



Titirangi Primary School

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Kia Kōwhiri

NEWSLETTER

18 May 2009

SENIOR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2009



**WELL DONE EVERYONE
GREAT RUNNING AND
EXCELLENT SPORTSMANSHIP**

What's Happening

Tuesday 19 May

Room 19 to Library Lites.

10.00 - Interschool cross country training.

Wednesday 20 May

Mini Beasts Sessions throughout the day.

9.30 - Interschool Cross Country

6.00 - 7.00 pm BOT Meeting - Formal/
Informal

Thursday 21 May

9.15 - Room 12 to Library Lites.

9.30 - Room 21 to Lopdell House.

11.00 - Room 16 to Library Lites.

12.30 - Room 20 to Lopdell House.

1.40 - Room 8 to Library Lites.

Friday 22 May

Rain date for Interschool Cross Country

Monday 25 May

11.00 - Room 15 to Library Lites.

1.30 - 2.50 - Advanced Chess

1.40 - Room 10 to Library Lites.

Tuesday 26 May

9.15 - Room 19 to Library Lites.

7.00 - 8.00 pm. Keeping Ourselves Safe
parent evening with Constable Carl
Musto.

Thursday 28 May

9.15 - Room 22 to Library Lites.

9.30 - Otago Maths Challenge.

11.00 - Room 17 to Library Lites.

Friday 29 May

9.15 - 10.15 - Room 11 to Library Lites.

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The aim of education is to enable individuals to continue their education
John Dewey (1859 – 1952) American philosopher and educator

Winter definitely seems to have arrived and fortunately the threat of a flu epidemic seems to have diminished for the time being. Teachers will continue to remind children about the importance of hand washing etc, we have installed antiseptic soap containers in the toilets and will be installing anti bacterial foam dispensers in all the classrooms in the next couple of weeks.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

These conferences were an opportunity to meet about the Term 1 report and briefly discuss some learning focus areas for your child. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher (by email is best) if you would like to arrange a time to discuss anything else with them.

ART EXHIBITION

With the school hall out of action our school Art Exhibition on 30th June – 2nd July will now be held at Lopdell House. We are delighted to have this venue for the exhibition and feel it will add a new dimension to the event. Watch our newsletters for more details and for an invitation to the opening on 30th June.

REVISED NEW ZEALAND CURRICULUM

A major current focus for our school is implementation of the Revised New Zealand Curriculum. In Term 1 we focused on the school values which are contained in our school Charter as well as the New Zealand Curriculum. The values are

- Excellence
- Innovation, Inquiry and Curiosity
- Diversity
- Equity
- Community and Participation
- Ecological Sustainability
- Integrity

RESPECT

Each class chose a number of these to explore, develop understanding and relate to behaviour, relationships and work. While it was a focus for term 1 we will continue to work with our values through out the year. Amongst the values, that of Respect is seen as a fundamental one and is understood by most of us as treating others as you would want to be treated and to respect the rights and dignity of others. Of course the challenge is to live this value consistently in all aspects of school life. We all do our best but I'm sure there are times when as a school we don't quite live up to our own expectations – if this happens, let me know because we are sincere about wanting to continue to make our school a special place where these values are part of who we are.

Other work is progressing on the curriculum particularly in the treatment of the core curriculum (Reading, Writing, Maths) and the other Learning Areas – Science, Technology, Social Studies, Health and PE. We will update you with progress in these areas later in the year.

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

Today I went with a group of school councillors to visit and 'test drive' some local playgrounds that have been recommended. We will then put together a brief and contact playground companies to submit plans and quotes. At the same time we have already identified elements of the existing playground that will be retained. The budgeted amount for this year is \$40 000 which should enable us to complete a first stage of development. At present an estimate for full redevelopment sits at around \$100 000



CAREGIVER INFORMATION FORMS

Green caregiver information forms will be sent home with all children this week. 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 MID WINTER DINNER

Tickets are selling **fast** for the Mid Winter Boogie & Dinner, Saturday 20th June. Join us for 70s and 80s boogie night, complete with awesome food and a real live jukebox, at the French Bay Yacht Club. (Yes, they're letting us back!) Dig out those giant earrings and legwarmers or bell bottoms, and get ready to get down... The profits from the dinner will go towards our new senior adventure playground, so you're actually doing a good deed to party the night away! Email Jacqui Thornley on jacq2@xtra.co.nz to book your tickets NOW, or see the PTA webpage for further details.

PARENT TUTOR MATHEMATICS PROGRAMME

In much the same way as the Parent Tutor Reading Programme runs, the Parent Tutor Mathematics Programme will support classroom programmes in Mathematics. This involves working with small groups or pairs of children to give them extra maths practice on one morning each week. It is very rewarding to tutors and the children grow in confidence in their maths. If you are keen to help, or to find out more, please contact Brigette Helwes by Friday as I intend to meet with all interested parents or grandparents next week. Phone the school office or email brigetteh@titirangi.school.nz

APPEAL FOR HOME CORNER FURNITURE

Room 2 are in need of play furniture for our home corner – toy stoves, dolls houses, benches etc. If you have any unwanted or unused wooden or plastic furniture suitable for role-play, please see Miss McCorquindale in Room 2 or email melaniem@titirangi.school.nz Thanks.

