

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.

Coming Events

FEBRUARY 2010

Friday 19th

M1 Assembly

11:45am start

Tuesday 23rd

Japanese Students
Visit

Wednesday 24th

Cycle Challenge

MARCH 2010

Monday 1st

Outdoor Ed. M2

Wednesday 3rd

World Maths Day /
HPV Yr 8 Girls only
1st Round

Thursday 4th

End of Swimming
Sessions

Monday 8th

Outdoor Ed TA6

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Kia Ora - Welcome.

National Standards

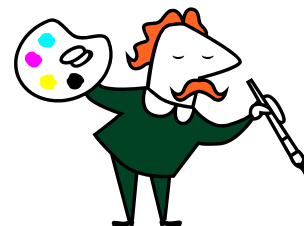
Accompanying this Newsletter is a survey about National Standards. Would you be able to either fill in the question section and return to School or go online and do the Survey there? Thanks. It is part of a Nationwide Survey and aims to try to find out what parents true knowledge and attitudes are about these standards. The more replies the better the overall results.

Website

We are still awaiting the final construction of our Website. When ready we will be posting our Newsletters and other information on there as well.

Art Mural

In a couple of weeks we will have another mural to display outside our School. This one will be constructed by Marc Spijkerbosch the same artist who has completed works around town.



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PRINCIPAL

POD NEWS

Whakaari

Well we are waiting with baited breath to see whether or not we get our third swim. The continuity works with those who have made the effort to bring their gear each day. Skills can be reworked and practised without a week's space causing lost information. It is still a great shame Kawerau has this fantastic free community Pool, and yet we have a huge number of children fearful of the water, and very lacking in water skills. Imagine what a weekly family outing to the pool could achieve for those with a little time. A cheap, relaxing activity the whole family can share, and a way to 'water safe' our children practising safe entry, rolling from front to back, floating, kicking and blowing bubbles out the nose whilst inhaling air through the mouth.

Stationery

Thank you for getting stationery so quickly. Very few are now without their required books. Please do see staff if the purchase is the cause of concern for you so we can ensure you get the help you need and children can get into their full work programme.

Assembly

W3 are moving their assembly to Week 5 Friday 5th March. This is due to a large number of activities occurring around school at the moment, plus nine staff involved in an I.C.T conference at various times next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. So see you all 11:45am, Friday 5th March.

Top School

Children who have committed themselves to Top School are now working through the fitness process and skill learning for this event. A high level of fitness is required by all participants, so children are encouraged to train in their own time.

B.B.R

This is our schoolwide Reading Programme aimed at raising the reading levels of those children who participate.

It is a 10 week programme which will begin in Term 2. Training will be given to those who wish to become tutors. Also, a small donation will be given to tutors at the end of the programme.

If you are interested in being a tutor, do please let your child's teacher know.

Pod Hui

This will be on Tuesday 23th March at 5:00pm sharp to discuss this year, future trips, and any queries families may have.

Cycle Challenge

Some of our Year 5/6 children will be going to the Cycle Challenge with Whaea Tracy. Permission slips have gone home with those who had correct equipment and lots of enthusiasm.

School Bell

Just a reminder – our bell to open our classrooms up is at 8:30am. Although staff are on site and in rooms before that they are preparing resources for the day. Unless it is extremely cold or wet children must remain outside. We currently have a large group trying to come in at 7:30am. We know they are safe in the playground but hope they are not coming extra early if there is no need ie. Caregivers are still at home with them as it is a long time to hang around looking for entertainment or making their own, not always good choices.

☺Enjoy the forecast ... sunny weekend☺

Moutohora

Kia Ora

A big thank you to all those, parents who attended our hui on Tuesday night. It was great to see you all and be able to discuss what is happening in the Year 7/8 area.

Waka Ama

Mr Reuben Perenara visited our school today to teach our tamariki land based activities that they will be involved in with Waka Ama this year. Thank you for your time Reuben we appreciate you passing on your skills to our Year 7/8 students.

Outdoor Education

Dates for the Year 7/8 classes attending our outdoor education programme at Lake Rotoma are:

Monday	1 st March	M2
Monday	8 th March	TA6
Monday	15 th March	M1

If you would like to join your child for the day feel free to attend. A permission slip will be sent home shortly with your child. After each class has participated in their day out we will all be going out to Thornton Reserve for the day. This will be followed by a Year 7/8 sleepover on Thursday 25th March 2010.

Upcoming Events

- Dynamos Leadership Programme held at Putauaki School on Tuesday 23rd February.
- Cycle Challenge held at the Kawerau Skate Park on Wednesday 24th February.
- Golf/Pod Bonding held at the Kawerau Golf Club on Friday 26th February.

School Assembly

Mr Rangihika and M1 will be hosting our *first* full school assembly tomorrow. Please feel free to attend. Start time will be 11:45am

Tarawera

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Swimming

Our children will be swimming in Week 5 on the following days:

Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th March.

