



# Titirangi Primary School

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**NEWSLETTER**

**29 June 2009**



New TPS text absences option for your mobile:  
**3255** Text: tpschool (followed by a space)

## What's Happening

### **Monday 29 June**

PTA Gala Meeting  
1.30 - 3.00 in the Boardroom

### **Tuesday 30 June**

6.30pm - 8.00pm - School Art  
Exhibition Opens

### **Wednesday 01 July**

School Art Exhibition  
9.00am-5.00pm

### **Thursday 02 July**

School Art Exhibition  
9.00am-5.00pm

### **Friday 03 July**

Term Two Ends at the  
usual time of 2.50 pm.

### **Monday 20 July**

Term 3 begins.

# Newsletter

*The stress and discouragement of frankly facing the complex tangle of motives at work in most human situations tempt everyone into the errors of oversimplification.*

Henry S. Dennison (1877 – 1952) Businessman and economist

## This is our last newsletter for Term 2.

School closes for the winter break this Friday 3 July at the usual time of 2.55 pm and re-opens for Term 3 on Monday 20 July.

Our big event this week is the Art Exhibition at Lopdell House. See the next page for details.

I would like to acknowledge everyone involved for the effort that has gone into producing the excellent work that will be on display. Producing a good quality piece of art work with children requires preparation and planning then a lot of patient and careful guidance on the part of the teacher. It also requires perseverance and care on the part of the children. When this comes together we get great results.

## Making it easier to call in absences

This week we have implemented a school textline, which we will be trialling during Term 3. You can send a text to the school which will come to the office email. An automatic response will come back to your cell phone to confirm your message has been received.



You will need to follow these instructions carefully:

- The number is **3255**
- On the first line you need to enter **tpschoo** followed by a **space** then your message
- We ask that you include the following information:

**Child's first and last names**

**Room number**

**Reason for absence or lateness**

This has been set up for **lateness and absences only**. For all other messages or queries please phone the office as normal.

You can also still leave a message on the answer phone or email as before.

## Health Update

So far we have no confirmed or suspected cases of H1N1 amongst our children. Do check the information sent in our TPS Health Watches, if the situation changes during the week we will update you. We recommend The Ministry of Health's website, which is constantly updated and contains excellent advice on what to do if a member of the family becomes ill (please see the website link in our Health Watch email updates).

## TPS Maths Data Report for Parents

We will soon be publishing our achievement data for Term 1 mathematics (PAT and GLoSS tests) on the school website. An email will be sent with the link to the report later in the week. Literacy data will be published early in Term 3. Both reports are designed to give you information on school achievement in key areas. A paper copy will also be available on request from the school office.

## Future Problem Solving

Robyn Boswell, Advisor to Schools at University of Auckland and Director, Future Problem Solving was awarded the Queen's Service Medal for her work in education. Robyn introduced Future Problem Solving to New Zealand schools and has led its growth to the point where teams of young New Zealanders have competed successfully in the international tournaments over many years. New Zealand teams have led the world three times in a row in the final results, with many overall grand champion winners coming from New Zealand. Future Problem Solving is part of Gifted & Talented Education in our school, with up to six teams of senior school students participating.


## School Website Update

We are continuing to develop the school website to help keep you informed about issues and events relating to your child's education. Judging by the large number of hits that we receive each month (see below), many parents seem to be taking advantage of the website as a source of information.

Recent site updates include our Photo Gallery, Syndicate Blogs, information about 2009 sports events and our popular eLearning Zone, so remember to keep us in your favourites and visit the site regularly.

Please also let us know if you have any suggestions for website developments that you may find useful!

### TPS Monthly Website Traffic

 **8,160 Pageviews**

**May 29—June 28**  
**(Google Analytics)**



## PTA Midwinter Dinner

Our PTA Midwinter Dinner & Boogie was a great hit and a fun night out for everyone who came. A huge thank you to the PTA team for putting together such a great community event.

You are invited to attend the  
**Titirangi Primary School  
Children's Art Exhibition**



Opening Night

Tuesday 30 June: 6:30 – 8:00 pm (Gold Coin Entry)

Also open for viewing

Wednesday 1 July & Thursday 2 July: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Top floor of Lopdell House

# Sports Notices

## Titirangi School Netball Results for Saturday 27 June 09:

### Year 6 Titirangi Kerurus v Bayfield Legends:

This week the Kerurus played a superb game against Bayfield Legends with the final score being 15-15. Great feeding into the circle and excellent defense made this a very exciting game. A big thank you to Milly and Emma for filling in for us. Player of the Day went to Sabine who played a fantastic game getting heaps of intercepts and good attacking play down the court.

### Year 6 Titirangi Keas v Te Atatu Junior:

Final score was 15-8 to Te Atatu. The girls played a storming game despite an injury to Natasha who had to come off before half time with a sprained ankle - well done to Alyssa and Sharon who played out of their normal positions to cover. Player of the day went to Zoe for her awesome defending and intercepts. Well done girls.