FREE ENTRY TO MOTAT

MOTAT is pleased to offer all residents in the Waitakere area an opportunity to visit MOTAT from 4 - 31 May **FREE OF CHARGE**. This is their way of acknowledging how important the ratepayers of Waitakere are to MOTAT, and also a way of encouraging those who have not explored New Zealand's heritage for a while to come to MOTAT and celebrate all that we have to offer. Waitakere residents can visit MOTAT for free on presentation of one of the vouchers available in the Western Leader and libraries *or* their rates bill *or* proof of address.

SENIOR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2009

A huge well done to all of our Senior School Cross Country participants who put in such a fantastic effort last week. The sun made an appearance eventually, and a great day was had by all. A big thanks to all of our parent helpers and supporters on the day, and a special thank you to Mr Gordon for organizing the event (Mr Gordon in fact hurt his shoulder, and so is taking a day or two to recover, but is otherwise fine). Special mention and congratulations on a great effort to our top 8 runners in each event goes to:



Well Done!

*Millicent P, Gemma L
Jemima V, Kiki H
Seraphina G, Sophie L
Imogen H, Kate F
Henry M, Jordan P
Josh S, Java L
Thomas B, Curtis S
Ben S, Phoenix B
Jasmin B, Caitlin D
Mia C, Emily M
Eleanor D, Sarah H
Caitlin T, Maaike V,
Cole B, Tobias H-S
Anton VDP, Carmine S
Dylan B, Sam G
Tom B, Ben A
Emma J P, Monique D
Sammie R, Monique W
Milly R, Sabine B
Phoebe R, Lucy P F
Nick S, Liam S
Ryan D, Jonathan I
Kyle M, Leal P
Nick M, Jacob M.*

Certificates will be sent home soon, with the top six runners from each event going through to our Interschool Cross Country tomorrow, so good luck to the team!

Sports Notices

Titirangi School Netball Results for Saturday 16 May 09:

Year 6 Titirangi Kererus:

No game for us this week as we had a bye.

Year 6 Titirangi Keas v Marist Herne Bay:

The Keas faced their toughest challenge yet, when faced with Marist Herne Bay, but the whole team stepped up and produced a fantastic performance. The girls worked hard through a tough game and never gave up. Well done everyone! Sharon W was player of the day for her awesome defence work on the court and in the circle. Thanks to Sammie R for helping us out and thanks to the parents for their wonderful support.

Year 5 Titirangi Kakapos v Baytex Panthers Angels:

The team had tough competition this week. We were very proud of our team who displayed tenacity in every quarter!! Congratulations to Ena for being our player of the day. Even though her partner was twice her size Ena displayed great speed and persistence to get the ball!

Year 5 Titirangi Moas v Summerland 2:

A hard fought game for the Moas this week. Player of the day was Ava S.

Year 4 Titirangi Takahas v Western United Firebirds:

A win 4-0 to the Takahe girls! A fantastic effort from everyone with excellent passing from player to player as the ball moved up the court. Our four goals were shot by Leyna, and player of the day was Georgia who played an awesome defence constantly intercepting our opponents ball and preventing it from getting into their circle.

Year 4 Titirangi Fantails v Flanshaw Ferns:

The Fantails played a very fast paced and determined first half with a close score. Unfortunately the Flanshaw team pulled ahead in the second half and the final score was 15-2 to Flanshaw. Our player of the day was Katie for great work at goal defence.

Year 3 Titirangi Tuis v Freyburg Rockets:

The Tuis played the Rockets who won 4 nil. The team played well with Rhya our player of the day for her great effort at goal shooting. Well done Tuis!

Year 3 Titirangi Pukekos v Hoani Waititi Weu/Aka:

The Titirangi Pukekos played a fantastic game against an evenly matched team and the game with a nil all draw. Our player of the day was Brianna with her outstanding GD skills. Great stuff Pukekos J

Year 3 Titirangi Kiwis v Arohoe Goldstars:

The Kiwi's played the Goldstars again this week, though unfortunately we lost 5-1 this week. The whole team fought very hard but it was a very aggressive game. Player of the Day was Zoe L. Well done girls, keep up the good work J

Year 2 Titirangi Honey Bee's v Kaurilands Sparks:

Another win for the Honey Bees 2-1. The girls played a good game with lots of great passing and lots of possession of the ball. They also intercepted the ball a few times. Thanks Holly! Meaghan and Lauren got the goals and Lauren was our Player of the day. Great teamwork Honey Bees!

Community Notices

KIDS LOVE DRAMA

The Helen O'Grady programme helps your child become an effective communicator and a confident, happy student. Drama classes are held locally in your area. To find out more contact the Principal on 810 8242.

PARADICE ICE SKATING

Skating and Ice Hockey for all levels. Skate school has six week classes from 30 May to 04 July on Saturday morning from 9.15 am. The Hockey school is available for all ages and played on Saturday mornings from 10.15 am. Contact 828 3800 or www.paradice.co.nz

ORATIA SETTLERS CRAFT MARKET

Held on the second Sunday of every month at the Oratia Community Hall, 569 West Coast Road. Lots of arts, crafts and a café.

SPELLING READING WRITING AND STUDY TUITION

Does your child: Stumble and struggle with reading?

Read very slowly and with difficulty?

Have great ideas for writing but struggle to write it down?

Have messy illegible handwriting?

Perform below their expected age level in any of these areas?

Not know what their learning style is and how to use it when studying and learning?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions then give **Sarah** at Enrich Tutoring a call:

Ph 827 8086 or e mail at sderaat@safetynet.co.nz

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