



Titirangi Primary School

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Kia Kōwhiri

NEWSLETTER

2 June 2009

ART EXHIBITION 2009

@ Lopdell House Tuesday 30 June 6.00pm

What's Happening

This Week

Tuesday, June 2

Rooms 1 & 3 visiting Corban's Estate Henderson
Trash to Fashion Workshop 1.30

Wednesday, June 3

Room 23 & 24 visiting Corban's Estate, Henderson
Y6 visiting G.E.I.S.

Thursday, June 4

Library Lites Rm8

Friday, June 5

World Environment Day

Next Week

Monday, June 8

PTA Gala Meeting 1.30

Thursday June 11

PTA Gala Meeting 10.00am

Newsletter 3 June

Beware the person who knows the answer before they understand the question

C M Manasco 1902 – 1992 Democrat US Congressman

National Standards for Reading, Writing and Mathematics

The government is in the process of introducing a set of national standards in literacy and numeracy. The standards are intended to lift achievement by being clear about what students should achieve and by when. Schools will be expected to report achievement and progress to parents with reference to the standards. Draft standards have been written and distributed to schools and a series of consultation meetings are being held for the education sector in the next three months. The new standards are to be used in all Primary and Intermediate schools from 2010.

The Ministry will also be holding consultation meetings with parents, families and whānau to learn about what information they need to see in reports to help them support their children's progress. A Parent, Family and Whanau feedback booklet can be downloaded from the Ministry website to be completed and sent by post or completed on line. www.minedu.govt.nz/nationalstandards

Titirangi Primary School has been setting standards and measuring the achievement of our students against these expectations for a long time so this initiative will not mean a big change for us. The Ministry have stated that they will not be introducing national testing; schools will use existing assessment tools to gather the information to evaluate progress against the standards. What will be change is how this information is reported to parents. This is a great opportunity for you to provide ideas on what report formats you would find most helpful and which would allow you to be better informed to support you child's learning.

Titirangi Primary School Values

Later this week we are sending home a little homework task for everyone. It is a sheet which asks you to discuss and record what the values mean to you, which you think are the most important as well as an opportunity for other comments. We would very much appreciate you doing this to help us in implementing the values and aligning them with our community.

Swine Flu Update

Today, we received an update from the Ministry of Health relating to Swine Flu, which includes the following guidelines:

“The Ministry of Health suggests that the families of students who have travelled to countries with considerable spread of Influenza A (H1N1) should keep them home for a week upon their return, even if they have no symptoms. Australia is already requiring students who have travelled to countries with considerable local spread of Influenza A (H1N1) to stay home for a week even if they have no symptoms.”

We will continue to pass on any relevant updates as we receive them and remind children of the importance of hand washing and sneeze etiquette etc. Sanitising soap has been put into the toilets as well as dispensers in the classrooms. The classroom sanitiser is a non-alcohol based product, if you don't want your child to use this please tell them so and you could also mention this to their teacher.

Drop Off Zone and Roundabout

Just the regular reminder about the drop off zone – please do not park and leave your car there in the period before or after school and also avoid holding traffic up on the round-about by waiting for a space to open up. It also helps greatly if you move down in the zone to leave spaces behind so cars coming off the round-about can pull straight in. Many thanks for your co-operation with this which enables the system to work smoothly.

Annual Accounts

The 2008 Annual Report and Financial Statements have been received from the auditors. These are available to be viewed at the school office.

Orange Day

Orange Day is held each year, led and organised by our School Student Council, as part of the Auckland City Mission's Winter Appeal. The Appeal aims to raise money for disadvantaged and marginalised people who struggle during the colder months. As part of this, they collect food, clothing and blankets for distribution.

We ask each student to bring an item of non-perishable food or a blanket to school on WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE. Orange is the theme as it represents good health, vitality and hope.

To highlight the colour of the day, we suggest that as many children as possible wear an item of orange clothing on this day. - Thank you so much for your support.

Senior School Speeches 2009

Students in Years 4-6 will soon be beginning work on their 2009 speeches. In all three syndicates, students are asked to write a 3 minute speech on a topic of their choosing. Presenting to an audience can be a major challenge and a significant achievement in itself for many students, and so any support or encouragement that you can give from home is always invaluable in helping to practice and build confidence in preparation for the event.

What?	Who?	When?	Where?
Class Speeches	All Y4-6 students	Organised by class teachers	Individual classes
Syndicate Speech Finals	Y5/6 Class Finalists	Organised by each syndicate	
School Speech Finals	Y5/Y6 Syndicate Finalists	Wed, August 12	Venue TBC
Interschool Speech Finals	TPS School Finalist	Term 3 (Date TBC)	Host School TBC
“Champion of Champions”	Interschool Cluster Finalist	Week 9 of Term 3 (Date TBC)	Host School TBC

Year 4 students have an opportunity to present their speeches to the whole Syndicate. A Syndicate Final is held In Years 5 and 6, with the winner going through to the Y5/6 School Final, as shown below:

The school finals date is tentatively set for 12/8/09. The specific criteria against which speeches will be judged is listed on the following page.

