



# Titirangi Primary School

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*Kia Kōwhiri*

NEWSLETTER

23 November 2009

## Performing at the Multicultural Festival

### **SENIOR KAPA HAKA**



### **JUNIOR KAPA HAKA**



#### What's Happening

##### Monday 23 November

12.30 - 1.00. Bible in Schools  
12.30 - 1.00. Project Ginger

##### Tuesday 24 November

12.30 - 2.00. Kapa Haka  
12.30 - 1.00. Year 6 Band  
1.30 - 2.00. Senior Ukulele

##### Wednesday 25 November

Year 4 Fun Day  
Year 6 classes at MOTAT

##### Thursday 26 November

12.30 - 1.00. Junior Ukulele  
1.00 - 1.30. Senior Choir

##### Friday 27 November

11.00 - 12.30. Junior School Tabloids  
12.30 - 1.00. Enviro Group  
1.00 - 1.30. Junior Choir

##### Monday 30 November

Wheels Week  
9.30 - 12.00. Room 20 to Lopdell House  
12.30 - 2.30. Room 19 to Lopdell House  
12.30 - 1.00. Bible in Schools  
12.30 - 1.00. Project Ginger  
Junior rooms to Storytime

##### Tuesday 01 December

Interschool Athletics  
9.30 - 12.00. Room 21 to Lopdell House  
12.30 - 2.30. Room 18 to Lopdell House  
12.30 - 2.00. Kapa Haka  
12.30 - 1.00. Y6 Band  
1.30 - 2.00. Senior Ukulele

##### Wednesday 02 December

Room 10 to Waterwise  
9.30 - 11.30 - Room 14 to Lopdell House  
12.30 - 2.30 - Room 2 to Lopdell House

##### Thursday 03 December

Room 11 to Waterwise  
Interschool Athletics Rain Date  
9.00 - 10.00. Walking School Bus morning tea for parents at Hardware Café.  
Junior rooms to Storytime

9.30 - 11.30. Room 23 to Lopdell House  
12.30 - 2.30. Room 24 to Lopdell House  
12.30 - 1.00. Junior Ukulele

1.00 - 1.30. Senior Choir

##### Friday 04 December

Library monitors shared lunch.  
12.30 - 1.00. Enviro Group

1.00 - 1.30. Junior Choir

# Newsletter

***"Evidence never gets in the way of a good set of beliefs"***

John Hattie, Professor of Education, University of Auckland



## SCHOOL GALA

Saturday's Gala was an outstanding success from all points of view. It was an event that brought everyone together to celebrate our school community as well as far exceeding expectations as a fundraiser. A group of people worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it all happen, a huge thank you to everyone involved and also thank you to our parents, children, our generous sponsors and other members of the wider community who came on the day and ensured its success.

## KAPA HAKA AND CHOIR STARS

On Tuesday 3rd November our school participated in the Annual Primary School music festival. This was a special event as they joined with children from six other schools in a massed choir of over 300 to perform at the Town Hall. The quality of singing was exceptional – I had to keep reminding myself that these were primary age children. A special thank you to all of the choir children and to Mr Lambert our choir trainer for their hard work and dedication.

Our Kapa Haka group performed 3 times in the week leading up to the Gala. They participated in the powhiri for the Education Review Office team along with the choir, then were a real hit with their full performance at the West Auckland Multi-cultural Festival. It was one of those moments to be very proud of the children as they stepped up and represented Titirangi so brilliantly. (I know there were also some very proud parents there as well). A few days later they were the opening performance for the Gala. Congratulations to both our Senior and Junior groups – you were outstanding. Thanks and recognition are due to Whaia Jonni-Rose our Kapa Haka tutor who has patiently guided and developed this group through the year, also to our teacher supporters Dianne Harris, Mel McCorquindale and Brigette Helwes.

## ERO

The Education Review Office team presented their preliminary findings to the Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team last Friday.

They were very positive, commenting on; the positive learning environment with engaged and confident students enjoying their learning, high levels of student achievement with challenging targets set for ongoing improvement of learning, the commitment to improving teaching practice through professional development and teacher appraisal. They also commented on good change management including the use of current research and the developing school and community learning partnership focused on student outcomes, for example, the active PTA, new student reports, parent reading and maths tutors, the website and school's use of community learning facilities

During the review process we also had discussions about the areas for further development we had identified as a school. These included the purpose and use of assessments, more 'ownership' by students of aspects of their learning, for example contribution of ideas at the planning stage and in goal setting, as well as developing and implementing new planning formats across the school.

We will receive a draft report to be considered by the Board and staff by the end of this term. A confirmed report will then be published in the New Year.

## OTAGO MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

This year a group of nine Year 6 children participated in the Mathematics Problem Solving Challenge organised by the University of Otago. The challenge is designed for children who are working at Intermediate levels of achievement and the problems are indeed challenging!

We are particularly proud to announce that Zoe O and Joshua R were awarded certificates of Excellence as they achieved within the top 13% of all Year 6 children who participated. Rory N, Cameron L, Kizzie A, Paige R, Leal P and Angelina T were awarded certificates of Merit and Brandon S was awarded a certificate for participation. All children who entered this Challenge are working at a high level in Mathematics. Congratulations to all of these clever thinkers.

