

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone, especially those new to Papamoa. We have planned a very busy Term. Please keep the "pink" calendar included with this Newsletter so you can check on upcoming events. Newsletters are sent home fortnightly on Wednesdays, you are also able to view them on our school website [www.papamoa.school.nz](http://www.papamoa.school.nz)

I would like to welcome the following staff to the school this year **Jenn Whitehead** [Deputy Principal] **Katie Crabb** Rm 3, **Sam Mano** Rm 12, **Natalie Burt** Rm 17 and **Tara Jamieson** Rm 22. I would also like to welcome back **Melanie Lowe** Rm 24. We look forward to the new ideas they will bring.

The **PTA and Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust** [the Trust donated \$6937] provided funds for the upgrade of the servers and the purchase of computers for our school network. The network upgrade was carried out over the last few weeks of the holiday break. I am sure that both teachers and students will enjoy the improved access and speed of the system. My thanks go to the PTA and TECT for their generosity.

The **PTA will be holding their AGM in the School Staffroom, 7.30pm next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. Please come along and support this wonderfully active and social group. All new parents are welcome.

The two new classrooms under construction from October last year were completed prior to Christmas and a further two rooms in the Tuhua Block renovated during the break. Further renovations will continue over the next four weeks to complete the project and make a further two rooms available. While this may cause some minor disruptions, there is no other alternative. I apologise for any inconvenience that may eventuate.

The School Uniform is compulsory. All clothing must be named appropriately. We gather an embarrassingly large pile of unclaimed uniform items

during the year, so naming is essential. Please also ensure your child has, and wears the uniform sun hat as the school enforces a 'no hat no play' policy during Term 1 and Term 4 of each year.

We will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons at **3.00pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February for Motiti**, on **3.00pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February for Tuhua** and **3.00pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February for Karewa** parents and students. Please keep the relevant afternoon free so that you can attend and meet those staff who will be teaching your child/ren this year. It would be ideal if you are able to attend, but if this is not possible, the information presented during the afternoon will be sent home.

Our school operates an open door policy and encourages you to come in and talk to me or to staff about your child/ren. In so saying, we ask you to do this outside of class teaching time. If you need to address a more formal matter, please follow the protocol below:

*Should you have a query or complaint*, please approach the appropriate staff member in the first instance.

*If there is no resolution*; contact the Syndicate Leader:-  
Karewa - Liz Southey

Tuhua - Maya Wigelsworth  
Motiti - Carolyn McCracken.

*If the matter is still unresolved*; contact the Syndicate Manager:-

Karewa – Jenn Whitehead  
Tuhua - Grant Edgar  
Motiti - Wayne Whittaker.

**If after this there is continued concern**, please contact me directly. Any matter that cannot be resolved can, as a final step, be directed [in writing] to the Board Chairperson - Mrs Delwynne Hahunga.

The staff are looking forward to the wonderful opportunities this term brings. We hope you will be able to share in some of them with us.

Regards  
**Phil Friar (Principal)**

## Stationery/Fees:

We hope all children will have their stationery requirements by this Friday. If you have not already done so, please return your fees/ stationery sheet to your class teacher, or to the library (if you need to pay by eftpos). This year we are only able to sell complete stationery packs. The school performance fee of \$11 covers the 4 shows planned for the year, and it would be appreciated if this could be paid at the beginning of the year, before our first scheduled show on 14 March. Thank You



**Flippaball Term 1 2010:** Flippaball (Junior Waterpolo) starts back up in Term 1. This Sunday afternoon league will once again be held at Papamoa Pool on Parton Rd.

The league will run from **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February through until Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>**. It operates two separate divisions, year 2-4 and year 5/6. The only pre-requisite for safety reasons is that all players have a high level of water confidence and can comfortably swim 2 lengths of the pool (50m) unassisted. Team trainings will be held in the pool on Tuesday evenings. Player subs will be \$35 for the full season, see Mr Avery in Room 23 for further information.

