



# Titirangi Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 2, 24 May, 2010

### CROSS COUNTRY 2010



*What the students said...*

Ryan – It was hard!

Caitlin T – It was difficult!

Ruby O – It was refreshing.

Mia C – Tiring but fun, we put in our best effort.

Tobias H-S– Fun but challenging and long.

Eleanor – Horrid!

Finn – Challenging and fun.

Carmine S – Fun but hard and I had powerade!

Our Senior School students put in an awesome effort on our cross country day, pushing themselves to achieve impressive results and showing great determination. Many thanks to all of our parent helpers and supporters who helped make it such an enjoyable day. Special mention goes to those who made the top 8 (see the sports pages), who also went on to put in a sterling effort at the Interschool competition, achieving 4th place in the Western Zone overall. Well done to all of our athletes!

### DIARY UPDATES

There are no other current updates or date changes to the Term 2 Fridge List

- **HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN**
- **TERM ACTIVITY FEES**
- **“A MILE OF STYLE” JUNIOR PERFORMANCE**
- **SWIMMING POOL KEYS**
- **WALKING SCHOOL BUS**
- **ED-ALIVE SOFTWARE FORMS**
- **CAREGIVER INFORMATION FORMS**
- **PTA PATCH**

*'You cannot delegate learning'*

Anon

## HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN (OR NOT)

In our last newsletter I indicated that we would start talking about what you can do at home to help your child's learning. There are, however, some things that parents do that have been identified in studies as making learning, especially reading, more difficult. I thought we could start with these:

- Asking a child to read texts that are beyond their reading level – this has the effect of making what should be an enjoyable experience, a stressful one. The books that children bring home should be ones they can read confidently therefore relatively 'easy'. The classroom programme is where more difficult texts are tackled.
- Covering up pictures – in the early years especially, pictures provide important clues to the text and it is an entirely legitimate strategy to use them
- Giving answers instead of prompts – this doesn't encourage children to apply their existing knowledge or skills to a new situation. If your child is stuck on a word it is better to say – "read on to the end of the sentence – now what word would make sense here?" or "what sounds in the word do you know"
- Focusing on word accuracy instead of meaning – the purpose of reading is to gain understanding and meaning. While accuracy is important it is secondary to comprehension.
- Getting frustrated or impatient or criticising mistakes

Sharing learning and especially reading with your child should be a natural and enjoyable experience for both parties and not a fraught or stressful time.

## TERM ACTIVITY FEES

In last week's NoticeBoard our Board of Trustees Chair asked parents to make sure that term activity fees are paid as soon as possible. Teachers will be giving children a small reminder slip to bring home as a reminder to you as well. If payment of activity fees poses a problem for you please contact me directly at school via email or phone in complete confidence. Otherwise you could also contact Allison or Christine in the office.

These fees cover actual costs of trips or activities that are planned to offer enrichment or extension of the class learning programme. They are carefully considered and costed economically.



## "A MILE OF STYLE" – Junior School Performance

ALL Year 0 - 3 children are performing in the junior school musical, A Mile of Style, next term. The dates and times for the performances have been set so be sure to put these in your diaries. The performances will take place in the Glen Eden Intermediate Auditorium.

Tuesday 14 September  
Matinee performance 11am -12pm  
Evening performance 6.30-7.30pm  
Wednesday 15 September  
Evening performance 6.30-7.30pm

We are looking forward to an exciting time next term preparing and rehearsing for this event. Further details regarding costumes and requests for assistance will follow either later this term or early next term.

## SWIMMING POOL KEYS

We still have outstanding pool keys. Please drop them in to the office as soon as possible

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS

A big thank you to Amanda Burr who is currently the parent co-ordinator for the Walking School Buses. She has been doing such an awesome job. Unfortunately due to study and other commitments, she is no longer able to continue in this role. We are desperately seeking someone to fill her shoes. If you are interested in taking on this responsibility, please contact Brigitte.

## ED-ALIVE SOFTWARE

Recently we sent home coloured leaflets about the EdAlive Community Software Plan. Please return your orders to the office by Tuesday 25 May.

