



Titirangi Primary School

Newsletter

Term 3 - August 2, 2010



Welcome to Term 3

And a special welcome to those children and their families who have joined us this term.

• National Standards

As you are aware, schools are required to report against National Standards this year, which has implications for the way in which schools report information about student achievement. This has been the subject of much political and media debate over the course of the year, but the position remains that schools are now required to:


- Report to you on your child's progress and achievement in relation to National Standards for maths, reading and writing.
- Use language and terminology that is clear and easy to understand.
- Include advice on what you can do to help your child at home.
- Report in writing twice a year.

• What do the new standards mean for TPS?

For some schools, the implementation of the standards will mean a fundamental change in the way in which they report to parents. For us, as a high-performing school that already has well-established systems for reporting to parents in detail about student achievement, these new requirements will not mean a radical shift in the way we communicate to you about your child's achievement. Whatever the diverse views on the standards and the controversy surrounding them, we have approached them as an opportunity to build upon and refine some of the effective reporting practices that are already in place at the school. Whilst there have been serious concerns expressed in the National Standards debate, our goal is to ensure that we implement them in a way that will benefit teaching and learning, whilst avoiding any potential pitfalls.

In practical terms there will, of course, be changes in the design, nature and timing of the reports. We will continue to send two types of reports each year, but one will now be called an "Interim" report. This will contain information about how your child is progressing towards meeting the standard for their age, and whether or not they are on target to achieve this. The second, more detailed report will be the "Achievement" report, which will, in line with the new requirements, include a teacher judgement for each child against the standards, placing them "Well Below", "Below", "At" or "Above" the standards for maths, reading and writing.

• Changes to school reports

 For students in Years 4-6, the timing of reports will stay much the same. Interim Reports will take the place of our Term 2 reports, with Achievement Reports replacing our end of year reports. For Junior classes, however, the timing of reports will be more complicated, as the standards for this age group are linked to how many years they have been at school. This will mean that some younger students in our junior classes will receive interim reports at the end of the year, followed by an achievement report in term 2 the following year. This may sound confusing, but the system will be explained in greater detail closer to the time.

Work is progressing in designing the background systems to implement the standards as well as the new reporting formats. We will be running a parent information evening around the time of the reports, and will also be seeking feedback during this trial period of National Standards implementation in order to ensure that we use them in a way that contributes to—rather than detracts from—the continuing development of our communication systems and the building of learning-focused relationships between teachers, students and parents.

As part of this process, there will be there will be parent information sessions run at school – watch out for more information about this. Links to the standards and further information for parents can be found on our school website.

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DIARY UPDATE

Glen Eden
Intermediate
Open Evenings:
Tues 3 & Thurs 5
August 7.00-9.00pm

“People learn what you teach them, not what you intended to teach them”

- B.F. Skinner (1904 – 1990) Psychologist

DATES FOR THIS TERM

Last week you will have received our Term 3 'Fridge List'. As you can see it is a very busy term. Some major items:

- School Disco Friday 20th August
- Parent Teacher Conferences on 31st August and 2nd September (note that on-line bookings for Parent Teacher Conferences will open on Monday 16th August)
- Book Week – 30th August – 3rd September
- Junior School Production evening performances on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th September

BUILDING AT SCHOOL

In preparation for the major repairs due for our Hall and Library building we will be re-locating the library and resource room to temporary buildings. These will be placed on the court between the admin area and Rooms 15 – 17. The buildings will be moved on site overnight then there will be a few days of activity while services are connected etc. This is due to happen in the next two weeks – as soon as we have a definite date we will inform you.

The Ministry of Education's Architects are working on detailed design for the hall repairs and will be ready to apply for consent in late August. At the same time they will be going to tender. The time frame for this work is dependent on the consent and tender processes so we will have to wait for more information.

PLAYGROUND

The contractors have begun fabrication of the equipment for the playground and consent has been applied for. Again we are in the hands of Council as to how long the consent takes to be processed. As soon as we have consent, installation will begin.

ICT UPGRADE

The latest Noticeboard from our Board of Trustees has news about the ICT upgrade we have achieved over the holiday break. This investment by the Board of Trustees will have an impact on classroom programmes as it gives us a lot more capacity to integrate IT into teaching and learning.

INTERSCHOOL WINTER SPORTS

There will be some changes in the organisation of winter sports this year as the sports cluster of schools that we play with have opted to trial running hockey, football and netball on separate days. In order to select interschool teams for this, players will be selected from Year 6 to be placed in graded teams in the sport of their choice. The dates and locations for these events are published on our Term 3 Fridge List, and can also be found on our school website.

