



### A Mile Of Style



The opening Matinee performance has been a huge success today. The students are absolutely sensational in their sell-out show!

This is a great learning opportunity for all involved and an experience that will be remembered by many for a very long time. Every one of the Juniors gets to be a star over the next two evening performances, and we can guarantee that the audience will be blown away by our talented performers!

Well done superstars, and a huge thank you to the show's director, Lisa Dever, producer Brigette Helwes and all the wonderful teachers for their hard work, which has ensured the success of this Junior School Production.

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*The arts are fundamental resources through which the world is viewed, meaning is created, and the mind developed.”*

--Elliot W Eisner, Professor of Education and Art,  
Stanford University

The PTA held its AGM last Tuesday and included for your information is a copy of my report.

## **Principal's Report to The PTA**

### Projects

It has been a year of 'slow progresses with our two main property projects. The latest from the Ministry of Education's architects regarding the hall is that detailed design for the major repair/renovation has been completed and is being reviewed prior to going to tender. At the same time consent application will be lodged. The consent will be the determining time factor as once it is issued and work begins the architect is predicting a 3 month construction period. In the meantime the two temporary buildings have been fitted out and the library has been moved. We are aiming to have it operating again next week. The second building will be for learning resources – the job of sorting and moving them is next on the list.

The playground is ready to start – again the hold-up has been with the consent process which is in the final stages of processing by Council – we should have it before the end of the week. Playground Centre will start demolition of the old playground and installation of the new as soon as we get the consent.

### Curriculum and Learning

In the past three years the staff has worked with a group of other local schools in an ICT professional development project. This has resulted in a significant increase in the level of expertise in using ICT tools for teaching and learning. This year the Board of Trustees has made a significant investment in mini laptops, data projectors and activboards as well as upgrading our operating system to capitalise on this newly developed expertise

### National Standards

The requirement to implement these in a one year time frame has occupied considerable time and attention. At present we are working with the teaching staff to develop a shared understanding of what the standards look like in the classroom as well as reliable ways of assessing children's progress against them. An important thing to realise about the standards is their 'aspirational' nature: they don't describe what an 'average' child should achieve at each year level but represent a significantly challenging set of learning targets in Maths, reading and writing across the curriculum. NZCER (New Zealand Council for Educational Research) who have developed and distributed the widely used normed PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) which shows student achievement on a bell curve, have analysed Maths test scripts against the standards and have concluded that at current attainment levels only 35% of Year 8 students would meet the Year 8 Maths standard. This gives rise to some very interesting questions about the appropriateness of the standards as New Zealand's over all achievement in Mathematics at primary and secondary level is not out of line with other OECD countries. In the meantime we are continuing to develop new reports for the end of the year which will report against the standards as well as

inform parents and students about next learning steps and how you can help at home. As well as consultation with staff there have been two parent focus groups run to get feedback on the format and information in the reports. This has been valuable in the design process.

### School vision

The staff and newly elected Board of Trustees has been working together to develop a vision for the school around the concept of a Learning Community. This is based on the idea of a three way partnership in learning, involving teachers, children and their parents. The new reports are intended to support this direction by not only informing parents about their child's progress but also offering options for how you can be involved and help.

### The PTA

An important way for parents to be involved and contribute to school life and to their children's learning is the PTA. The monthly meetings offer a forum to hear first-hand about what is happening at school as well as ask questions and contribute ideas. There have also been very successful social events (e.g. mid-winter luau, picnic, movie night) which have brought parents and families together to meet and enjoy an event and each other's company. Regular Friday lunches have provided a treat as well as relief from making the school lunch. It's also worth remembering that the current organisation of netball which has involved over 90 children this year grew out of discussion at the PTA.

It is also important to acknowledge the vital role the PTA plays as a fundraising organisation for the school. Last year through the on-going smaller scale fundraisers e.g. lunches and the hugely successful Gala, the PTA contributed a sum that equates to 10% of our operational budget. Without this contribution a lot of things we are able to offer our children would not be there. I want to acknowledge and thank the PTA committee for their contribution to the school and particularly to acknowledge the executive – Christine, Louise and Maree all of whom have had to balance work with their roles on the PTA, for their leadership and commitment in ensuring the on-going viability of this important school organisation.