**Credit Union Banking:** Banking will commence again next Wednesday. All regular school bankers go into a monthly draw to win a \$5 credit and the yearly draw of a bike. If you wish to open an account, please see the Credit Union (Papamoa Plaza). You will need a copy of your child's birth certificate and address. **If you would like to help with our banking roster and are available on a Wednesday morning from 9-10am twice a term, please leave your name with Jane in the office.**

**School Lunches:** Please note that there is a small price increase in the school lunches for this year. New lunch menus will be given out next week, and a copy will be displayed in each class. Thank You.

**Scholastic Book Order** forms are available from the office, with some great specials. Orders will need to be back by next **Tuesday 9 February**. Thank you.

**Golden Sands Primary School** - Community Information Meeting: Papapamoa Sports and Recreation Centre, Gordon Spratt Reserve; Thursday 18 Feb at 7.30pm. Items on agenda, include:- Principal's appointment, New School Logo, Discussion on the Golden Sands "Learner Profile".

## Community Notices

- **Art Classes** for children—a few places left for this term. Classes are held every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3.30-5.00pm. Cost \$20 per lesson including all materials. Ph Sue Douglas - 542-2680.
- **Creative Fun Art classes.** Sally has spaces in her Thursday class 3-4.15pm (ages 4-7yrs) at the Kindy. Ph Sally on 542-4065.
- **Piano/Keyboard Lessons** \$12 per lesson. Phone Catherine on 574-3011 for details.
- **Guitar Lessons** 1/2 hr lessons after school starting next week. Phone Rahim now to book your place on 574-0995 or 0274-751023.
- **ICONZ** for boys aged 7-12 yrs. Fun and adventure - held in our school hall every Friday from 5.30-7.20pm. \$3 per night (payable at door) Starting next Friday 12 February
- **Papamoa Swimming Club** Registrations open for Learn to Swim (\$65). **Wed 3rd Feb & Thurs 4th Feb** 4.30-6 pm (EFTPOS avail). Papamoa School Pool on Parton Road. Any queries phone Mike 0276069837.
- **Piano Lessons:** Mr Lee Cameron, Pianist, has a few vacancies for the old and not so old. Phone 572-1664 (Papamoa).
- Private tuition for **singing, keyboard, piano** and theory. Ph Rose Whiting on 577-9121.
- **Tauranga RDA** (riding for the disabled); riding course for abilities with Pete Townsend on **Sat 27 Feb** 1.30-4pm; bring your own horse or one can be provided. For all inquiries ph 544-1899.
- **Love your Wetland - Sun 14 Feb** from 10.30am - 2.00pm at Kaituna Wetland, Pah Rd, off SH2, east of Te Puke. Indulge in a new kayak trail - 11.30am guided nature walk, 12.30pm sausage sizzle
- **Afterschool Care** by experienced mum with children at Papamoa School, on Dickson Rd. Ph Leanne on 542-4442.
- **Papamoa Junior Rugby** registration and weigh in at Gordon Spratt Reserve. **Sat 13 Feb** 11am-2pm. 6-10 yrs \$35; 11-13 yr \$40. BBQ lunch provided.
- **Dance Classes:** Modern/hip hop starting Monday 15 Feb 3.30-4.10 in our hall. A few places are left so phone Patrizia to register your interest on 544-6452. Cost \$65 for 7 weeks.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>Mon 8 Feb</b>    | Motiti Meet the Teachers - 3pm |
| <b>Tues 9 Feb</b>   | Tuhua Meet the Teachers - 3pm  |
| <b>Wed 10 Feb</b>   | PTA AGM (staffroom) - 7.30pm   |
| <b>Tues 16 Feb</b>  | Karewa Meet the Teachers - 3pm |
| <b>Wed 17 Feb</b>   | Next newsletter sent home      |
| <b>Thurs 18 Feb</b> | Year 3-6 Triathlon             |
| <b>Sat 20 Mar</b>   | School Annual Gala             |