Swim times are from 1:00pm – 2:00pm.

We will be walking there and back. If you are able to provide transport for the littlies, this would very much welcomed.

Children require togs, a towel, a hat and a plastic bag with which to carry their togs etc. in. Thanks.

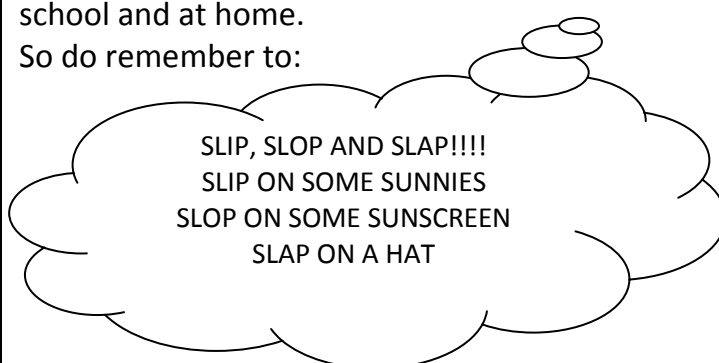
Stationery

The majority of our children now have their stationery. Your prompt response has been very much appreciated. Thanks.

Sunsmart (Inquiry Based Topic)

Children have been learning about being Sunsmart. They have very good knowledge of what it is to be a sunsmart person and are encouraged to continue these practices both at school and at home.

So do remember to:



Te Atea

Mauri ora te whanau o Te Atea

Whanau Hui

A big kia ora to families who attended Tuesdays hui. Great to catch up with familiar faces and awesome to meet and greet new faces. Many issues were shared and discussed pertaining to happenings in the pod this term. A more in-depth panui will arrive home shortly. Apologies whanau for not confirming the date and time of this hui. A special thank you to whanau who also attended the tuakana hui. Yes!!! There is a lot happening with our seniors over the term and year. As each event nears, a notice will arrive home.

Waka-ama

Despite the inclement weather, senior classes enjoyed the day at school with Reuben Perenara learning parts of the waka, names of equipment used and their purposes, and safety rules required when in the water. Next Thursday the

first group (M1) will spend the day at the Thornton Reserve putting learned skills into action on or in the water. TA6's first water session is March 11th. Please feel free to join our children on that day.

A very busy week coming up for both children and teachers.

Dynamo Leadership Programme

Next Tuesday Senior Sports monitors will spend the day with a Sports B.O.P representative. This programme is to provide our monitors with skills necessary to organise and run lunchtime activities for all children to become active.

Cycle Challenge

Some of our children will be involved in this year's Cycle Challenge. This happens next Wednesday at the local Skate Park. A notice will arrive home tomorrow if your child is involved. Children must have a road-worthy bike, helmet, lunch and water. Any concerns please make contact with Mr Rangihika.

Bonding Day

Next Friday seniors will spend the day bonding at Tarawera Park and the Kawerau Golf Course. Golfers will leave at 9:30am and meet with the rest of the team on completion of their games at Tarawera Park. A notice and consent form will arrive home next Monday regarding this day. Whanau are most welcome to join seniors on this day. Thank you to our five dads who will join our golfers.

Due to a sickness in the whanau, TA3 tamariki will have a Relief Teacher in their class next week. The support and energy of love from Te Atea embraces Whaea Janeen and her whanau during this time. Other relievers will be in different classes over the week as a result of teachers attending a Learning @ School Conference in Rotorua.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend with your treasures.

Nga Kura Mahita o Te Atea

GENERAL NOTICES

Bledisloe Cup

The Royal New Zealand Plunket Society (Inc.) is fortunate enough to be holding an event on 27th February with the Bledisloe Cup in attendance. Details as follows:

Where: Whakatane Intermediate School

When: Saturday 27th February 2010

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Cost: Free Entry

You are able to have family photos with your own cameras but there is a charge of \$5.00. Mascot Ruggers will be in attendance, All Black paraphernalia will be raffled and there may be an All Black in attendance.

Top School

We are fortunate to take two teams this year to Awakeri School for Top School. They are a Year 5/6 team and a Year 7/8 team.

This is a 'FUN' packed day for your child and family to enjoy.

Date: Sunday 21st March 2010.

Teams consist of 5 girls and 5 boys. The students who have been selected will be commencing training soon.

CAN YOU HELP!

Do you know anyone who can donate the following equipment in order to help our students to practice for the events.

We need:

8 x 40 gallon plastic drums, 2 x Bungie cords, 2 Tyre Inner Tubes and 10 x 2 Litre empty milk bottles.

The above will be most appreciated.

Thank you

Whaea Kim(Te Atea 5 Teacher), Mrs McCauley-Walker(Te Atea 2 Teacher)