### Year 5 Titirangi Kakapos v Fruitvale Shooting Stars

A rough first quarter, although the Kakapos stepped up in the final three quarters displaying some excellent passing, shooting and team spirit. A big thank you to Leyna for playing for us. She was definitely an asset!! Congratulations to Maddie for being player of the day for her outstanding defensive play and attitude.

### Year 5 Titirangi Moas v Glenora All Stars:

The Moas played the All Stars on Saturday going down 13-5 despite a tremendous rally in the second half. Player of the day was Susannah.

### Year 4 Titirangi Takahas v St Paul's Comets:

The Takahas had a great game against St Paul's Comets, with the score being 1 - 1. Some great passing down the court and into the circle from the Takahas as well as awesome defence from everybody. Player of the Day went to Sophie who also scored our goal. Well done girls, keep up the good work.

### Year 4 Titirangi Fantails v Pt Chevalier:

We had a fantastic win this week against Pt Chev. Final score 10 - 1. Player of the day was Julia T who was on fire scoring 7 of the goals despite feeling unwell!!! The other 3 goals were scored by Gemma L. Great passing by all the girls, congratulations to you all.

### Year 3 Titirangi Tuis v Pukekos:

4-1 to the Tuis. All the girls played a great game and worked well together as a team with some great passing between players. Player of the day was Caitlin for her good intercepts. Well done to all.

### Year 3 Titirangi Pukekos v Titirangi Tuis:

The girls played the Titirangi Tuis this week who won. Our girls played well and our player of the day was Brittany C. Well done Brittany on your excellent centre skills!

### Year 3 Titirangi Kiwis v Bayfield Shooting Stars:

The Kiwi's won their game today 11 -2. Well played girls with great team work. Player of the day was Hannah. Awesome work Kiwi's!

### Year 2 Titirangi Honey Bee's v HT United Angels:

Another win for the Honey Bees 4-0! The girls played an excellent game against a strong team! The Honey Bees are doing extremely well passing the ball up the court. Maeghan scored all of the goals and Georgia was our player of the day for great work in attack and defence. Well done Honey Bees!

# 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

**THE INAUGURAL EDUCATION EXPO** at the ASB Showgrounds in Greenlane from **Friday 19 June to Sunday 21 June 2009. (10am to 5pm DAILY)**

**The Education Expo** is the only exhibition and learning event tailored specifically to cater for the needs and wants of Principals, Teachers, School Management, and Parents.

[www.educationexpo.co.nz/register.html](http://www.educationexpo.co.nz/register.html). For more information visit the expo website [www.educationexpo.co.nz](http://www.educationexpo.co.nz)

**WAITAKERE GYMNASTICS'** have spaces available for kids of all ages to learn and have fun

In our Recreation Gymnastics classes. Contact us on 827-5394

Or email [waitakeregym@xtra.co.nz](mailto:waitakeregym@xtra.co.nz)

## HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW COMPUTER GAMES AND 3D MOVIES LIKE SHREK ARE MADE?

Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this July. Located at a venue near you. All ages and experience levels catered for. T: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or E: [info@bubbledome.co.nz](mailto:info@bubbledome.co.nz) or visit [www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz)

## ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOPS THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

The JPK Animal Care Workshop is a unique experience for kids who love animals. Designed by a zoologist and taught by vet nurses, students learn practical animal care and handling skills at the Animal Learning Centre, Herne Bay.

Interact with a range of pets including lizards, chinchillas, frogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, rats, tropical fish, axolotls, newts, mice, turtles and lots more! Also covers animal careers and animal first aid. Workshops for up to 7yrs, and 8-14yrs. Advanced class also available for our 'graduates'.

JULY 09 HOLIDAY WORKSHOP DATES:

Junior Petkeeper Safari for up to 7yrs (\$49) Monday 6th 1.30 - 3pm. JPK Animal Care Workshops (2 day workshop with certificate) 8-14yrs (\$125, 6 hrs total). 6-7th Monday/Tuesday 9.30 - 12.30pm daily. 9-10th Thursday/Friday 9.30 - 12.30pm daily 13-14th Monday/Tuesday 1.30 - 4.30pm daily.

Holiday workshop bookings - ph Sally at Oracle Education on 09 376 2024, email [sally@oracle.ac.nz](mailto:sally@oracle.ac.nz) or visit [www.hippo.co.nz](http://www.hippo.co.nz) for more information.

## INCREDIBLE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

**Monday July 6.**

The faculty of Science at the University of Auckland will be holding its annual "Incredible Science" festival on Monday July 6 this year. Details of the programme are available at : [www.incrediblescience.co.nz](http://www.incrediblescience.co.nz)

## MAKE IT MOVE MOTAT HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE.

**Saturday 4 – Sunday 19 July.**

Be a successful scientist at the **Fonterra Science Roadshow 2009**. Collect **ConnecTech game cards** to create your very own machines! Fly your own **glider in the wind tunnels** at the Aviation Hangar. Create your own contraption in the **K'Nex Construction Zone!**

Activities run from 10am to 4.30pm and are included in your MOTAT entry fee.

Opening hours are 10am to 5pm.

\$14 adults, \$7 seniors / students / children under 16. Under 5s free. \$30 family pass, \$65 annual family pass.

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