

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have had a fantastic start to a very busy term. My thanks go to the many parents who have ensured that their children are ready for the new year and who have offered to help us when and where they can.

**Please take careful note.....**

**Paid Teacher Union Meeting—School Closes**

**Tuesday 16 March** - 12.10pm: Staff will be attending a paid Union Meeting and will not be on site from 12.30pm.

We will be sending students home at lunchtime and ask that you make appropriate supervision arrangements. Buses will run as outlined below.

The bell will ring at 12.00pm for students who catch the first bus and 12.10pm for all other students. I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause, however we are legally obliged to ensure our staff can attend this meeting.

**Meet the Teacher Afternoons:** We hope you were able to come along to the recent meet the teacher afternoons. If you were unable to make it on the day, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make a time to either discuss class expectations and how they are settling in or arrange a time that is mutually suitable to meet.

Those that attended the recent **PTA AGM** will know the wonderful support the group has provided the school. \$24,180 was donated toward a variety of projects throughout 2009. I would like to thank the group sincerely. I would especially like to thank **Sharon Coughy**, the Chairperson, who stepped down from this position at the meeting. The new Chairperson will be **Cathy Booth**. Sharon will continue as Vice Chair.

The team has spent much time on preparations for our **Gala on 20th March** and are really looking forward to your support for this event. **The school office will happily pass on any offers of help to the PTA, so don't hesitate to let us know what you can do.**

Our **Papamoa School Year 3 - 6 Triathlon** will be held **TOMORROW Thursday 18 February**. Please come along to support your child. More information is included with this newsletter.

As part of our reporting partnership, your child's **Spelling and Handwriting books will be sent home** for you to look through next Wednesday. A cover letter will accompany the books. Please take time to read the cover letter and look through the books with your child / children. Feel free to make positive, constructive comments in the book and sign appropriately. We appreciate all books being returned on Thursday morning.

**PTP Goal Setting Conference Booking Forms** have gone home today with the eldest child in each family. It would be ideal if you could return them by Wednesday 24 February, if at all possible. Please call into the Office if you did not receive a form so that we can arrange for another to be provided.

**PTP Goal Setting Conferences will be held on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 12th March** and as in the past **school will close at 2.00pm on these days.**

Buses will run from 2.00pm on both the Wednesday and Thursday.

It is very important that you make a time to talk to the teacher to support the goal setting process. Goals established at this time of the year are reported on at our Conferences next term and provide opportunities to reflect on your child's educational growth and development.

Regards - **Phil Friar (Principal)**

## PTP Conferences

**Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 March**

A yellow booking form will be sent home with this newsletter **today**. Please, take the time to complete and return to school as soon as possible (one per family). We will endeavour to organise these interviews at your preferred time, but preference will be given to those who return their forms first. Please note that once appointments have been confirmed, it is very difficult to make any changes.

### Motiti - Te Maunga Trip - Friday 19 February

Please, if you have not already done so, return the blue permission form and payment of **\$2.50** (in named envelope) to your child's teacher by Thursday. Thank You.

## Papamoa School Triathlon 2010

Tomorrow, **Thursday 18 February** (postponement date is **Thursday 25 February**) is the 5th annual Papamoa School Triathlon, involving students from year 3-6. Please ensure your child has everything organised ready for the big day including: - bike and helmet, togs, covered in shoes, and water bottle.

Bikes and Helmets: Simpson Reserve Transition

Shoes and clothes: School Tennis Courts

**The event is run on both Simpson Reserve and pavements so shoes are essential to protect your child's feet.**

The triathlon will start shortly after 9:20am, with a prizegiving at roughly 10:30am

Mr Avery would really appreciate any parents or whanau willing to help either during the event as marshalls or early on Thursday morning to set up the course. Please contact him in Room 23 or simply meet him on the field at 7.00am Thursday morning.

*A special note of thanks to Kevs Place and Paper Plus (Papamoa Plaza) for donating our great spot prizes!*



## School Gala



**Saturday 20 March**

Only 4 1/2 weeks to go, so keep an eye out for the regular "green" newsletter. We are collecting pre-loved books, toys and also produce in the office. So please if you have any of these bring them to the office. Thank You.

**Stationery/Fees:** Thank you to all families who have promptly paid for their child's stationery, performance fees and fee donations. If you have not already done so, could you please attend to this as soon as possible. Please note that the performance fee (\$11) needs to be paid prior to our first show in March.