## **Speech Competition**

Congratulations to Eleanor Divers who represented our school at the Western zone speech competition on Thursday last week. Eleanor presented an excellent speech on a very original topic 'Organ Donation'. Against the very best from six other schools Eleanor was runner up. There would have been a total of around 1000 children who had presented speeches in class and school competitions to identify the finalists who competed in the zone competition so the runner up place is a significant achievement. We are all very proud of her.

## **Trash to fashion**

Warm congratulations to Katelyn R who was awarded runner up in the Octopus Garden category of the Trash to Fashion show last weekend. Katelyn received a Flax rose certificate, Trash to Fashion programme and \$50 cash. A great effort Katelyn.

## **Gifted Children Award**

Congratulations to Hugo F from Room 19 who has been awarded 2nd place in the N.Z. Association for Gifted Children writing competition. His entry was on the topic of friendship.

Year 3 Pukekos won the Netball Waitakere Sportsmanship Award on Saturday!!

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We won some, we lost some, we drew one, we always wore our red socks – every game was enjoyed and played to its fullest. Congratulations to Sally Coulson, our coach, Zara M-S, Jemma S, Sophia K, Katie van der P, Sophia P, Hailey M, Tara S, Laura T and Isla J.

## TERM ACTIVITY FEES

Please make sure that any outstanding term activity fees are paid on or before 30th September. Any fees outstanding after that date will be subject to an increase of 2.5% due to the changes in GST.

## PTA PATCH

### Next Meeting Date

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19 October at 7.00pm** in the staffroom. The PTA is open to all parents and teachers. Please come and contribute.



Thank you to all those people who attended our AGM. Please look out for the AGM minutes and who our Core Committee will be going forward for another year.

### Black and White Family Portrait Photography

**We only have 4 sitting times left!! Get in Quick!!** We have booked Nathan from Jet Design (<http://www.jetdesign.co.nz>) for **Saturday 18 September from 9.00am to 4.30pm**. The sittings are 15 minutes long and a deposit of \$10.00 (non-refundable) is required to secure your booking which will be taken off your order. Your session can be booked through Christine in the Office or email [christinela@titirangi.school.nz](mailto:christinela@titirangi.school.nz). A maximum of 6 people per sitting please. Please make cheques for deposits payable to Titirangi PTA or direct credit into 12 3100 0227687 00 with PHOTO as reference.

CD with 15 shots - \$40  
2 (8x10) + 4(5x7) Prints - \$65  
CD with 15 shots + 2(8x10) + 4(5x7) Prints \$110

### Fish and Chip Lunch

Our last lunch for the term is Fish and Chips. In order to meet requirements the lunches will be scheduled as follows:

Syndicate 1 Rooms 1, 2 and 3 is scheduled for Thursday 16 September  
Syndicate 1 Rooms 23, 24 and 14 is scheduled for Friday 17 September  
Syndicate 2 Rooms 4, 5 and 6 is scheduled for Monday 20 September  
Syndicate 3 Rooms 18, 19, 20 and 21 is scheduled for Tuesday 21 September  
Syndicate 4 Rooms 15, 16 and 17 is scheduled for Wednesday 22 September

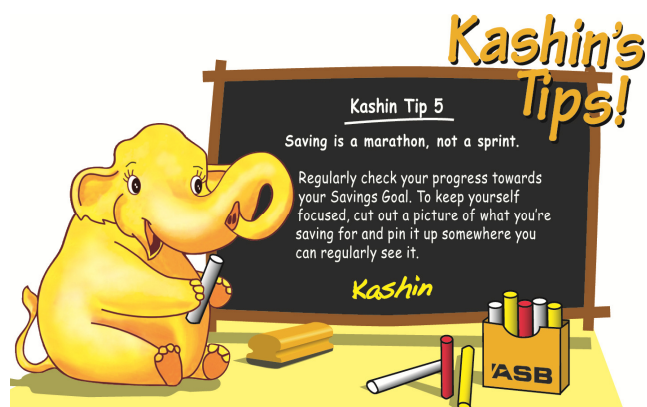
Syndicate 5 Rooms 8, 11 and 22 is scheduled for Thursday 23 September

Syndicate 6 Rooms 9, 10 and 12 is scheduled for Friday 24 September

The **deadline** for ordering will be **9.30am the day before the scheduled lunch. For ordering, we need to strictly adhere to this deadline.** The office will remind classes on Thursday morning to bring in orders that may have been forgotten in school bags.

