

Newsletter No 07
Tuesday, 25th May 2010
Tena Koutou Katoa



Dear Parents,

Parent - teacher interviews are an opportunity to meet formally and discuss the learning that has occurred in the classroom since the start of the year. It is pleasing to see the high number of parents who have booked an interview slot. A couple of years ago there was a study that found that the children who achieved well at school all had parents who took an active part in their children's learning. The parent – teacher interviews are one opportunity that allows a closer link to exist between the home and school.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the following elected parent representatives for our Board of Trustees:

Calli Kennedy; Nicola Black; Robb Petre; Tony Williams & Ana Waqairawaqa.

An extra special thanks to Robb who has accepted the position of Chairperson and to Tony Williams as Treasurer. We wish our new board all the very best for a successful term of office.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- 26th May – Wednesday **Parent / Teacher Interviews**
- 9th June – **Marae School visit** to Ohinemutu
- 17th June – **School Mass** – School Hall
- 19th June – **Confirmation Mass Saturday 6pm at St Michael's Church**

Parent Teacher Interviews

Your interview times were sent home on Friday with your child and if for some reason you did not receive a time please phone the office.

- **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.50PM THIS COMING WEDNESDAY**
- Buses will be running at the usual time



Sports



- **Interschool Sports dates are as follows:**
Wk 7 Thursday 3rd June – Glenholme School (home game)
Wk 9 Thursday 17th June – Westbrook School (home game)
Home games - Early lunch 12.00pm, powhiri in the school hall at 1.00pm and games start at 1.15pm.
Away games – Early lunch 12.00pm, leave school 12.40pm, arrive at hosting school/powhiri at 1.00pm and games start at 1.15pm.
- Lynmore school sports exchange has been cancelled so there is NO SPORTS EXCHANGE this Thursday! Bus money paid for this trip will be used for winter field day trip next term.
- The seniors played their first sports exchange against Selwyn last Thursday. Awesome effort from all six teams!
- Well done to the two netball teams who represented our school in the Ronald McDonald netball tournament on Sunday. **A big thank you to Amanda Vercoe and Theresa Mutlow.**

Missing School Property

A few weeks ago a newly purchased $\frac{3}{4}$ size Aria Guitar went missing from the school staffroom. This guitar has been clearly named. The return of this valuable piece of equipment would be most appreciated.

Second hand uniforms

- **Girls Winter Tunic** for sale. 82cm. Year 5-6. Good condition \$30 ono. Girls First Reconciliation Dress – Not fancy or any frills. Embroidered throughout the material. Pretty style. \$40 ono and a Girls creamy veil for first reconciliation. \$10 ono Ph Karen next week as she is in the middle of shifting house. 347 3136.
- Size 10 Fleece top, PE shirt & shorts, Sweatshirts / pants all size 8 @ \$8 each, Summer girls tunic Size 72cm \$12 and size 7 polar fleece - \$15.00 phone Miriam at home 3322220 or work 3487444

John Paul College – 2011 enrolments

If you, or someone you know, are interested in enrolling their child at John Paul College, they are holding their open night on Tuesday 29th June at 5.30pm. This will be an opportunity to tour the school, meet teachers, hear from the Principal and Board Chairperson and ask any questions you may have about JPC. The college is subject to an enrolment scheme but they welcome all applications.



JPC interviews

On July 28th John Paul College interviews will be held at St Michael's school for our Y6 students. Enrolment packs were sent home earlier this month with our Y6 students. All preference enrolments must have an updated preference card from our Parish Priest. Please phone the parish office as soon as possible to arrange an appointment – Ph 3491 404

Absentee reminder

Please remember, if your child will be late or absent from school, phone the school office on 3481362 or text our school cell phone on 0278183849 preferably before 9am. Many thanks.



Kapa Haka Tutor

We are still looking for a Kapa haka tutor for the school group. If you can help please contact Whaea Liz at school.

Small Blacks permission slips

A letter went home last week wanting permission for your children to be interviewed or maybe televised for the Small Blacks TV series. All slips must be returned before Friday 4th June to your child's class teacher.

Marae Visit

On Wednesday 9th June the whole school will be visiting the Tamatekapua Marae at Ohinemutu. All children will be attending. It is an honour and privilege to be invited by the tangata whenua of this marae. This trip has been subsidized from the curriculum fees you paid at the beginning of the year. A more detailed letter will be going home tomorrow asking for parent helpers and donations.



The Fruit of the Spirit – Love

JOY is love exulting, PEACE is love in repose. LONGSUFFERING is love on trial. GENTLENESS is love in society. GOODNESS is love in action. FAITH is love in endurance. MEEKNESS is love at school. TEMPERANCE is love in discipline

Mobile Ear Clinic

Free ear checks for children for: Glue ear assessment and management; grommet checks; treatment of discharging ears & wax and foreign body removal. The mobile clinic will be at the following venues between 9am – 2pm:

31st May Rotorua Primary School
2 June Western Heights Primary School
8 June Rotorua Primary School
9 June Glenholm Primary School



WATCH OUT HEADLICE ARE ABOUT

Head lice are still appearing in our school at the moment. Many families are finding that head lice are a problem. Working together helps us protect all our children.

Can you please help by?

Checking your child's head and those of all members of your family today and once a week after that. The best way to do this is by combing each person's wet hair with a fine toothed comb. The lice become trapped in the teeth of the comb. Pull comb through each section of the hair starting at the scalp. Ensure children do not share combs, brushes, hats and encourage daily hair brushing.

How do you check for head lice?

- Head lice are tiny whitish-brown insects, which live on the scalp, feeding on the blood. Each day they lay 7-10 eggs or nits, which are cemented to hair strands very close to the scalp. Nits are oval, sandy coloured specks - like dandruff but they cannot be brushed away.
- Head lice are spread by head to head contact. Because children play and learn close to each other it's easy to understand how it is passed on.
- Sharing combs, brushes and hats may also spread head lice.
- Choose a well-lit spot. Separate the hair so you can see the scalp. Do this in sections over the head paying particular attention to the areas behind the ears and the back of the neck. You are unlikely to see a head louse (they're quick to hide) but look for the eggs or nits.

If you notice any infestation its essential to treat it immediately for your own child's sake and to prevent the spread to others at home and at school.



How do you treat headlice?

Best option to treat headlice is to use special shampoo that you get from your pharmacy. Western Heights Pharmacy & Pak'n Save sell an affordable product called nitenz (Certified Organic Shampoo - easy on the scalp) plus a Repellent hair gel or hair spray - www.nit-enz.com

Useful Tips

Using Tea tree oil or olive oil, (Vigilant, regularly - over a period of 2 weeks) wet comb the hair with a fine tooth metal bug-buster comb. Vinegar makes it easier to remove dead eggs by loosening the glue. Tea-tree oil in your usual shampoo may prevent re-infestation once you've cleared it.

After treatment for head lice clean brushes, combs, towels and pillowcases with hot water and detergents. If possible dry pillowcases in a hot dryer.

How do you prevent head lice?

Brush hair every day. Check your children's hair weekly. Wash brushes weekly. Tie up long hair. Watch out for signs e.g. children scratching their head and tell your children to let you know if their head is itchy

DON'T

Share hats with friends

Share your combs with friends or other family members.

Remember anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with cleanliness or social standing.



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St Michael's School Staff