ARTS @ THE BAY

Well done to all of the fabulous artists who took part in the Arts @ The Bay workshop last week. Particular congratulations to Sophia P, who was named as one of the Y3 winners, Alice M, who won first place in the Year 6 category, and to Room 9, who won first place in the collaborative class group project.

Our winners' will be invited to attend a prize giving and the artworks will also be exhibited at Lopdell House on Friday evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm, Saturday 10.00am - 4.00pm, and Sunday 10.00am - 3.00pm.

THE “100 CLUB” - TERM 3

We've already had a number of students across Years 3-6 hit the 100% mark in the timed maths basic facts tests for Term 3. We're continuing to encourage all students to aim for a certificate each term and get their names displayed in the office in recognition of their amazing maths skills!

WHEELS DAYS

This week the School Council will run a "Wheels Day" for each syndicate to raise money for our World Vision sponsor child, Gangaram. A gold coin donation will be collected on the day your child brings their wheels.

Wednesday 4 August: Year 1 & 2 children

Thursday 5 August: Year 3 & 4 children

Friday 6 August: Year 5 & 6 children

To keep everyone safe:

Rollerblades, scooters (not powered), skates and skateboards only.

Helmets are compulsory.

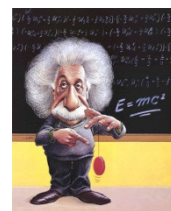
Elbow and knee pads are optional (but recommended).

Equipment sharing is not allowed.

Suitable clothing and footwear should be worn for these activities.

The School Council also asks that children do not use their wheels to travel to or from school. All wheels will be stored in the classroom and will only be used at lunchtime. We suggest that all equipment is named.

CREATING LIFELONG LEARNERS



You may have noticed that we have moved to an approach where the whole school focuses on one major concept each term. At each level of the school, children work towards developing skill and deep understanding of this concept. In each class there will be a variety of contexts for learning, all with a Science basis.

The concept this term is Movement. The Enduring Understanding across the school is that; Movement is a change in position or place and is changed by the size and duration of the force.

A list of academic vocabulary related to this concept has been selected for focus during this term as follows; control, force, push, pull, predict, measure, method, data. Your children may enjoy sharing their increasing knowledge and skill with you.





PTA PATCH

“A MILE OF STYLE” – Junior School Performance Help Needed

Children and teachers in the junior school are busily polishing their performances for the production coming up at the end of this term.

We are currently seeking someone who would be able to video the performance. We would then have multiple copies made so parents could purchase (at cost) a copy to keep. If you are able to offer your expertise, please contact Brigette Helwes.

LIBRARY BOOKS

All library borrowed over the holidays are now overdue. Could you please return these promptly. Thank you. Veronica

DANCE EXAMS

Congratulations to all Waitakere City School of Dance exam students. We acknowledge the following children from our school who achieved particularly well; Zara S, Mika C, Megan B, Elise C, Isabelle B, Lauren C and Kirsty W.

SKIDS—Before & After School Care

Now located at the Air Scout Hall. Spaces available. WINZ Approved. Casual and one off bookings welcome. Come along and catch up with friends... or join in the fun activities planned for Term 3. Enrolment information is available from the school office or ring Lee on 09 8108 019. Onsite mobile 021 0644 681. SKIDS website at www.skids.co.nz

PLANT ME SEED FUNDRAISER

Our school's Enviro Group are raising money to buy plants for our school grounds. Please support them by buying a packet of seeds and selling them to friends and family. The seed boxes will be going home with your eldest or only child this Friday 6 August. If you did not receive a flyer about the fundraiser please see the Office for a copy. 'Plant Me' who are the company that provide the seeds will also be visiting Syndicate assemblies to present growing workshops to our children.

PTA MEETING

Our next meeting is Tuesday 10 August at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome. If you would like to add an item to the agenda please email Louise brentandlou@paradise.net.nz or Christine christinela@titirangi.school.nz by this Thursday 05 August.