## WHEELS DAYS

During the week starting 30 November (week 8 of the term), 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.

Monday 30 November: Rooms 1, 2, 3, 14, 23, 24

Tuesday 1 December: Rooms 4, 5, 6

Wednesday 2 December: Rooms 18, 19, 20, 21

Thursday 3 December: Rooms 15, 16, 17

Friday 4 December: Rooms 8, 11, 22

Monday 7 December: Rooms 9, 10, 12

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.

## PTA PATCH



### Gala

Our Gala was an amazing success this year! The profit we made was **\$32,675.98!** A big thank you to each and every one of you who helped in any way big or small.

If you have any feedback on the Gala please email Winnie [aam@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aam@xtra.co.nz) or drop a note into our PTA inbox located in the school office.

## Upcoming Event

There will be an **End of Year School Picnic** on the Bottom Field on **Friday 11 December 5pm to 7pm**. Bring your own food and drinks, grab a blanket and your family and come along! It will be a relaxing evening to celebrate a busy year. This is not a fundraising event. Instead, there will be a 'gifting tree' to place unwrapped gifts under. We will donate these to the Women's Refuge at the end of the term.

## Messages from our Gala Committee

If you have a faulty Santa Grotto CD please email Winnie [aam@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aam@xtra.co.nz) or leave your name and phone number with our school office.

Check your Quick Fire Raffle tickets. We are looking for two winning tickets: Pink A-522 number 20 and Green Y-647 number 15. See Christine in the School Office if you have either of these.

## Fundraising 2010 Calendar Meeting

If you would like to be part of the sub-committee setting our calendar of events for next year please meet at the **Titirangi RSA on Thursday 26 November at 5.30pm**.

## PTA meeting

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 8 December at 7pm** in the staffroom. All Welcome.

# Community Notices

## "FOR BRIGHT CHILDREN WHO AREN'T LEARNING"

For individual tuition specializing in Dyslexia, spelling, reading and comprehension from children through to adults. Phone Zannie Danks Davis on 818-8167.

Waitakere abuse and trauma counselling service are holding a 20th anniversary concert headlined by SJD and other local artists to be held on the 14th November at the Hobsonville RSA from 7pm onwards. Tickets are \$25 dollars from the agency. Ph: 8372491

## German Christmas Market

Sat 28th November from 10am to 1pm at the Green Bay Community House, 1 Barron Drive.  
Café with delicious German cake, homemade goodies, Christmas decorations, craft, raffles, face painting etc.

The Glen Eden Intermediate Concert Band, G.E.I.S. Choir and some of our students who are learning instruments privately at school are preparing for the annual cushion concert for family and friends. In conjunction with this entertaining event will be an Art Exhibition displaying the fabulous work students have achieved under the expert tutelage of our talented art teacher Tracey Taylor. At Glen Eden Intermediate School Auditorium on Thursday 03 December from 7.00 – 8.30 pm. \$2.00 donation. Bring a cushion or buy one of our souvenir cushions for just \$20.00.

Ballerina School. Give your child the wonderful gift of dance. Ballerina School offers young children the experience of classical ballet in an enchanting and enjoyable class. Inspiring music, gorgeous props, technical training and an encouraging environment. Classes for 4 - 7 year olds. Now Booking for term 1 2010. Contact Rhonda @ **Ballerina School** for an enrolment pack Phone:(09) 838 4711 Mobile: 021 25 29 777 Email:ballerinaschool@xtra.co.nz

Thinking about intermediate school options for next year? Check out what Steiner education has to offer. Open Day - 9am Friday 27th November (includes a visit of classes). Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School, 5 Helios Place Titirangi. Ph: 817-4386 to register.

This year Skids Titirangi is collecting new toys, food items and toiletries to donate to the Poverty Action Coalition. If you would like to donate we would really appreciate your help. Skids has a box on site in the hall and we are taking donations after school hours from 7.00am – 8.15am and 3pm - 6pm. If you have any questions or feedback about donations this year please contact Lee at [titirangi@skids.co.nz](mailto:titirangi@skids.co.nz) or 8108 019 and/or visit our website [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz).

Sticky Red Bee KIDS ART CLUB. *Salt ceramic moulding & Screen printing.* 2 week course- \$35 - starts soon. After school till 5pm **Afternoon tea provided.** [stickyredbee@hotmail.com](mailto:stickyredbee@hotmail.com)/ PH Kym 811 8882 or 0211525891

# Sports Notices

## SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS 2009

A huge well done to the Senior School for a hugely successful and enjoyable Athletics day!

We would like to congratulate all the kids on their outstanding effort and for setting themselves challenging personal goals to overcome.

*Special mention goes to our talented finalists in each event for proving themselves the best of the best this year against some very tough competition! Certificates will be handed out soon in recognition of their amazing athletic abilities, and Interschool Team members will be informed of the 2009 selections.*

**On behalf of the staff and students, we would also like to thank our hard-working parent volunteers for their help on the day. A superb job, and very much appreciated!**

*Photos will be posted on the website soon!*

*Kia Kōwhiri*