



Titirangi Primary School

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Kia Kōwhiri

NEWSLETTER

03 November 2009

A Stellar Performance!



Well done to the TPS Choir for an outstanding job representing the school at the Titirangi Library opening.

What's Happening

Monday 02 November

10.00 - 1.30. Choir rehearsal at the Town Hall
Room 22 to Waterwise
12.30 - 1.00. Bible in Schools
12.30 - 1.00. Project Ginger

Tuesday 03 November

Room 8 to Waterwise
12.30 - 2.00. Kapa Haka
12.30 - 1.00. Year 6 Band
1.30 - 2.00. Senior Ukulele
7.00 - 9.30. APPA Choir performing in the Town Hall

Wednesday 04 November

12.30 - 1.00. Hip Hop

Thursday 05 November

12.30 - 1.00. Junior Ukulele
1.00 - 1.30. Senior Choir

Friday 06 November

1.00 - 1.30. Junior Choir

Monday 09 November

ERO Team at school
12.30 - 1.00. Bible in Schools
12.30 - 1.00. Project Ginger

Tuesday 10 November

1.00 - 3.00. Multicultural Festival Performance.
12.30 - 1.00. Y6 Band
1.30 - 2.00. Senior Ukulele
7.00 - 9.00. PTA Meeting in the Staffroom

Wednesday 11 November

12.30 - 1.00. Hip Hop

Thursday 12 November

12.30 - 1.00. Junior Ukulele
1.00 - 1.30. Senior Choir

Friday 13 November

12.30 - 1.00. Enviro Group
1.00 - 1.30. Junior Choir

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

GALA DAY! 12.00 to 4.00 pm.

Newsletter

"Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm"

Publius Syrus (1st Century BC) Freed slave, writer and entertainer

NATIONAL STANDARDS

The national standards were launched by the Prime Minister on Friday 23 October. Because they focus on reading writing and mathematics there have been claims that they will cause a narrowing of the curriculum to the detriment of science, technology, the arts, social science and physical education. There are also legitimate concerns about the construction of 'league tables' which will make unfair comparisons between schools – socio-economic status, home back ground and things such as English as a second language being significant factors in educational achievement.

So what does all this mean to Titirangi Primary School?

Firstly, the school has been measuring student achievement against targets for improvement, which exceed national norms, for a long time. This information is reported to The Ministry of Education, the Board of Trustees and was reported to parents earlier in the year. We will retain our targets as well as comparing achievement against the standards. The second factor is the so called 'plain language' reporting. We will review our end of year student reports to ensure the format and information is clear and references the standards.

Over all we do not see the national standards as an end in themselves rather they will be used as another tool in working towards our No 1 strategic goal "Continue to develop and enhance student achievement"

POWHIRI

On Monday 9th we will be welcoming the Education Review Office review team with a Powhiri starting at 9.00. Our Kapa Haka group and choir will be participating along with the whole school. We would ask that everyone is at school before the Powhiri starts at 9.00. Parents are welcome to join us for this occasion; we would ask that you stand together behind the children. Teachers will be reminding the children about the formal protocols around a Powhiri and how to show respect for the occasion which include no talking or turning around and no clapping.

SUN SMART

A reminder that now we are into our sun smart time, all children need to wear a hat while they are outside. They also need to wear sensible clothing that covers their neck shoulders and upper arms at least. Singlets and sleeveless tops are not suitable unless they are worn with a light shirt which provides protection.



PTA PATCH

This Friday's lunch is Sushi and Iceblocks. Look out for the order form coming home today or download one from the PTA section of our school website.

The Gala is only two weeks away!! Everyone is important in helping to make it a success. Keep up the good work. Look out for the flyers coming home with special requests. If you have a query please email either Winnie (aam@xtra.co.nz) or Maree (nzpikap@xtra.co.nz)

There will be a **Gala meeting** on **Tuesday 3 November** at **1.30pm** in the staffroom. All Welcome.

There is also a **Class Parent Meeting** on **Friday 6 November** at **1.30pm** in the staffroom. Remember the PTA meeting on **Tuesday 10 November at 7.00 pm** in the Staffroom. All welcome.

Remember our **ongoing fundraiser** with '**Affordable Organix**'. Order a box of organic fruit and veggies, mention our school name and the school will receive 5% of the box price. Phone Tania or Gerry on 817 9318 or email:affordable_organix@xtra.co.nz

JOLLY JARS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who designed, created, painted and generally put a lot of effort into the Jolly Jars for the Gala. You will be pleased to know that we have 1024 jars this year. We have exceeded last years total of 750 by 274 jars. Well done!

A special congratulations goes to Room 16 for winning the class competition and collecting over 150 jars.