### ASB School Banking

School Banking Day is Tuesday. Encourage a good savings habit from a young age, making small and regular deposits is the best way to go even 50c or 10c a week is a great start to regular savings and creates a good savings habit. If you would like to register your child, applications are available from the school office. The children receive a Kashin banking bag which includes a savings diary, calculator and certificate.



# Sports Notices

**FLIPPA BALL TERM 4 2010** *Everyone welcome, no previous playing experience required.* Term 4 games are played on Sunday afternoons. **Competition starts on the 31<sup>st</sup> October and runs to the 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Yr 3 & Yr 4s @ West Wave, Henderson. Yr 5 & Yr 6 @ Waterhole, Parrs Park.** REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010. There will be a flippa ball session at the Waterhole, Parrs Park on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 3 – 4 pm.** A session will be held at school for yr 3 & yr 4 early in Term 4 - date to be advised later. Forms available from the office or by emailing [titorangiflippaball@gmail.com](mailto:titorangiflippaball@gmail.com)

For more information contact Yvonne Wood on the above email or ph 09 817 1970

## **NETBALL RESULTS FOR SATURDAY 28th AUGUST AND SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**

### **Y2 HONEYBEES**

**28/8**

The Honeybees played the Henderson Valley Makaroas today taking home a win of 4-2 with two player of the days going to Annabelle and Meg for their great defence and quick feet on the court.

**4/9**

The Honeybees had two tough games resulting in no wins against Arahoe Stars 2 - 0 and the Glenora Kittens 10 - 0. However the girls determination couldn't be faulted and Bethan and Poppy both took home player of the day. A great season of netball!

### **Y3 KIWIS**

**28/8**

Year 3 Kiwis vs St Pauls Comets

The Kiwis won by default. The other team managed to borrow a few players and we lent them an older sibling so we played a friendly game and at least got some game time!

**4/9**

We played 2 games:

Year 3 Kiwis vs Pt Chev Speedy Sparrows

A win today for our girls 5-0. Everybody played so well! The teamwork on the court was amazing!! The girls dominated possession of the ball and really worked it around the court.

Our goals were made by Lauren and Holly and the whole team received Player of the Day for their incredible efforts!

Year 3 Kiwis vs Kaurilands Flames

Another 5-0 win for the Kiwis. This was the last game as the season and boy did our girls play well! This was our second game in an hour so we were really pleased and proud of the way girls played.

The whole team really took their positions seriously and gave 100%. Our goals were made by Amy, Lauren and Georgia. Like the first game, the whole team played so well we could not find just one player of the day –

the whole team deserved it ! What a way to end or season! Congratulations Kiwis and WELL DONE!

### **Y3 PUKEKOS**

**28/8**

Pukekos played Kauriland Ferns and won 1-0. The Pukekos had great passing down the court, releasing the ball a lot faster than last week, also good thinking in and around the circle. Well done girls.

Gemma got player of the day for her great intercepts and energy on court. Laura scored our goal.

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We had two games on Saturday at Te Pai courts (Fun ferns usually play indoors) Our first against the Henderson Valley Shooters was in the rain and the wind but the girls played well and we won 5 nil.

3 Goals scored by Katie and 2 by Sophia P.

Our second game was against the very competitive Oratia Ferns who had an amazing shooter but our girls didn't give up and the final score was 5-2 to Oratia. Gemma S scored both our goals.

Sophia P was player of the day for some great catches and shooting.

Thankyou to all our parents and supporters for getting girls to practice, games and the encouragement from the sideline.

