



Titirangi Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Camp Adair 2010

"An absolutely fantastic experience. The kids were awesome!"
- Richard Fromont, Parent Helper



"Definitely a Year 6 highlight – great people, food and venue! Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be involved with character and confidence building through team work and co-operation. I loved the kids – Go Team 7!"
- Colleen Bull, Parent Helper

Term 2, 26 April, 2010

Memories Of Camp

Butterflies of excitement were entering my tummy. I felt like a five year old about to go trick or treating, scared but excited.

I was entering the pool of mud and suddenly my toes, my feet, my legs went numb. I slowly drifted in. The water slithered down my back, goose-bumps made a maze on my pale skin. Crash! My taste buds were shattered.

My drowned bones heaved me up and out. Frozen, I was spitting out water onto the churned up grass, but a huge rush of relief entered my body. I was proud of myself.

- Sarah H, Rm 12

My legs started to shake. Then, I jumped off the big stick into oblivion. I looked down. I was flying above everyone's head like a very big bird. Once I had belayed myself down, we raced Sam to the gate. As we were walking back to the campground I felt I had achieved my goal of jumping off the superfox.

- Anton V, Rm 10

As I was climbing up, I heard my friends encouraging me, which helped me a lot, and I started whizzing up the pole like a professional monkey!

As I reached the top, I clambered onto the swaying platform and clung tightly onto the pole. I was a nervous, shaking koala. I was petrified! Finally, I was attached into my harness and I jumped unexpectedly off the platform. I was whizzing down the wire and having the time of my life!

- Alice M, Rm 10

DIARY UPDATES

The GEIS Spec visits date for Y6 students has been changed. It will now take place on Mon, 14 June

Please also note that a BOT meeting has been confirmed for Tues, 22 June

A Life Education Caravan parent information session will take place at 9.00am on Wednesday, May 19 (pre-schoolers are welcome)

- **BOT Elections**
- **Y6 Camp**
- **Reports & Parent Interviews**
- **Safety At The School Gate**
- **PTA Patch**

Newsletter

“There is a distinction between achievement and success. Achievement is the knowledge that that you have studied and worked hard and done the best that is in you. Success is being praised by others, and that is nice too, but not as important or satisfying”

Helen Hayes (1900 – 1993)

Actor

Welcome back to Term 2 and to a very busy week this week with Parent Teacher Conferences, a Board of Trustees meeting and our Meet the Candidates evening in the school library on Thursday.

Board of Trustees Elections

Nominations closed on Friday 23rd. Ballot papers will be posted this week and voting closes on 7 May. The results will be notified on 13th May and the new Board will have its first meeting on 18th of May.

Year 6 School Camp



In the last week of Term 1 the Year 6 children spent four days at Camp Adair in Hunua. The camp was a great success and reinforced the value of this kind of outdoor experience which offers a range of activities designed to challenge the children and foster both independence and teamwork. They were put in situations where they had to collaborate and think to solve problems as well as activities like the

high ropes which gave individuals a chance really push the boundaries of what they thought they could do. They experienced living together in a large group and taking responsibility for essential jobs as well as the value of getting a good night's sleep when you have a busy and challenging day ahead! Many thanks and a huge WELL DONE to the Year 6 teaching team as well as the great group of camp parents.

We would also like to pass on a huge thank you to Kohu Rd Ice Cream for the generous donation of chocolate ice-cream for the winning cabin groups from Camp Adair this year. Keeping your room tidy has never been so delicious!

Term 1 Reports and Parent –Teacher conferences

These reports are intended to provide parents with a snapshot of achievement using standardised tests as well as providing a focus for the parent teacher conference. This year we have included an insert which relates the information on the reports to the National Standards.

I acknowledge that the time for the conferences is short so if there is something requiring more time to discuss; you could arrange a further meeting with the teacher.

Safety at the School Gate

You will have noticed that there is now a 40kph zone outside the school which operates during the busy times before and after school. There is also one down Atkinson Road outside Kaurilands School. Watch for the illuminated signs to know

when the reduced speed limit is in force. Police will be monitoring and strictly enforcing this speed limit.

A reminder also to everyone about using the drop off zone and to be considerate when parking, especially on Kohu Road. An understandably annoyed resident was recently featured in the local paper complaining about people parking across his driveway.

Swimming Pool Keys

Please return your pool keys to the office as soon as possible.

PTA PATCH



PTA Meeting

There is a meeting on **Tuesday 4 May at 7.00pm** in the staffroom. All parents are welcome. If you have an issue you would like addressed please email Christine by Thursday 29 April or contact her in the office. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the website as soon as it's finalised on Friday 30 April.

Friday Lunches

Our next lunch will be on **Friday 30 April** and it will be Sushi. Please look out for the lunch order forms going home on Monday 26 April. 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 29 April**. **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 date for this year's dinner is **Saturday 12 June**. Please put the date in your diary. It is a great night out! Further details to come.

Movie Night

There will be a movie night this term and it will be 'Marmaduke'. Check out the school's website for the movie trailer. Further details to come.

Gala

The Gala Date for this year is **Saturday 6 November**. There will be a brainstorming/planning meeting week commencing 10 May. (TBA). The Class Parent Representatives list for the Gala are almost complete. We really need a parent(s) to represent Rooms 4,9,15, 23 and 24. If you can help please email Winnie on aam@xtra.co.nz. The parent representatives liaise with the gala committee and ensure the rest of the parents in their class are informed of what's going on and coordinate the running of an activity. It's a great way to meet other parents in the school and contribute some volunteer time.