Thank you

## CAREGIVER INFORMATION FORMS

Green caregiver information forms will be sent home with all children during the next few weeks. This is to enable us to update our school records with any changes to your personal details. Please return the form to the school office as soon as possible, even if your details remain the same. Thank you.



## PTA PATCH

## PTA Meeting

There is a meeting on **Tuesday 8 June at 7.00pm** in the staffroom. All parents are welcome. If you have a matter you would like addressed please email Christine [christinela@titirangi.school.nz](mailto:christinela@titirangi.school.nz) by Thursday 27 May or contact her in the office. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the website as soon as it's finalised.

## Lunches

Our next lunch is this **Friday 28 May** and it will be Sushi. Please look out for the lunch order forms going home tomorrow. 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 Sushi will be **9.30am Thursday 27 May. 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.

## Midwinter Dinner

The Hawaiian Luau will be held on June 12 at the French Bay Yacht Club starting at 7.30. Get in quick and book your tickets now via the attached order form

## Movie Night – 'Marmaduke'

The date is **Tuesday 29 June at 4pm**. Please have your orders and payments in an envelope in the PTA box in the office by 16 June. The tickets will be delivered 23 June. All cheques are payable to Titirangi School PTA or if you would like to pay via direct credit the bank account number is 12 3100 0227687 00. **The invite is open to all your friends and family members!**

## ***Community Notices***

**The Titirangi Farmers Market** day is changing from the 3rd Sunday to the 2nd Sunday of the month as of June 13th. We are now inside the hall as well as outside and wish to welcome one and all to the new cafe where you can have freshly baked croissants and pastries to go with our yummy coffee ,,along with soups and sandwiches etc ,opening day for the cafe is June 13th. It's a great place to do your grocery shopping, catch up with friends, relax and be entertained with some light music.

**CISV is a UNESCO** accredited, non-political, non-religious youth organisation. CISV's goal is to build global friendships by bringing together on camp, children from 12 different nations. A fun weekend camp for children aged 9- 13years is being held in Auckland on the 12/13 June. We are currently seeking applications from eleven year olds interested in being part of a NZ delegation to Brazil in January 2011. You are invited to come along and find out more. For more information contact Jan on 817 3368 or Tracey on 021 1625678. View the CISV website on [www.cisvnz.org](http://www.cisvnz.org)

### **ZUMBA FITNESS With Roz and Shan**

Come to 1 class get your 2<sup>nd</sup> class FREE! Tuesdays 7.30pm at Titirangi War Memorial Hall and Thursdays 6.00pm at Glen Eden Recreation Centre (44 Glendale Rd opposite Glenora League Field). Kids welcome if they enjoy dancing. Phone 021 116 0439 or email [roslyn.proto@gmail.com](mailto:roslyn.proto@gmail.com). Cost is \$10 per session or 5 session concession card for \$40. (\$5 for students with I.D)

**"Keyboard/Piano and Guitar Lessons at Titirangi Primary**, we have specialist music teachers who teach each Thursday after school. Encourage the love of making music in your home. Give your child the opportunity to gain musical skills that will be a life-long asset and great fun for the whole family. For further information or to enrol, contact the Music Education Centre on 0800 89 39 39 or pick up an enrolment form from the school office."

**MOTAT.** There is **FREE ENTRY** for Waitakere City Residents **1 to 31 May**. Take your rates bill or proof of your address to MOTAT and receive free entry for you and your family (2 adults and 4 children under 16). Open every day 10am to 5pm.

**Are you concerned about your child's behaviour?** Is your child aged between 3 and 5 years old? Do you experience problems dealing with: Fighting and aggression OR establishing good bedtime routines? The University of Auckland is conducting research on the effectiveness of two separate 2-hour discussion groups aimed at supporting parents to develop positive strategies to deal with difficult behaviours in preschoolers and improve overall family functioning. Two groups are on offer: one aimed at managing fighting and aggression, and one aimed at dealing with bedtime problems & developing good bedtime routines. Parents can participate in only ONE of the groups. Groups will be held at our centre at the Faculty of Education at Epsom. The group is **free** of charge and you can keep all the materials that are given to you. You will also be asked to complete a series of questionnaires as part of the study.

