



# Titirangi Primary School

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*Kia Kōwhiri*

NEWSLETTER

10 August 2009

## SILVER ENVIRO-AWARD!



### What's Happening

#### **Monday 10 August**

1.30 - 2.50 - Intermediate Chess Group.

#### **Tuesday 11 August**

9.00 - 10.30 - Fair Trade visiting  
Syndicate 3.

Kapa Haka

Senior Ukulele

1.30 - 2.45 - PTA Meeting in the  
Staffroom.

#### **Wednesday 12 August**

1.00 - 3.00 - Senior School Speech  
Competition.

#### **Thursday 13 August**

Syndicate 6 visiting Auckland Museum  
Junior Ukulele

#### **Friday 14 August**

Room 22 to Lopdell House

#### **Monday 17 August**

Marbles Week

Syndicate 5 visiting Stardome  
Observatory

Intermediate Chess Group

#### **Thursday 20 August**

Otago Maths Challenge

# wAckY wEdneSday!



TRASH to  
FASHION

Around school this term...

## WELL DONE TO OUR 2009 INTERSCHOOL CHESS TEAM!



It was a tense race to the finish between the top three schools at the West Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Tournament last week right up to the final game, with Titirangi finishing in an impressive 3rd place and all teams putting in a fantastic performance!

# Newsletter

*“Data is not information, information is not knowledge, knowledge is not understanding, understanding is not wisdom.”*

Clifford Stoll - Astronomer and Author

All the staff are currently doing a University of Auckland paper called ‘Infolink’. The Infolink paper teaches a model of guided inquiry for the classroom which enables teachers to take a class through carefully planned stages enabling children to generate knowledge from their own questions and through the selective and critical use of information. It is a long way from the old idea of.. “Lets do a project on...”

The stages are:

Deciding – finding out what students already know, mapping this knowledge for key words, ideas and questions

Finding – locating and retrieving relevant information

Using – Analysing and interpreting information

Recording – Note taking, organising information

Presenting – Communicating with a sense of purpose and audience

Evaluating - “How did I go? ...How could this be improved?”

Guided Inquiry is one of the ways we are working to achieve our goal of helping our children to become independent learners as well as critical users of information, especially of digital information.

A couple of reminders:

## **LATENESS**

We regularly have up to 50 children arriving at school after 9.00. While we realise getting a family organised and off to school can be quite a mission, it is disruptive to have children coming into the classroom 20 – 30 minutes late. Also they will often miss important notices or class organisational matters if they are routinely late. Children should arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.50 so they have time to hang up their bag, meet up with their friends, run around or have some quiet time in the classroom before the busy day starts.

## **SPECIAL THINGS AT SCHOOL**

It is really distressing for a child to bring something very special to school then to lose it or have it accidentally damaged. These items are better not brought to school at all, but if they are then it should be by prior arrangement with the teacher who can organise to keep it safe.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**

On Friday, the Silver Environmental Award was presented to our school by Councillor Paul Walbran. The Presentation was in recognition of the achievements of the children who have worked hard to promote sustainability of our environment now and for the future. A special thanks must also go to the teachers and caretaker who have supported the children in their efforts; Mrs Sue Fitzgerald, Mr Don Morrison, Mr Don Watson, Mrs Brigette Helwes and Mr Bill Mudgway.

A main aim has been to involve the whole school including the parent community in helping to sustain the environment we live in. One of the initial actions these children have been working on is to reduce waste. As with the growing society trend of leaving nothing behind except footprints, the bins at school have been removed so that children take most rubbish home. The food scraps go to the worm farm. The worm farm produces worm tea, which is now sold back to the community to nourish their gardens. Paper rubbish is recycled. The action is wider than just reducing waste at school though. We try to encourage parents to send less rubbish to school as part of the approach. Thank you to those parents who have supported this now well established practice for reducing the waste in lunch boxes.

A major action started last year is Project Ginger, which is co-ordinated by Don Morrison, who is working with a group of children to eradicate all the ginger that is rife in the vacant plot area beside the school. Other projects have been planting, involvement in community events such as Operation Spring Clean and Trash to Fashion. Our Walking School Buses still operate and a new one has started up along Huia Road. A quiet outside space is being created outside Room 11 with mural, mosaic and planter boxes. This year more gardens, both vegetable and decorative are in progress.

## **TRASH TO FASHION**

The theme for this year’s School’s Trash to Fashion celebrates the beauty of our world, and how we must take care of it. This years entrants displayed high levels of creativity. As a result the following students have been selected to represent Titirangi School in the Waitakere Trash to Fashion Show- Natasha van E, Gemma L, Sam H-S, Sophie L, Mackenzie H, Kayla R, Millicent P, Katelyn R and Kizzie A. Well done to all of our entrants!