LUNCHES

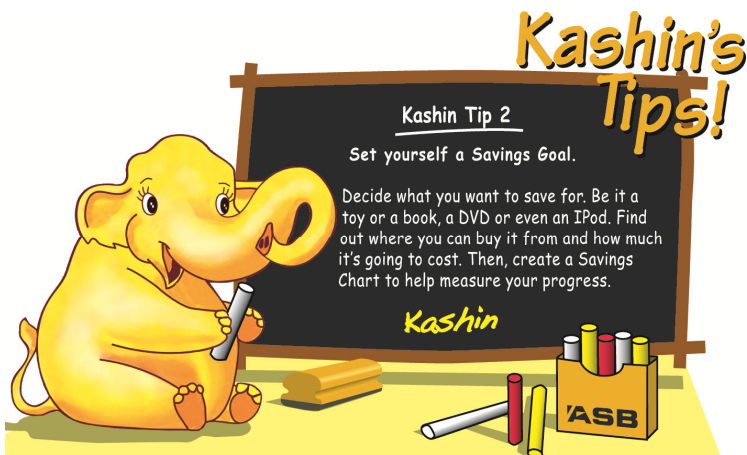
Our next lunch is Friday 13 August.. For our new families this is a fundraising initiative which we run fortnightly during the term where you don't have to provide lunch for your child. The deadline for ordering will be 9.30am Thursday 12 August. For ordering, we need to strictly adhere to this deadline. The office will remind classes on Thursday morning to bring in orders that may have been forgotten in school bags.

SCHOOL DISCO

The Junior and Senior Discos will be Friday 20 August. Please look out for the flyer coming home this week with details.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a special thanks to all those parents who came along and contributed to the success of our last two lunches. A special mention to the following people: Jane Greensmith, Mandy Chambers, Jenni Catley, Amanda Burr, Yvonne Wood, Vicki Bennett, Ruth Fairbank, Jan Rundle, Jenn Swain, Rebecca Robertson, Katie Hutchinson, Clare Leon-Brown and Cathy Baker.



Sports Notices

NETBALL RESULTS FOR SATURDAY JUNE 26TH and JULY 24TH

Y2 HONEYBEES

26/6

The honeybees played a fast paced game against the Henderson Valley Makoroas on Saturday. Although we lost 2-4 it was a close game with Morgan taking home Player of the Day due to her great defending and quick feet on the court!

24/7

The honeybees had their first taste of playing at Te Pai. Our opponents no showed so we played a stand in team of year 0-3 boys and girls. Bethan and Sonia scored each. Final score 22-2 to them. Meg was player of the day. In WA she ensured we won the ball on our centre pass. A hard game for the girls.

Y3 KIWIS

26/6

Titirangi Kiwis 6 - Freyberg Cheetah Girls 2. Player of the Day Holly

End of term 2 update - The Kiwis are really working as a team, it is so rewarding to see them looking and learning and develop a passion for Netball. Thanks girls you make Lara, Leigh and Karen V Proud.

24/7

Even though the final score was 10-0 to our opponents, our girls showed wonderful team cohesion with everybody playing their absolute best and contributing to the game. Our Player of the Day was Kayla for her excellent ball skills and great passing. Go Kiwis!

Y3 PUKEKOS

26/6

Pukekos played Sunnyvale, we lost 11 nil but the girls are playing in a tough grade. They are really improving and learning to move into space more. Player of the day went to Zara for some great defence.

24/7

Results for Yr 3 Titirangi Pukekos; The Pukekos played the Bayfield Oranges and won 2-0. Fantastic defence from the team meant the Oranges did not even have one shot at goal. The Pukekos were moving into space, looking for the free player to pass to and all played with tenacity. Well done. Player of the day went to Laura Thompson.

Y4 TAKAHES

26/6

Today, we had a loss... Never mind, 2 players unwell, thanks to Enya G for her great defending. Player of the day was Lily C.

24/7

A loss 8-4 for us today, the girls played great, very evenly matched game. POD was a joint effort with both Bella and Georgia taking the honours. Well done to you all.

Y4 FANTAILS

26/6

The Fantails played a hard game in the cold misty early morning, there was some good play in both the defence and attacking ends but unfortunately not enough to keep the Peninsula's down. Player of the day was Rhya J for some great strong mid-court work. Well done girls - have a good rest and we will see you next term fresh and ready for action.

24/7

The girls played a great game against Western Heights Panthers. It was a competitive game which we lost 6 - 4. Our Player of the day was Sophie who was our goal shoot for the game and shot our first goal. Well done Sophie and all the team.

Y4 TUIS

26/6

Year 4 Tuis: A loss of 6-1 to Blockhouse Bay. A tough game early on a cold Saturday morning. The girls played hard but the tall Blockhouse Bay players kept getting in the way! The team is continuing to develop their individual skills and teamwork and are having fun. Well done Tuis. Many thanks to Alana (our player of the day) for helping us out and scoring our 1 goal, an awesome one at that.

24/7

Year 4 Tuis lost 10-2 to Arahoe Superstars. We had moved up 3 levels in the competition so knew it would be a tough game. Player of the day went to Jesse. Well done Jesse, you were the best at finding the free space to receive the ball and played well throughout the whole game.

