



# Titirangi Primary School

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*Kia Kōwhiri* NEWSLETTER

07 September 2009

## Interschool Field Day 2009



**Well Done Year 5 & 6  
Interschool Teams!**

### What's Happening

#### Monday 07 September

10.00 - 11.00 - Western Zone Speech Competition.

1.30 - Intermediate Chess Group

#### Tuesday 08 September

9.00 - FPS exam in the Library.

9.00 - 10.30 - Syndicate 6 to gymnastics.

10.30 - 12.00 - Syndicate 4 to gymnastics.

1.30 Senior Ukulele.

7.00 - PTA AGM in the staffroom.

#### Wednesday 09 September

9.00 - 10.30 - Syndicate 2 to gymnastics.

10.30 - 12.00 - Syndicate 3 to gymnastics.

#### Thursday 10 September

9.00 - 10.30 - Syndicate 5 to gymnastics.

10.30 - 12.00 - Syndicate 1 to gymnastics.

#### Friday 11 September

9.30 - 11.30 - Room 8 to Lopdell House.

#### Monday 14 September

9.30 - 11.30 - Syndicate 5 to Lopdell House.

Sports sessions for Rooms 1, 2, 23, 24, 12, 18, 19, 15, 16, 17 & 22.

#### Tuesday 15 September

Sports sessions for Rooms 20, 21, 4, 5, 3, 6, 8, 11, 9 & 10.

Wednesday 16 September

Year 5 Waterwise Pools Day.

9.30 - 11.30 - Syndicate 5 to Lopdell House.

#### Thursday 17 September

9.30 - 11.30 - Syndicate 5 to Lopdell House.

2.00 - 6.00 - BOT Meeting.

#### Friday 18 September

1.30 - Operation Spring clean.

# Newsletter

*"By the time I think about what I'm going to do, I already did it."*  
Dennis the Menace

## THE BEST DISCO EVER!



This was the unanimous verdict from the children after the disco on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. A combination of excellent organisation, a great venue at the War Memorial Hall and really good DJ made this a special event for our children. An unexpected outcome was that the RSA, Toby's and other cafes in the village reported increased business as a result of parents dropping their children off and going to dinner – its good that our disco also gave a boost to the local economy!

A huge thank you to everyone involved in organisation and helping on the night.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

They were well subscribed, providing an opportunity for teachers to share information, children's progress and also identify with parents some further goals for the coming term. The online booking system was used for the first time and we would be interested in any feedback on how you found this.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT INFORMATION

Click 'Student Achievement' on the navigation bar on our website to view a report on achievement in mathematics. This is a collation of results from standardised tests (Progressive Achievement Tests – PATs, and GloSS (Global Strategy Stage)

A similar report on reading is being collated and will be available soon.

*How are the results used?* We compare the data against national norms and expectations for each year level. For PATs and GloSS, there is, at present, no data which enables us to compare against similar schools to ours (i.e.: urban, high decile), and so we have set our own targets.

Analysis and goal-setting takes place at three levels;

- Whole school – to identify overall areas of strength and areas for development in this subject at TPS.
- Year group – to identify areas of strength and areas of development that may be year group specific.
- Individual students – to inform teachers, enabling them to identify the specific learning needs of groups and individuals within the class.

The analyses help us to identify students and groups of students who may require support, extension or further challenge. Teachers have access to information relating to individual student attainment, and tailor their learning programmes to reflect the individual learning needs that are identified for the students in their class.

*How is the data reported?* The data is reported in detail to teachers and the BOT. Your child's individual results are also included in the first term report, which forms the basis for the parent conferences held in early May.

## THE PTA IS TWO YEARS OLD.

The second AGM of our PTA will be held at 7.00 on Tuesday in the staffroom. In its short life the PTA has made a significant contribution to the school by supporting communication, building community and fundraising. Recently we were counting up the things the PTA has done in the past two years – it's quite a list!

3 movie trips, a bake sale, 2 mid-winter dinners, 3 picnics, 1 gala (with the second well on the way), 2 school discos, 1 Year 6 disco, the class parent scheme, 2 lots of school stationery, support for netball teams (90 players), 30+ Friday lunches, parent help with playground duty, 20+ PTA newsletters.

A huge thank you to everyone involved and I look forward to continuing to working with the new committee.

There are lots of ways to get involved, from doing one off or very occasional things to joining the committee. Coming to PTA meetings is also a good way of finding out more about what is currently happening at school and what is planned so we look forward to seeing lots of parents there on Tuesday.

## INTERSCHOOL FIELD DAY

The Year 5 and 6 students competed on Friday in the annual Interschool field Day. The children chose to train for either soccer, league tag, hockey or netball, and all put in a huge amount of work in preparation for the event. We had three key aims for the tournament, which were:

- Have fun.
- Play hard and play to win!
- Show the best in TPS sportsmanship.

The children certainly didn't disappoint, and we were hugely proud of all our teams. Congratulations also to our hockey A and B teams, who took home the trophies for their grade.