## POETRY AWARD

Congratulations to Angelina Tanner Room 12, seen here receiving her prize for her outstanding poem entitled 'Magic in the Library' from Erica Clarke, Children's Librarian Waitakere Library & Information Services. Angelina entered the competition, open to all West Auckland children, and stunned the judges with her skill and creativity. Recently, Angelina has also entered two pieces of her writing in the Gifted Awareness Week Competition hosted by the New Zealand Association for Gifted Children. Good luck with all your entries Angelina!



## BOOK WEEK

Remember that Book Week is coming up in 3 week's time (31st August - 04 September). Jenny Coyle who is an Independent Total Learning Consultant, parent and relieving teacher at our school, will again be providing a fantastic range of great quality books, CD-Roms and activities on display in the library before and after school. Our school library depends on the Book Week to get new books into the library. Last year we managed to get over \$2500.00 of fabulous new books for the library through donations and a percentage of the sales. Get organised and do some pre-Christmas shopping from the ease of your armchair when you browse through the catalogue that will come home in two weeks. We look forward to your support with this event.

During this week we have the author Lyn Kriegler visiting the school. Remember to get your book character costume ready for your child on Friday 04 September when we have our annual parade.

## COLLECTING CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If you need to collect your child from school between 8.50 am and 2.55 pm please report to the office to sign them out. This is to ensure the safety of your children during school hours and to keep our staff from having 'panic attacks' if a child 'goes missing'!

## PTA LUNCHES

Sushi will be the lunch for this week. Unfortunately, due to an increase in price from the supplier, the cost of the Sushi lunch will now be \$5.00.

## WORM TEA

Get your garden ready for Spring and purchase some worm tea from our very own worm farm. Full of goodness and nutrients for your garden for only \$2.00 per litre.



## PTA MEETING TUESDAY AFTERNOON!

The August PTA meeting will be held **tomorrow, Tuesday 11 August, at 1:30 in the afternoon**, in the Staffroom. We are trialling having every second meeting during the school day, rather than in the evening, so more parents can make it to at least some of the meetings. So no excuses! (Okay, true, I suppose working would excuse you...) Come along for a cup of tea and a biscuit, and find out what is going on at school. This is our last meeting before the AGM - it would be great to see some of the junior school parents coming along, bursting with enthusiasm... or even just vaguely curious... everyone is welcome! See you then.

## SCHOOL DISCO

The school disco on 28 August will be held at the Titirangi War Memorial Hall. Please see the attached flyer for details.

## HELICOPTER RIDE

Congratulations to Gemma L, who won a competition for an exciting helicopter ride recently! In case you missed it, both Gemma and Sophie L took to the skies after being picked up on the school field on Thursday last week for a trip to Woodhill forest.



# Sports Notices

## • Interschool Chess Results

Place	Name	Score
1	Blockhouse Bay ONE	19.5
2	Henderson North ONE	18.5
3	Titirangi ONE	17.5
14-16	Titirangi FIVE	13.5
	Titirangi THREE	13.5
	Titirangi TWO	13.5
29	Titirangi FOUR	11

### Titirangi School Netball Results for Saturday 08 August 09:

#### Year 6 Titirangi Kerurus v Freyburg Stars:

Another great game for Kerurus this week which unfortunately ended with a score of 14 – 8 and a win to the Stars. The girls played really hard with some awesome intercepts from Kayla and Sabine. Player of the day went to Ella W for her great defensive work. Well done team, we think you are all awesome!

#### Year 6 Titirangi Keas v Stephanie Bond 7's (Woodlands Park):

Keas v Stephanie Bond 7's - score 8-4. The girls had an awesome game against Woodlands Park. There was some excellent defence work by the team and some much improved passing and space making, which they had been working on in training. Thanks to Paige R for stepping in as Centre for us last minute and thanks to Jan for umpiring. Player of the Day was Alyssa C for her great persistence and effort. Well done girls you really deserved the win!

#### Year 5 Titirangi Kakapos v Marist Herne Bay:

A tough game against Marist. A somewhat depleted and injured team still managed to display excellent attacking and defending skills. We were proud of the girl's persistence and determination. Congratulations to Mia B for being our Player of the Day.

#### Year 5 Titirangi Moas v Summerland 3:

The Moas won their game today against Summerland 3, scoring 13 goals to 5. The girls showed great team spirit, constantly running and competing for the ball. Our player of the day was Mia, a marvellous Wing Attack. Well done to all the girls and especially to our coach Cathy, your just great!