Y5 KAKAPOS

26/6

A great win again this week 13-7 against a very competitive side the Laingholm mini mystics, which puts us at the top of the table for our grade. Player of the day went to Phoenix H. Who had an excellent game at wing attack. Well done to all the girls.

24/7 The girls did very well last term to win their round and therefore moved up 2 grades, so it was a hard game this week against Fruitvale and we lost 13-4. Player of the day was Leyna B. Great intercepting again!

Y5 MOAS

26/6

No results

24/7

Year 5 Titirangi Moas played a tight game this morning in glorious sunshine!!! Their opponents, the Western Heights Cougars were very competitive and the teams quite evenly matched. Moas coming out with a win 4 - 3. Kimiya was player of the day at Centre with a dynamic game - taking on the position of centre with great energy. Well done.

Y6 KERERUS

26/6

Year 6 Kererus vs WUNC Rockets. Another fast paced, evenly matched game. The team showed tenacity throughout the game. Great bounce passes and team work. Another tough last quarter resulting in the Rockets winning 12-8. Thank you to Leyna for helping us out! Congratulations to Caitlin D for being player of the day for her excellent positioning and attacking.

24/7 Y6 Kererus vs Western United Rockets. Our toughest game yet, resulting in a loss. Our defenders worked extremely hard throughout the game. Our team showed tenacity. Strong attacking play with 6 goals scored. Congratulations to Alice S for being our Player of the Day for her excellent work in the circle.

Y6 KEAS

26/6

The Keas played a great game against Chaucer Sapphires and won 17-13. It was a pleasure to watch the teamwork the girls displayed & they worked hard with no subs this week. Player of the day was Susanna for her strong defending. Well done girls!

24/7

The Keas played an evenly matched game against New Windsor drawing 10 all. Player of the day was Diana for her great job in defence. Well done girls.

Community Notices

Henderson Squash Club

Friday Night Junior Squash *FREE. The Fun is on!! Come and learn the basics of Squash. Every Friday (February to November except school holidays) Ages 5 to 17. Time 7pm to 9pm Bring a friend or 2 or 3. * Note please-Conditions Apply. Questions Ph. 09 838 8628 or email hendersonsquash@xtra.co.nz or check out the website www.hendersonsquash.co.nz

"Spaces Available in TITIRANGI AIR SCOUTS

Cubs - Boys & Girls aged 7 1/2 to 11 yrs. Wednesdays 6pm-7.30pm. 2 camps per year

Scouts - Boys & Girls aged 11-16 yrs. Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm

If you are interested phone Bronwyn on 817 7583"

UKULELE LESSONS with Titirangi Festival of Music founder David Parker.

30 minute group sessions for children and adults. Titirangi Community House Friday 3.30pm to 6pm.

Ph: 021 207 11 42 or e-mail davidparker@xtra.co.nz

THE FARMERS MARKET Titirangi is having a free cooking demo in fresh pasta and simple tasty sauce making at the August 8th market from 11.30 to 12.30pm

GEIS Open Evenings are Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th August from 7-9pm. Both evenings start in our Auditorium. Enrolments can also be taken on these evenings providing ALL necessary documentation is brought (Birth Certificate/Passport, Proof of Address for In zone Students, Copy of Mid Year Report

Masquerade -The Story of Masks

Sally Blyth is one of the artists contributing work to the Mask Exhibition, Masquerade-Elements of Disguise, at the Upstairs Gallery 5-29 August, 2010. She travels to Venice to do research and has amassed a great deal of information and images about masks of all descriptions, their history, the Venetian carnivale, ethnic masks, masks with a purpose and more...

This is consolidated into a fascinating presentation which provides an insight into the world of masks. The presentation includes photos and real mask examples. It is informative, visually pleasing and relevant to adults and children alike.

Venue: Seminar room, Lopdell House

When: Tuesday 27 July, 2010

Time: 7pm (1 hr plus Q & A)

Cost: Koha (gold coin donation)

For more information contact: Ellen, ellen.k@ihug.co.nz, 09-8179612

Or visit the website: www.titirangimasqueradeball.wordpress.com

PIANO TEACHER (Grade 8 ABRSM) available in the New Lynn area for elementary/entry level students. Please contact Helen at 021 2369788 or helen.n.wu@hotmail.com to discuss details.

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MOSAICS — Beginners one day workshop on Saturday 28th from 9am - 5pm. Take home a finished piece on the day and have lots of fun. No materials needed. Held at the Green Bay Community House . Contact Sandie on 817 4222 or sogaw@xtra.co.nz