Entertainment Books

One more week to go before we need to finalise. Don't forget that \$13 is donated to school for every book sold. You can always share with friends or family in other parts of Auckland to make them go further! See attached flyer. Thanks to all of you who have already made returns.

Sports Notices

***This term's big event is the Senior School Cross Country.
We hope to see you there at Crum Park on Wednesday, April 12!***

Titirangi School Flippaball Results

Year 5/6 Kingis 28th March

The Kingi's first game was against St Dominic's; the winner of this game would verse Oratia to play off for third place in the tournament.

Titirangi played well and dominated, winning easily by 10 goals to 2. Anton scored 6, Andie 2, Sarah 1 and Selena 1. Great calling and passing.

The team went straight into the playoff against Oratia, we had no subs, they had 3 and were fresh. I was worried for the Kingi's but then decided to think positively and see the first game as a good warm up. It was a tough game but Titirangi were warmed up and played a thinking, tactical game. Selena scored the first goal and was always there to pass to on the wing. Anton although a marked player still managed to get two goals in the second half. Sarah and Andie played pivotal roles in the midfield getting back to assist on defence and then surge ahead on attack. Andie was injured but played on. Outstanding defence from Zach, Jordan and Liam kept Titirangi Kingis in the game. The Titirangi Kingis won 3-2 in a nail biting finish. They were 3rd overall in the competition.

We would like to thank Selena and Matariki for playing with us this term, to thank all the parents who have supported on the sideline and especially Tim Dougherty for the co-ordination of the Titirangi teams.

Year 5/6 Sharks 28h March

Sharks win 5th place! A strong finish for the Sharks, beating Summerland 6 to 0. Goals scored by Jonty, Levon, Krystal, Georgia and Sebastian.

Community Notices

Struggling with Reading, Writing or Spelling?

Don't know how to study or write essays? Bright child but cannot spell? We have answers! Phone Sarah **827 8086** to start your child on the road to success. www.enrichtutoring.co.nz or email sarah@enrichtutoring.co.nz. Questions welcome!

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.

Soul – soma kids

There is a movement, yoga and creative dance class for kids (5-8 years) beginning 26 April on Mondays 3.30pm to 4.15pm (pick ups from Titirangi Primary). It costs \$130 for 10 weeks and is located at the Soul Centre, 18 Huia Rd. There will be a trial class on Monday 26 April costing \$15. Please phone 817 3051 or email info@soulcentre.co.nz. There is a website www.soulcentre.co.nz. Pick up a flyer in the school office.

AFTERSCHOOL KIDS ART. \$10 each join a friend special OR \$15 per session FREE TIME END OF TERM CLASS

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TITIRANGI CUB PACK. Titirangi Cub Pack has vacancies for Cubs aged 7 ½ to 10 ½ yrs (boys and girls). Meet every Wednesday 6 – 7.30pm Titirangi Scout Group Den, 209 Atkinson Rd (just below Titirangi Primary School). We have two camps a year (summer and winter). Come along and check us out. If you are interested, please telephone Trish 8376560 or Bronwyn 817 7583

THE FARMERS MARKET TITIRANGI ISan around the world food experience right in your own back yard. A 40 plus food stall market full of variety such as the terrines from the French butcher to venison salamis, artisan breads, fantastic cheese selections along with the best of produce, olive oils, balsamics, relishes, Swiss and French baking. Come for a coffee and see for yourself.

The third Sunday of each month. 10am to 2pm at 500 Sth Titirangi Rd (War Memorial car park). Next Market is Sunday May 16th.

Art classes at schools, after school.

Fine Young Artists hold arts classes either at your school or a nearby venue. Our classes are ideal for kids who are passionate about art. Term 2 classes start week commencing Mon 26 April.

Visit www.fineyoungartists.co.nz or ph 631 5358 for information and enrolments

Come and celebrate the local launch of New Zealand music month at Titirangi Library. Music therapist by day, rock chick by night, Rebecca Travaglia will perform with her band 'Hannah Curwood and the Good Omen'. Come and enjoy this original blend of folky pop on Thursday 6th May at 6pm. Check out the Waitakere libraries website for more details about music month events.

The Kids Art Festival - A FREE event for the whole family. Free hands-on arts workshops for children, art exhibitions, food stalls and live performances. Saturday 8th May, 10 am – 4 pm, rain or shine. At the Corban Estate Arts Centre in Henderson. www.ceac.org.nz or ph 838 4455

Ballroom dance lessons

Social Ballroom, Latin, Rock & Roll, Old Time, New Vogue. Join Anytime, Pay as you go, Just turn up. No partners necessary. Beginners especially welcome. Venue: Kaurilands Primary School Hall. When: Sundays 25 April-27 June, 2pm - 4pm. Cost: \$10 per person/per session

Tutor: Lyn Isbill. Contact: Lyn (09) 521 5441

Mask Making

Creative Masquerade Workshop. The creative development of an alternative image. The aim of this workshop is to provide, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, the opportunity and inspiration to make a mask that can be worn or exhibited as a work of art. Venue: Lopdell House Studio

When: Fridays 23 April- 2 July, 7pm - 9pm (term 2) Cost: \$120 per person. Tutor: Joyce Taylor/ Contact: Ellen (09) 817 9612.

Oratia Craft Market - Take Mum out and have a look at all the craft, art, jewellery, clothes and lots more and maybe enjoy a coffee at the café. Held every month on the second Sunday, the next market will be on Mother's Day 09 May on West Coast Road, Oratia. (Not be confused with Parris Cross Market)

Trash 'n' Treasure Sale at Oratia Kindy on West Coast Sunday 2 May. 10am - 2pm. Come and get some bargains. All welcome.