If you are interested in volunteering for this research project or would like further information, please contact Cathy and Marcela on 09 623 8899 ext. 83042 or via email: [tprq@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:tprq@auckland.ac.nz). For more information on Triple P, please visit: [www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net).

### **FITTER FASTER STRONGER**

Want a body make-over? Want to get fit fast? Join the outdoor **Team Training** making headlines in New Zealand – the most fun you'll ever have getting into shape. Weights, cardio training and meeting great people. All fitness levels. **Shadbolt Park, Portage Road, New Lynn, Wednesday & Thursday @ 5.30-6.30pm. BOOK NOW! Phone Sonya on 021 87 24 63 or <http://www.teamtraining.co.nz/>**

"I can't believe the difference after only four weeks!" Nichola Turenhout, Titirangi.

"Life-altering, and so much fun," .Catrin Hughes. Titirangi...

"I feel so much better on every level: more energy, more healthy, and hey, even my clothes look better on me." .Vrenni Colpi. Titirangi...

# ***CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS***

## **EIGHT YOUR OLD GIRLS**

Zoe L	1st
Natalya M	2nd
Isabella R-D	3rd
Olivia F	4th
Niamh P	5th
Ruby B	6th
Sidney F	7th
Katie C-S	8th

## **EIGHT YEAR OLD BOYS**

Joshua P	1st
Jack E	2nd
George M	3rd
Joseph V	4th
Bruno K-P	5th
Callum McG	6th
Oliver F	7th
Tyron W	8th

## **NINE YEAR OLD GIRLS**

Imogen H	1st
Kate F	2nd
Caitlin W	3rd
Millicent P	4th
Rhya J	5th
Leyna B	6th
Sophie La R	7th
Sophie L	8th

## **NINE YEAR OLD BOYS**

Jordan P	1st
Henry M	2nd
Josh S	3rd
Jack M	4th
Java L	5th
Louie C	6th
Ben S	7th
Colin H-S	8th

## **TEN AND ELEVEN YEAR OLD GIRLS**

Jasmin B	1st
Caitlin D	2nd
Kate L-B	3rd
Emily McG	4th
Eleanor D	5th
Mia C	6th
Elise W	7th
Ruby O	8th

## **TEN AND ELEVEN YEAR OLD BOYS**

Tobias H-S	1st
Carmine S	2nd
Anton vd P	3rd
Ryan D	4th
Christian F	5th
Jonathan B	6th
Pablo C	7th
Ethan J	8th

# *Sports Notices*

## Netball Results – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010

### **Y2 Honeybee**

The Honey Bees played a brilliant game of netball against Swanson on Saturday, taking home a win of 1-0. The whole team put 100% into the game and player of the day went to Cella for her agility on the court and absolute hunger for the ball. Well done Honey Bees!

### **Y3 Kiwis**

Titirangi Kiwis v Green Bay Kikorangi Ferns - A fantastic game for the Kiwis! A win 8 nil! We had some great team work getting the ball down the court, some amazing defensive plays and some outstanding goals! The girls are playing really well as a team and keeping their eye on the ball consistently. Well done to Amy, Meaghan and Lauren for getting our goals and congratulations to Holly for being our Player of the Day. (We were very happy to be playing INSIDE!)

### **Y3 Pukekos**

Titirangi Pukekos played Point Chev Fireballs and won 5 goals to 3. A big thanks to Holly and Zoe who filled in from the Kiwis. Superb teamwork getting the ball down the court ensured that the Pukekos got their first goals of the season. Player of the day went to Hailey for all her hard work on the court and some great defence.

### **Y4 Takahas**

Great game girls we won 5-4 against Western Heights, a well matched game. POD was Sidney, and a BIG thank you to Ruby B for playing with us, you were great ...thanks everyone.

### **Y4 Fantails**

The Fantails had a great game it was exciting to watch! We won 3 - 1 against Freyberg Dolphins. Brittany got player of the day for amazing defence. Well done Brittany and all the Fantail girls.

