only not for private sale or use. Thank you.

Tui Glen Farm Enrolments open for 2010

- 7 yrs and up
- \$30.00 per session
- Starting Sunday 7th February

Also available individual lessons for students and adults with your horse or ours
www.tuiglen.net.nz 07 323 6457

Visique Optometrist

This year we are running our back to school offer again, and making it even better! We are offering free sunnies for five year olds AND 20 bonus Fly Buys points for parents for bringing in a school age child (up to 18yrs) for an eye test. The free sunnies voucher is available to download www.visique.co.nz there is also a 15% off voucher for their first purchase. This can include the eye test: frames and lenses or contact lenses.