Thanks to Mr Gordon, Mr Lambert, Miss Mills, Mr Mudgway, Mrs Fitzgerald, Ms Geerlings, Ms Withers and Ms Guiver for all their hard work and dedication in helping the teams prepare for the day. Thanks also from all of us to our parent helpers, referees, team managers and supporters for giving up their time and joining in the fun!

## BOOK WEEK

A big thank you to all who supported us during Book Week. We had a very busy week and a successful book fair. Congratulations to the Cooper family for winning the raffle prize, Brittany in Room 19 and Cole in Room 11 for winning the guess how many bands competition. There were 262!

# Sports Notices

Congratulations to the hockey teams for their great work on Friday at the Interschool Winter Sports competition. Through their tenacity, hard work and well developed skills, Titirangi students managed to lift high both the A and B league trophies. The commitment and effort in their preparation certainly paid off on the day and to quote Ms Guiver the winning formula was their "great attitude, attitude, attitude". Well done guys - great skills, supreme effort and outstanding sportsmanship!

- Mr Lambert, Mrs Fitzgerald and Ms Guiver (hockey coaches)

Both Kiwi Tag teams played brilliantly on Friday's Interschool sports competition. They demonstrated commitment, fair play and sportsmanship as they encouraged each other to play their best.

The A Team won third place, demonstrating immense skill and fitness throughout the tournament.

The B Team were winners in our eyes as they improved their game as the tournament went on.

A great effort by all the boys. Well done!  
Your very proud coach

- Miss Mills.

# Community Notices

**CISV** is a unique international youth organisation that is UNESCO accredited... It's goal is to build global friendships by bringing together children from all around the world.

A weekend camp is being held at Piha on the weekend of 26th and 27th September for children aged 9- 13years. At the camp there will be the opportunity to talk to leaders and children who have already attended overseas camps and also find out about upcoming opportunities. For more information please contact Jan Llewellyn on 817 3368 or on 021 368935. View the CISV website [www.cisv.org](http://www.cisv.org)

**OPEN DAY** at Playhouse Theatre on Saturday 19 September from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at 15 Glendale Road, Glen Eden. It is open to all to see how a theatre looks and works and to purchase surplus costumes and material from our wardrobe. Theatre make-up sessions. Tea, coffee and sausage sizzle.

**ALL** enrolments to Glen Eden Intermediate School for 2010 need to be received by 25 September.

**"Need Childcare During The School Holidays?** NZ Nannies International have nannies who can help. Or want long-term before/after school childcare with the next school term looming? We recommend having an Au Pair for your before/after school care - where your kids can be taken to/from after-school activities, homework supervised, housework and meals provided - all at an affordable price. Contact us: [kristina@nznannies.org.nz](mailto:kristina@nznannies.org.nz) or see our website [www.nznannies.org.nz](http://www.nznannies.org.nz) for more information."

## **BEGINNER & ELITE HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMP**

U7 – U17, \$50 each held at Trust Stadium on 28-30 September or 5–7 October  
9am – 11am Beginners. 12 – 3pm Elite. Contact Info: Nicky Fuaivaa [admin@bwc.org.nz](mailto:admin@bwc.org.nz).  
[www.bwc.org.nz](http://www.bwc.org.nz). 021 657786 or (09) 9663109.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM 4 CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES.**

Painting, mixed media and clay from 7 - 13 years. Held at the Children's Art School, Visual Arts Studios, Faculty of Education, University of Auckland, Epsom. For a brochure or further information phone 623 8858.

**TITIRANGI TENNIS AND SQUASH** - Junior opening on T7 September. School Holiday Coaching clinics and Term Tennis. Free coaching with your membership and racquets provided Enquiries to David Branks on 817 9796, 021 865 539 or [www.titirangiracketsclub.com](http://www.titirangiracketsclub.com).

**Pop Star School - Singing/Dancing/Theatresports** (Ages 5-15) COST \$85 (1 day)  
Live the pop star dream for a day and learn some valuable skills along the way! We have a jam-packed day full of singing, dancing and theatre sports - all to your favourite Hannah Montana, Camp Rock and High School Musical songs! Taught in a relaxed environment, not only is this educational, we put great emphasis on the fun factor! Seats are limited so don't miss out, book online now at [www.partyatyours.co.nz](http://www.partyatyours.co.nz) or call us on 441 0202. **Venue:** Freemans Bay Community Centre, Wed 7 Oct - 9am - 4pm.

Our pop star karaoke parties have only been going for about 3 months and so far we've had a wonderful response so we're really looking forward to kicking off with the holiday programme in September. Please find attached a link to our kids stuff page which is where we have more info on our parties and our school holiday programme. <http://www.partyatyours.co.nz/kidsstuff.php>

**ORATIA SPRINGTIME SETTLERS MARKET** on Sunday 13 September from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm at 569 West Coast Road. Crafts, jewellery, art and café.

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