### **Y4 Tuis**

A great game against New Windsor. Whilst we lost 7-0, the girls played well, showing improvement with their passing, stepping and particularly working together to get the ball down the court. We have yet to have a win, but the girls can be proud of their efforts in preventing the opposition in scoring more often. Player of the day was awarded to Megan B. Well done Megan.

### **Y5 Kakapos**

The Kakapos played really well today, unfortunately losing to a bigger, stronger team – the Rutherford Rubies. But the girls fought hard to the end, showing great persistence and gaining some good experience. Player of the day was Imogen for some great defence.

### **Y5 Moas**

The Titirangi Magic Moas team played much more cohesively today under very chaotic weather conditions. They deserve a huge pat on the back for a very noticeable improvement in team work and passing with some strong confident shooting from those in the goal circle. Player of the day was Sophie L with three excellent goals taken under pressure. Many thanks to Mom - Jane Greensmith for the design, manufacture and donation of "groovy" team headbands - the team now have their own lucky "red socks"!!!! There were enough produced for the other Year 5 team to have also - thank you Jane and Nikki Stonham for the support. Moas won 3 - 0 over the Gladstone Dynamoes in another close match.

### **Y6 Kererus**

Yr 6 Kererus vs Holy Cross. A well deserved win 6-5. The team played cohesively in the worst conditions ever. The game began in pouring rain, thunder and lightning!!! No one complained and consequently the team displayed outstanding persistence and concentration. A fantastic team effort, consequently "Players of the Day" were Alice S, Caitlin D, Camryn, Maddie, Mia B, Ruby and Simone. Go Kererus!!

### **Y6 Keas**

The Keas played valiantly in atrocious conditions against WUNC Hot Steppers but unfortunately lost 11-2. The flooded courts, rain & thunder made for a challenging game and the girls did well against a strong team. Player of the day was Georgia who played well on the wing. Well done girls.

## Netball Results – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010

### **Y2 Honeybees**

The Honey Bees played a brilliant game of netball this week with a win of 3-1. Bethan took home player of the day for her great defence and quick feet on the court. It's wonderful to see the huge improvement of the teams effort and skills week to week. Well done girls!

### **Y3 Kiwis**

Y3 Titirangi Kiwis v Western Heights Tigers : A loss for the Kiwis this week, 0-4. The kiwis fought hard and had most of the possession throughout the game. There was some fantastic passing going on and great defensive plays. The Kiwis worked together really well and we are all proud of their efforts. The coach of the other team said we are the best team they have played yet! Congratulations to Amy who received Player of the Day due to her outstanding defensive efforts.

### **Y3 Pukekos**

The Titirangi Pukekos had a close win of 3 - 2 over Summerland Bronze. The team is improving every week with great team work shown in getting the ball down the court. Goals were scored by Jemma and Sophia K; and Katie won player of the day for her boundless effort throughout the entire team. Well done to all the players for another great game.

### **Y4 Fantails**

The fantails had a fabulous game against Western Heights Jaguars. We had possession of the ball for most of the game and won 5 - 2. It was an exciting game to watch and all the girls played super well together. Ruby was our player of the day for her great defence and goal shooting. Awesome game girls!

### **Y4 Takahas**

Titirangi Takahas won their game 5-3 against Kelston. Player of the Day was Hannah.

### **Y4 Tuis**

No results received this week

### **Y5 Kakapos**

A great win today 6 – 1 against Green Bay. All the girls were passing and intercepting well. Great teamwork girls! Keep it up! Player of the day went Gemma L. for her awesome work as Goal Attack. Goals scored by Gemma L. and Charlotte M.

### **Y5 Moas**

The Moas had a bye this week.

### **Y6 Keas**

The Keas played a great game against Pt Chevalier Golden Kiwis and the score was even for most of the game, but in the last few minutes we unfortunately lost by one goal - final score 12-11. It was great to watch our girls fight hard the whole game with some great play in both attack and defence. Player of the day was Mia for her strong attacking.

### **Y6 Kererus**

No results received this week