**Road Patrollers:** Mr Whitaker is looking for parents to assist with supervising the Road Patrol in the morning (Monday to Thursday from 8.10-8.35am) A roster will be set up, so the more parents available the better. Please, if you can help, get in touch with Mr Whitaker, or leave your name at the office. Thank You!



**Flippa Ball:** The season has started!

All players should receive the draws for this term today. Draws are also placed on school noticeboard.



**Volley Ball:** Games have now started and all draws are displayed on Room 21's window.

(Note: there is no game next Friday 26 February).

**Lost Property:** There are a number of polar fleeces left over from last year. All uniform items will be on display this Friday, please get your child to check for their missing items.

### Golden Sands School and Papamoa College

Enrolment Zone Consultation Meeting will be held at the Surfbreaker Room, Papamoa Sports Centre, Gordon Spratt Reserve on **Wednesday 24 February**  
**6.00-6.45pm - Golden Sands School**  
**7.15-8.00pm - Papamoa College**

*(Please see School Notice Board (by library) for recent emails / information regarding Golden Sands School)*

**Kev's Lunches:** A new menu has been sent home last week, with the new price changes. Don't forget that if you order your lunch on Monday, to decorate your envelope and be in to win a lunch to the value of \$5.

## Community Notices

- **Art Classes** - for children - there are still a few places left in Term 1 for children aged 6-14 years. Phone Sue Douglas on 542-2680 for your place.
- **Beach Ball** (in aid of the Cancer Society) **Fri 5 Mar 7pm**, formal dress at Mt Maunganui Surf Club. Tickets \$60 (if purchased before 21 Feb) from Café Cabana, or Restrospects (flyer in office window).
- **Kids Karate** affordable fun for kids, Tues and Thurs 5-6pm. Ph Joseph or Tracey on 0800 780-618.
- **Creative Fun Art** classes. For this term Sally is taking classes at the Papamoa Coast kindy on Thurs 3-4.15pm up to 9 yrs. ph 5424065
- Helen O'Grady **Drama Lessons** classes at Papamoa for 5-16 yrs (see flyer attached to this newsletter) \*\*Gala Supporter\*\*
- **Gymnastics:** Te Puke 27 Station Rd, enrol now for Term 1 (boys and girls) on 573-5360.
- **Martial Arts** (Capoeira Brasil) starting in our school hall Fridays 4-5.30pm for details ph 576-2427 / 021-2565150
- **Numberworks:** Maths & English Tuition - Boost your child's confidence & education with NumberWorks'nWords specialist after school tuition. They provide individualised instruction in maths and English for students who are struggling to keep up, and those bursting to race ahead. Phone now for an assessment and introductory lesson on 578 5575 or visit [www.numberworks'nwords.com](http://www.numberworks'nwords.com)
- **Piano Lessons:** Mr Lee Cameron Pianist has a few vacancies for the old and not so old. Phone 572-1664.
- **Piano / Keyboard Music Lessons** - \$12 per lesson. Ph Catherine on 574-3011 for more details.
- **Tauranga Synchronised Swimming Club** are looking for new members. Girls aged between 10-16 who can already swim, but want to try something new. Normal club training days are on Saturday at Baywave. Come along & give it a go any Saturday in Feb / Mar at 9.30am (entry fee to pool applies.) Ph Sally 572-5140 (evenings)
- **Zumba:** Mum's ditch the workout, join the party! Zumba fitness, starting Wed 25 Feb 9-10am at Papamoa Sports Centre, Parton Rd. Contact Danny for more info at zumbawithdanny@hotmail.com.
- **FOUND:** Turtle wandering around the school on Saturday - ph 542-2642 for details (Papamoa Vets)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thurs 18 Feb** Triathlon (years 3-6)
- Fri 19 Feb** Motiti - Te Maunga Trip (\$2.50)
- Tues 23 Feb** BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- Wed 3 Mar** Next Newsletter
- Thurs 4 Mar** Karewa Swimming (Year 2's)
- Wed 10 Mar** PTP Conferences (2-8.30pm) *early finish*
- Thurs 11 Mar** PTP Conferences (2-6pm) *early finish*
- Tues 16 Mar** Teachers Union meeting (school closes at 12pm)
- Sat 20 Mar** GALA