#### Year 4 Titirangi Takahes v Rosebank Kiwis:

A great game played by the Takahes ending in a loss 2-5. Everyone contributed to wonderful overall team work especially Georgia who was constantly intercepting our opponent's ball and Gemma who played a fantastic attack and shot our two goals, winning her the player of the day.

#### Year 4 Titirangi Fantails v Tirimoana Dolphins:

We had a very fast paced game this week against the Dolphins. Both teams were defending hard with some amazing intercepts which resulted in the ball moving up and down the court rapidly but only one goal each as the final score. Player of the day was Gemma L for some great work at centre. We had previously lost to this team by a large margin. The score shows how far we've come this season!

#### Year 3 Titirangi Tuis v Hoani Waititi:

The Tuis played a great game against Hoani Waititi where they drew nil all. We had good chances to score goals and our defence was just great as the score reflects. Player of the day went to Ruby for her fabulous intercepts. Go Tuis, go Tuis!!

#### Year 3 Titirangi Pukekos v Not recorded:

The girls had a tougher game this week, but managed to come back at the end and finish it with a 2 all draw. Our player of the day was Alex. Well done Pukeko girls!

#### Year 3 Titirangi Kiwis v Pt Chev Mystics:

The Kiwi's won their game 5-1 playing the Pt Chev Mystics. Great game girls! This week we had the parents choose Player of the Day, and it was Greer for her great effort throughout the whole game. Well done Greer J

#### Year 2 Titirangi Honey Bee's v Saint Pauls Saints:

What a game this was with the Honey Bees scoring 5 goals to Saint Pauls 2! Goals to Summer, Kayla, Maeghan and Christine. Player of the day this week was Summer. Congratulations Honey Bee's J

# Community Notices

## ANTI BULLYING COURSE

FREE Personal Safety & Anti Bullying course with Master Quintin Derham Waitakere Shaolin Kempo hosts its next popular course on Thursday 20th August 3.30-4.15 and 4.15-5.00. Glen Eden Intermediate School Auditorium. Please phone 8168649 to register.

## SUZUKI VIOLIN LESSONS WITH BRIGID BISLEY – B.MUS, LTCL

I am teaching violin through the internationally renowned Suzuki method, which aims to inspire in young children a love of music as well as building very solid technique and broad musical skills including singing, memory development and rhythm. I have vacancies for preschoolers upwards. For enquiries, please call me on 8172930.

## PEACEFUL PARENTING SEMINAR

Discipline without Punishment. Tickets available at Titirangi pharmacy. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 10am- 4pm, Titirangi Community House, Titirangi Village. Cost: \$50. Free introductory talk Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 7 –8pm at Wellpark College, Grey Lynn. Contact: Genevieve Simperingham 09 4343542. Website: [www.peaceful-parent.com](http://www.peaceful-parent.com)

## STORYLINES WORKSHOPS @ GLEN EDEN LIBRARY, SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Suitable for 9-12yr olds, cost: \$15.00 per workshop

**Do you love writing Poems?** Poetry Workshop with **Paula Green:** 12.00-2pm

**Poetry Pizzaz.** Unlock your inner poet. Try making words zing and leap in poems that sing and amaze! Paula is the author of numerous poetry books for children, including the fabulous 'Flamingo Bendilingo'.

**Do you love drawing?**

Illustration Workshop with **Heather Arnold:** 2.30-4pm

**North Island Kaka**

Learn how to draw the North Island Kaka that appears in Heather's book 'Rangitoto'. Using a step-by-step approach, you will draw a pencil drawing of this unique bird. Tickets available online @ [www.storylines.org.nz](http://www.storylines.org.nz)

## FRENCH GROUP

"**Friendly children from Kaurilands & Titirangi Primary** are looking for a few more to join their French Group (some basics an advantage) emphasis is on Fun!

WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY, 3:30pm Juniors (5-7yrs) & 4:30pm Seniors (8-10yrs)

WHERE: 5 min.walk from Titirangi Village

Join for Term 3 & 4.

Qualified language teacher, native speaker from Paris with over 25yrs experience overseas & NZ.. Please contact ARZHELA: 6262244.

**WAITAKERE BEARS SOFTBALL CLUB INC.** Registrations Starling Park, Glen Road, Ranui, 5pm-7pm Tuesday 11th and 18th of August 2009 & 2pm-4pm Sunday 16th and 23rd of 2009 Tee-Ball for ages 4-9, Junior & Senior Softball. All Tee-Ball games are played at Starling Park, Ranui. **Birth Certificate & Fees required at Registration.** Family Discounts for 3+ children

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