### **Y4 TAKAHES**

**28/8**

The Oratia kiwis were too strong for our girls today and won the game.

We gave all the girls Player of the Day as they played really well as a team.

### **Y4 FANTAILS**

**28/8**

The fantails had a very exciting game to end the season on. At the end of the 3rd quarter it was 4 all.

It was fast paced game with the end result being 5 - 4 to St Leonards C.

Well done girls it was a great game to watch.

Our player of the day was Rhya for her quick thinking, intercepting, and getting the ball down the court.

Thanks to all our parents and supporters who came along to all our games and a big thank you to Shar and Lynsey who were great coaches and umpires to the girls.

### **Y4 TUIS**

**28/8**

Year 4 Tuis lost to Laingholm Buzzy Bees. Player of the day went to Lily Gibb. Lily has played hard all season and always gives 100% effort to the game.

### **Y5 KAKAPOS**

**28/8**

We were very excited to be in the finals and were expecting a hard game against Fruitvale, a team that had beaten us convincingly before. But the girls were determined to fight hard and we actually led most of the game but towards the end lost possession for a while and Fruitvale scored 3 quick goals in a row, with the final score being a win to Fruitvale of 9-7. The girls lifted their game an extra notch for the final and were very deserved runners-up for their grade. They participated in the finals ceremony and received a medal from Netball Waitakere. And we finished with a great team party in the afternoon. Well done to all the girls for a very successful season. And a special thank you to Jan for her fantastic coaching.

# Community Notices

## SKIDS Holiday Programme

Programme Details are available now and have been emailed home. See the SKIDS page on our school website.

## Calling all future Vets and Zookeepers! - PRACTICAL ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOPS – SEPT/OCT HOLIDAYS

Oracle Petkeeper Workshops are on again this holidays. Hands on learning for all animal lovers with our amazing range of pet and exotic animals. Just some of our animals include rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, lizards, turtles, frogs, puppies, chinchillas, newts, axolotls, fish, and Crabula the giant pacific crab! Also covers animal careers, enclosure design, animal health and more! Workshops for all ages including Petkeeper 101 and the follow-on 'Zootech' for 8-15yrs, 'Petkeeper Safari' for the under sevens, and an Animal Careers workshop for 12yrs +. Tutors are all experienced and qualified animal professionals. Central Herne Bay location with Constellation Drive pick-up for North Shore students. For more information, a course timetable or to make a booking; phone Sally on 376 2024 or email [sally.hibbard@oracle.ac.nz](mailto:sally.hibbard@oracle.ac.nz)

**The Glen Eden Playhouse Inc.** presents a school holiday production of **The Enchanted Sleeping Beauty** October 2-9. With a cast of 44 children ranging from 7 to 18 (and no adults!), this is a fantastic family show with great musical numbers and a pantomime feel. Suitable for all ages, wheel chair seating available. Tickets through [iticket.co.nz](http://iticket.co.nz). Duration 90 minutes, with a short interval at half time.

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Toy Story are made? Learn the latest in **3D Animation and Games Design** on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop. Other courses in Architecture, Movie Making, Science & Technology, Fashion Design, Photography at selected venues.

**NEW Robotics and TV courses these holidays!** For students aged 6 to 16 years. Tel: 09-622-0670 or Email: [info@bubbledome.co.nz](mailto:info@bubbledome.co.nz) or Visit: [www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz)

**Spring into your school holidays!** We provide a fun and safe programme for children 5 to 14 years. Activities and outings include: robotics with LEGO, soccer, pizza and pasta making, interactive theatre, kayaking and much more. Weekdays from 27 September to 8 October. **Only weeks to go – book early.**

Phone Parnell Trust 379 2095 x9724, email [pfc@parnell.org.nz](mailto:pfc@parnell.org.nz) or visit [www.parnell.org.nz](http://www.parnell.org.nz)

## CHILDRENS ART CLASSES

The Corban Estate Arts Centre in Henderson offers art classes to children from 5 – 14 years that are both educational and fun, just \$50 per class thanks to support from The Trusts Charitable Foundation.

