



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome back to the 2011 school year. We start the year with a roll of 300 already. As you may be aware the school now has an enrolment scheme in place and the Ministry of Education has approved the construction of two new classrooms. Both these initiatives are to help address the roll growth that we are experiencing. There are lots of exciting developments property wise at our school and the Board of Trustees is moving to begin the whole construction process. Of course this may mean some disruption to normal happenings at school but the addition of two more classrooms will be very advantageous to us in the long run.



I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those people who wished me well and supported me in my absence during the last two weeks of last term. I am now back to full health and looking forward to a productive and successful school year. Thank you for your support.

New Teachers

As we start the year we welcome three new teachers to the staff. Mrs Trish Blacktop in Room 14 and is the Kahikatea team leader, Ms Sarah Coleman is the class teacher in Room 9, and Mrs Jan Ashworth is at the Side School in Room 1.

The full teacher/classroom set up for 2011 is as follows:

Room 1	Mrs Jan Ashworth
Room 2	Mrs Robyn Grover
Room 3	Mrs Kathy Ferrier
Room 4	Mr Martin Venter
Room 5	Mr Nick Julian
Room 6	Mrs Eseta Fuli
Room 7	Mrs Debi Meadows
Room 8	Mrs Kim Meredith
Room 9	Ms Sarah Coleman

Room 10	Ms Jacqui Croft
Room 11	Mrs Lesley Mahoney
Room 12	Mrs Janice Williams
Room 13	Mr Logan Mead
Room 14	Mrs Trish Blacktop

All these teachers, with the exception of Sarah Coleman in Room 9, are permanent employees. An appointment process is being undertaken to secure a permanent teacher for this position and the outcome of this will be communicated to parents in due course.

New Students

We welcome the following new children to our school: Angitha Ramesh, Akhila Ramesh, Michael Brown, Raymond Wang, William Mitchell, Thomas O'Reilly, Daniel Ren and Hugo Nicholls.

Term dates

Included in this newsletter are the important dates for term 1. Please keep these in a safe place for future reference.

School Absences

As at day one this term, the school is operating a Ministry of Education approved electronic attendance register system (EARS). This does away with the old-fashioned paper version that the school had been using. It is a system that is audited by the Ministry on a reasonably frequent basis and we need to use their coding systems for absences. These include recording lateness and unjustified or unnotified absences. To minimise the number of times we need to use the lateness reason or the default version for an unjustified absence which is truant, it is very important that parents notify the office of any absences and the reason so that correct codes are used. A reminder that school starts at 9.00 am and that any student arriving after this time will be recorded as being late. This new system also allows us to develop a range of attendance reports and school wide patterns of non-attendance.

Uniform survey

The uniform survey has now closed and the Board of Trustees is presently collating the results of this survey and will publish these as soon as it can.

Road safety message

A reminder that at both school sites there are procedures in place to maximise the safety of your children as they enter and leave school. Most of these are in fact procedures for motorists to follow and I ask that you reacquaint your selves with these procedures, particularly for the Main School, by going to this Wadestown School PTA web site link:



<http://www.wadestownschoolpta.co.nz/#/main-school-road-safety/4539908251> . For new parents at the Side School please see your classroom teacher or Sally Barrett who will be able to give you some material on procedures there. As part of an education programme for students around road safety we have booked some visits from the Police Education Officer who will take a staff meeting for teachers and sessions in classrooms during term 1. These sessions are to reemphasise with children their responsibilities around road safety behaviours and practices.

Meet the Teacher Evening

A tentative date for a meet the teacher evening has been set down for Wednesday 16 February 6.00 – 7.00 pm. More information will follow shortly regarding this event.

Term Calendar Dates

15 Feb	Board of Trustees Meetings, 7pm staffroom
TBC	PTA Meetings, staffroom
16 Feb	Meet the Teacher Evening, 6 – 7pm
18 Feb	PTA School Picnic Evening, time TBC
2 Mar	School photos
7-11 Mar	Year 7&8 Camp
22 Mar	Western Zone Cricket Day, Karori Park
29 Mar	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm staffroom
5 April	Western Zone Football (Soccer) Day, Ian Galloway Park
15 April	End of Term 1
Tuesday 3 May	Start of term 2 (Monday 2 May is a Teacher Only Day)

Regards
Steve Allen
Principal

Community Notices

SKIDS

Welcome back to another great year of school in 2011. The team at sKids are back as well to look after your children when you can't. We are open from 7.30-8.30 in the morning before school and from 3.00-6.00 in the evening after school Monday to Friday. You may well be surprised at how affordable it is for you to have your children looked after by us. For as little as \$1 an hour we can take care of your child (conditions apply) and they can come and have fun in our structured, supervised programmes. So if you think you might need us please contact Neil on 972-2163 or at Newlands@skids.co.nz.

Northern United Junior Hockey Club

Registrations Sat 26 Feb and Sun 27 Feb, 3- 5pm both days, upstairs at McDonalds Johnsonville. Enrolments taken for both competitive (Sat morning) and Development Squads (Sunday Afternoon). Experienced or beginner players of all ages (4-13) are welcome. Coaching provided. Sticks and balls supplied. Any questions email Gavin at gn@paradise.net.nz.

Karori Junior Hockey Club

Registration Day Monday 21 February 2011 from 5-7pm St Ninian's Church, corner Newcombe Crescent and Karori Road, Karori. Great game for boys and girls, from Year 1 to 8. All queries to Leigh Perry 027 476 0040 or email perryclan@xtra.co.nz

Raroa Music Centre Enrolments for 2011

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Classes include choir, keyboard, recorder, drums, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, flute and trumpet. Enrolments close on 4th February.

CentrePort Wellington Open Day

CentrePort Wellington is holding an open day on Saturday 19 February. Tug boat rides and coach tours of the port will be offered on the day for a gold coin donation to Wellington Free Ambulance. The event is being held at the Interisland Wharf (opposite the Wellington Railway Station) from 10am-4pm.

Artsight Term 1 Art Programmes

Artsight offers inspiring After School Art classes in Painting, Sculpture and Film for ages 5-10 years and Teens. All classes are taught by registered Visual Arts teachers. Locations-Toi Poneke (Wellington Art Centre) and Chilton St James School (Lower Hutt). Classes begin week of 14th February, bookings essential. For more information and to book check out our website: www.artsight.co.nz or contact Fiona Sullivan 021786629, email fiona@artsight.co.nz