Senior School Speeches Success Criteria

In general, effective speeches tend to be characterised by:

- **Confident, natural delivery** (it must not be a dramatic performance!)
- **Original/thought provoking/entertaining topics**
- **A speech that entertains/engages both adults and kids**

Speech Judging Criteria and Guidelines

A speech contest is not a dramatic performance. Children will have points deducted if in the eyes of the judges they cross this boundary.

Children will have 5 points deducted if their speech is either under 2 min 30 sec or over 3 min 30 sec.

1. Speech Construction

- **Introduction, body of speech, conclusion**
- **Organisation of the speech**
- **Main points developed well**

2. Presentation and Delivery

- **Facial and body gestures must enhance not distract from the speech**
- **Use of eye-contact**
- **Relaxed stance**
- **Use of pause to allow the audience to assimilate the message**
- **Variety of pace**

3. Content of Speech

- **The message of the speech**
- **Is it relevant, meaningful clear and concise?**
- **Does it have the audience "hooked"?**

4. Language

- **The use of grammar, punctuation and word selection to enhance**
- **The use of visual imagery to ensure that the message is delivered**

5. Effectiveness

- **The impact on the audience**
- **Judges will be watching and assessing the audience's reaction**

6. Vocal Inclination

- **Modulation and volume of voice in delivery of the speech**
- **Vocal interest**

Parents of finalists will be invited to attend the finals listed above. The details for these will be published as soon as they are confirmed.

40 Hour Famine Update

Well done to all those who participated in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine! We have raised \$820 to date. Please collect your sponsor money and return it as soon as possible to Miss Aerts in Room 16.

Mid Winter Boogie & Dinner

Grab your girlfriends, ring the neighbours, get your group together and come and boogie with us. **Only 3 tables left.** Titirangi School PTA invites you and your friends to our Mid-Winter boogie & dinner. Saturday, 20th June at the French Bay Yacht club. The theme this year is 70's & 80's. Tickets are only \$55 pp which includes a complimentary champagne cocktail, three course dinner, exclusive auction and the opportunity to shake those winter blues away. Ring Jacqui Thornley on 817-8888 or email jacq2@xtra.co.nz for tickets or see the PTA WebPages for more details.

!!! Gala Date Update !!!

Due to a conflict with the Waitakere School of Dance end-of-year show, the date for the Gala has been moved back one week, to **Saturday, 14 November 2009, from 11am to 3pm.**

Also, the time of the next Gala meeting has been changed - the meeting will be held on **Thursday, 11 June, at 10am** in the Boardroom (next to the office).

Swimming Pool Keys

Can any families that still have a school swimming pool key please return it to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

World Environment Day

World Environment Day is June 5. For information and ways that you can get involved, see the UNEP link on our website under "What's Happening".

WORM TEA
\$2.00 PER LITRE
1 LITRE PER BOTTLE
NON-DILUTED
ON SALE WEDNESDAY AT 2.45PM
OUTSIDE ROOM 6
FROM THE TITIRANGI SCHOOL WORM FARM!!!

Construction Club

A request from some of our Year 5 students...

WANTED!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE WANT TO START A NEW YEAR 5 LUNCHTIME CONSTRUCTION CLUB, AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR ANY AVAILABLE ITEMS THAT PEOPLE CAN DONATE FOR US TO USE!

WE NEED LOTS OF LEGO!

WE NEED OLD ELECTRONICS THAT YOU DON'T NEED ANYMORE!

OR ANY OTHER CONSTRUCTIVE TOYS!

WE HOPE YOU CAN HELP US

CAN YOU HELP US? IF YOU CAN, SEE JACK, FINN, DOMINIC OR ZACH FROM YEAR 5!

Please make sure that you don't donate anything without your parents' permission!

Community Notices

July 2009 Holiday Workshops.

Holiday Seminars Charitable Trust has again organised workshops for Creative Thinkers, Tall Poppies, Square Pegs, High Flyers and Gifted & Talented students who are currently 8-15 years old. Dates 8th to 15th July at Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland.

A range of exciting new workshops on offer - LEARNING LATIN, KING TUT'S TOMB, FASCINATING FRACTALS, MIND'S EYE MATHS, ROPE TRICKS and XTRA SECRET LINGO together with all the old favourites! If you are already on our mailing lists then brochures will reach you this week. In the interim try our on line enrolment option. Full programme details at http://www.holidayseminars.co.nz/next_seminar or contact our office at 09 585 0111.

"BONJOUR! Local French lessons with Arzhela - a French teacher with 25 years experience and a native French speaker. Wednesdays 3.30 to 4.30 (6 to 8 year olds) and 4.30 to 5.30 (9 to 11 year olds). Arzhela Ph 626 2244. Lessons starting in Term 3."

CISV (Children's International Summer Villages) 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 Hunua on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7 June for anyone aged 9+. For more information, please contact Jan Llewellyn on 817 3368 or 021368935

View the CISV website www.cisv.org

WAITAKERE CITY SCHOOL OF DANCE... Affordable classes in Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical and **BALLET!** Taking new enrolments **NOW.. Great studios in Glen Eden with plenty of parking. Come and try a class. Ph: Natalie, 813 3664 or 021 0354262.**

Sports Notices

There are no netball results today as no games were played over the weekend.

Kia Ora Kotahi