**CHILDREN'S SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** – (2 day classes) Choose from; flag making, 3D construction, t-shirt making, junk assemblage, drawing, painting, and pottery.

**CHILDREN'S TERM 3 ART CLASSES** – after-school classes and Weekend classes. Choose from: puppet making, self portraits, pottery, and Pacifica craft. For further information on classes and for bookings [www.ceac.org.nz](http://www.ceac.org.nz) or ph 8384455

**School Holiday Fun at Paradise ~ Learn to Ice Skate or Play Ice Hockey.** Classes for Beginner to Advanced skaters from 6 years + **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** 9am-12noon ~ 1 hour instruction & 2 hour Supervised public session

**Wk 1: Ice Skating Lessons** ~ Monday 27 Sept – Fri 1 Oct = 5 mornings

**Wk 2: Ice Skating Lessons or Learn to Play Ice Hockey** ~ Mon 4 Oct – Fri 8 Oct = 5 mornings

All Fees include Admission, Equip Hire and Tuition, for more info or to enrol contact *Paradise*.

**ENROLMENTS now open for TERM 4 CLASSES** starting from 11 October for Children Tues. & Thurs. 4pm, Sat & Sun mornings + Hockey School Sat mornings. *Classes also avail for Adults! Tues 10am & Weds 7pm*

136 Lansford Cres, Avondale; Ph: 828 3800 ext6; Fax: 828 4048; [avondale@paradise.co.nz](mailto:avondale@paradise.co.nz) [www.paradise.co.nz](http://www.paradise.co.nz)

**(Junior Summer Touch)** Term 4 Fun Filled Outside Activity.

Get your school mates together now and put a team in at Henderson Park Henderson, Monday afternoons starting 1<sup>st</sup> November and Archibald Park Kelston, Thursday afternoons starting 28<sup>th</sup> October. Girls and boys division only. 10 players per team. Cost \$200.00per team or \$20.00 per child (breakdown\$2.80 per game) 7 week competition. Great trophies for each division. Player of the day awards for all teams each week. Every player receives a prize on finals day. Registered Touch NZ Competition so your child has the right to represent Auckland if selected.

Registration closes 20<sup>th</sup> October. Go to [www.totaltouch.org.nz](http://www.totaltouch.org.nz) or phone Ivan on 926-2951 or 021-2868-247 mob

Launch into the Titirangi Library these upcoming school holidays and rocket into outer space with our interactive stories and games. You can also go on a space mission with our intergalactic scavenger hunt. Storytimes will take place on Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. Stories are suitable for children 4 – 7 years.

With the support of the **Writers Festival, Titirangi Theatre, the J.K. Baxter Trust and Waitakere City Creative Communities, BAXTER BASICS** bounces back on stage for just two performances on SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER at 11am and 12pm. The show is a fast and fun introduction to theatre for the young and to the poems of Baxter and is recommended for children aged 3 to 9 and the child in us all. Tickets are just \$3 for pre-schoolers (under five years old) and \$5 for everyone over five. Tickets can be purchased at Titirangi Theatre box office half-an-hour before the shows, which start at 11am and 12pm.

## Pop Star school - Rock Stars!

This is your chance to shine and be a 'Pop Star' for the day. Come join us for a day of singing and dancing to your favourite Pop Stars - Hannah Montana, High School Musical, Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga and many more. With our vocal training and fun theatresport games, we'll build your confidence so you can strut your stuff on-stage and live the pop star dream! Book yourself a spot today on 09 948 8556 - [www.partyatyours.co.nz](http://www.partyatyours.co.nz). **Venue - Ellerslie War Memorial Hall - 28th September 9am - 3pm.**

## TEE-BALL and SOFTBALL

Any one wishing to play tee-ball or softball on Saturdays. Practice will be on Tuesdays after school next term. Under 6, 8 and Under 10 teeball, Under 12 softball. First game is 30<sup>th</sup> October at Brains Park Kelston. Fees are only \$20 for the season and we play thru to the end of March. Phone the coaching co-coordinator Tony Cathro for any enquires on 833-7040.