Thank you very much, Lesley Rousselle.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

There will be a second hand book sale on Wednesday at lunchtime in the Library. Books will be 50 cents each.

BASKETBALL

We've had some difficulty finding volunteers for basketball, but notices of our introductory sessions this term will be going home for students in Y4-6, which will hopefully generate some interest for next year.

ATHLETICS

Our Senior School Athletics is confirmed for **Wednesday 18 November** (Rain day is Thursday 19 November) at Ceramco Park. We need volunteers for this event. If you think you may be able to help, please email alani@titirangi.school.nz. Our interschool date is confirmed for **Tuesday 1 December** at Douglas Track & Field.

Community Notices

KICKIN KIDS FAMILY TAEKWON-DO in Titirangi, Sundays 1-2pm, \$50 per term, 1st lesson free, 0212862437 or 8172346. Contact Deborah.

LEARN TO SING with CYRIL KELLEWAY, West Auckland's Most Experienced Teacher at 36 St. Leonards Road Kelston. PHONE 8187645
E-mail –ayceekay@paradise.net.nz

PACIFIC IN THE PARK 2009

This free, family fun event is being held at Moire Park, Granville Drive in Massey, on Friday 20th November from 3pm to 9pm. There are lots of interactive stalls where you can win great prizes. There are games and bouncy castles for the kids and great entertainment from the stage. Tofiga Fepuleai (Laughing with Samoans) will be the MC and bound to make you laugh and there will be entertainment from Sweet & Irie, For Da Grind, Devolo, Miss J, Request, Lil Saints, Sweet and Sour and other great favourites. Pacific food and other festival favourites will be available for purchase, bring your picnic blanket and set yourself up for a great night. This is an alcohol free event. All welcome!

DIVE INTO BOOKS!

Apply for the Waitakere Libraries' Summer Reading Programme now!
The Summer Reading Programme is a fun, incentive based programme that helps children to improve their reading habits over the holidays. It is ideal for children with reading difficulties.
If you would like to participate in this year's programme, apply online at www.waitakerelibs.govt.nz or call in to your nearest Waitakere Library branch. The application period is from October 27 until November 15. Full details are available at www.waitakerelibs.govt.nz or phone 839 2260.

TITIRANGI CUB PACK

Titirangi Cub Pack has vacancies for Cubs aged 7 ½ to 10 ½ yrs (boys and girls). Meet every Wednesday 6 – 7.30pm. Titirangi Scout Group Den, 209 Atkinson Rd (just below Titirangi Primary School)
We have two camps a year (summer and winter) Come along and check us out
If you are interested, please telephone Trish 8376560 or Bronwyn 817 7583.

FUTSAL Brazilian indoor soccer 5v5

Develop amazing skills & improve your game
Junior Leagues starting from 4 Nov 09. U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17, U19. Go to www.aucklandfutsal.org

FRIENDS OF ARATAKI KIDS DAY. Meet the 'Bugman' and his incredible creatures. Bush camp, art and clay craft. Meet the baby animals, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle and much more. Sunday 08 November from 11.00 - 2.00 at the Arataki visitor's Centre, 300 Scenic Drive, Waiaatarua.

GREEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL are holding an Auction on Saturday 14 November at 6.30 pm to help raise funds for their new Performing Arts Centre. Silent and live auctions, food and refreshments and live entertainment. For any enquiries please contact Carmen on 8170062 or email carmen.foggin@greenbayhigh.school.nz

YOGA - See our new website www.premayoga.co.nz with updated timetable workshops and retreats. Held at the Titirangi Beach Hall, 1 Aydon Road, Titirangi. Ph: 817 9990. No bookings required. \$12 casual or 10 tickets for \$100.

SARAH SMITH PHOTOGRAPHER. At home, at the park, relaxed children's portraits. Phone 817 4198, 021 2322691 or email mrssmitto@gmail.com.

Sports Notices

FUN NETBALL SKILLS for Mums (And Dads) - Come and join in. Tuesday from 5.15 to 6.00pm at Titirangi School for some FUN netball and exercise. Kids welcome.

FLIPPABALL RESULTS FOR SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 09

Year 3/4 Titirangi Barracudas v Woodlands Park:

A fantastic effort from the Barracudas to kick off the term 4 competition. Unfortunately we came 2nd today, but the team played hard and never gave up! Well done everyone!

Year 5/6 Titirangi Sharks v Oratia Electric Eels:

6 Nil to the Sharks! Awesome effort team! A fantastic start to the season.

Year 5/6 Titirangi Kingis v Glen Eden Primary:

2nd place to the Kingis this week, but a great effort from everyone.

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