

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to all who took part in our Triathlon. The results have been printed in this Newsletter. Special thanks go to Mr Avery, staff, our parent helpers and **Paper Plus at Palm Beach Plaza, Kev's Place and Oregon ITM Papamoa** who sponsored the spot prizes.

The Gala is fast approaching [Saturday 20th March] and the PTA is desperate for support..... If you can help, please phone the School Office - 542 0865. We will also be holding a **Bring a Bottle Mufti Day this Friday 5th March**. All donations will be put towards the Gala Raffles and any specialty items will make this raffle sensational!

The PTA donation of \$2,500 to the school in December last year, is being put towards the purchase of Sports Uniforms, Mobilo, Literacy Activities, Sandpit Toys and a large painted map of New Zealand. This donation is very much appreciated by all. Thank you very much!

PTP Goal setting Conference times have been sent home today. If you did not receive yours, please contact the Office at your earliest possible convenience. It is important that you make the time to help set these goals with your child and the teacher. Please remember that the Goal Setting Conferences will be held next week on **Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th March. School will close at 2.00pm** and buses will run at the earlier time on both of these days.

In the last Newsletter, I informed you that the NZEI would be holding a Paid Teacher Union Meeting on the afternoon of 16th March. NZEI Te Riu Roa has now informed the school that it is postponing these meetings until Term 2.

This means that the 16th March will revert to being a normal school day.

NZEI has apologised to the school for any inconvenience caused and has advised that the round of meetings for teachers will now be held between 26 April and 13 May.

We will be notified of the actual date and time of the meeting in the near future. As soon as the school has details of when the actual meeting will occur, I will notify you about arrangements for the day.

Regards - **Phil Friar (Principal)**

Handy Hint for Improving Learning

Organising a Learning Space for Your Child

As your child grows and develops, there will need to be somewhere set up for them to study and do projects. Some kids just can't get themselves organised and may need a parent to take care of the practical aspects of setting up a home study area. The parent may also need to be responsible for keeping it neat. It's ok for parents to assist by thinking of ways to better organise notes as well. From "Help Your Child Succeed at School" by Andrew Fuller

Swimming Sports

Karewa (Rms 4-7) tomorrow **Thursday 4 March** at 1.20pm. Children to bring 2 named towels please. Please come along and cheer our year 2's!

Motiti Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 March are our swimming sports involving our year 5 and 6 students. All students will be participating both days and need to be prepared with togs, 2 towels, hat, drink and sunscreen. We will be starting at 8.50 both days. Monday will run until lunchtime, 12.10pm and Tuesday until morning tea, 10.20am. We would appreciate any parents or whanau willing to help with the running of the event and as many spectators as we can to cheer our students on. If you can help on the day please call in and see Mrs Lowe in Room 24 or send a note with your child to school. We look forward to seeing you at this fun filled event.

Tuhua Thursday 18 March from 8.50am - 12.00pm. Please send your child to school with 2 named towels and sunblock applied. Parents please come along and join in our fun - if you can help with time keeping please let your child's teacher know.



Performance Fee / Drum Dance and Music Show

Our first show for the year is on **Tuesday 23 March**.

It would be great if everyone could pay their performance fee before this show. Please, if you have not already done so, send your \$11 to the office as soon as possible. This will cover (at a discounted price) all 4 shows that come to the school this year. Children who have not paid it will be charged \$3 to attend this first show. Thank You.



Papamoa School Triathlon 2010

Congratulations to all participants who completed this event in 2010. Also thanks to **Paper Plus at Palm Beach Plaza, Kev's Place, and Oregon ITM Papamoa** for their generous donations of **Spot Prizes**. Mr Avery would also like to thank Peter Burt, Josh Hahunga, Mr Andreassen, Mr Mano, and Mrs McCracken for their help in setting up the course early on Thursday morning.

Results: Year 3 Girls Triathlon – Isabelle H, Year 3 Boys Triathlon – Stefan H, Year 4 Girls Triathlon – Tara H, Year 4 Boys Triathlon – Lee W, Year 5 Girls Triathlon – Kazaya V, Year 5 Boys Triathlon – Mathew O, Year 6 Girls Triathlon – Taylor O'C, Year 6 Boys Triathlon – Cole F, Tuhua Girls Aquathon – Zahra H, Tuhua Boys Aquathon – Liam F, Motiti Girls Aquathon – Tashy F, Motiti Boys Aquathon – Joseph R.

Thank You!

A big thank you from all the Karewa teachers to parents and caregivers who helped out with our recent **Karewa Book Working Bee**. Thank you also to the **Papamoa Lions Club**—whose generosity has helped a child at our school in our new Riding for the Disabled Programme.

School Gala

Saturday 20 March

MUFTI DAY—FRIDAY 5 MARCH. Please bring a bottle for our Gala (instead of gold coin). Books, toys and produce can be left at the office in the designated boxes. We still need more volunteers to help on the day with stalls. Please if you can help call Sharon on 542-2522 a/h.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Beach Ball THIS **Friday 5 Mar 7pm**, formal dress at Mt Maunganui Surf Club. Spit Roast Dinner, live band with 70's music (deviate) games, fire eaters - auction with fantastic prizes. Come along and have a ball!!!!PLEASE Its not too late to get your ticket. - only \$60 available from Café Cabana, or Restrospects AND SUPPORT THE CANCER SOCIETY. More details available at office or www.transfix.co.nz/ibeachball.

Kids Day this **Sunday 7 March** at the Historic Village, 17th Avenue. From 11.00am-2.00pm. Free entertainment, rides and games. All welcome.

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.
- **Girl Guide Biscuits:** On sale now. If you would like to place an order please ph Diane on 575-2150. Chocolate / Minis \$3.50 and plan \$3.00.
- **No Sweat Parenting:** "Building awesome families" join Pio for some laughs, fun and choice ideas for raising our kids. This Friday 5 March from 7-8.30pm at Mt Maunganui College - entry please bring a can for our local food bank.
- **Martial Arts** (Capoeira Brasil) starting in our school hall Fridays 4-5.30pm for details ph 576-2427 / 021-2565150.
- **Kip McGrath** - classes available now in Papamoa. Ph Saskia on 542-4441 to book your child's free assessment.
- **Numberworks:** Maths & English Tuition - Phone now for an assessment and introductory lesson on 578 5575 or visit www.numberworksnowords.com.
- **Night Skating** every Friday at Mt Action Centre. 6.30-8.30pm, \$5 per person. Skating games to music with Shem & Paora. Bring your own skates/blades or hire our rollerblades
- **Papamoa RUGBY** registrations and weigh in **Sun 21 Mar** 4.30-6.00pm at Gordon Spratt Reserve. (\$35) 5-11 yrs (\$40) 12yrs+. Ph Dave on 542-2154.
- **Tauranga Synchronised Swimming** for girls aged between 10-16 who can already swim, but want to try something new. Come along & give it a go any Saturday in Mar at 9.30am (Baywave entry fee to pool applies.) Ph Sally 572-5140 (evenings).
- All Star **Cheerleaders** is running Free American Style Cheerleading Classes in your area. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz.
- **Zumba** - every Tuesday from 6-7pm - join the party in our school hall. Classes only \$6. Ph Jane for details on 542-3980.
- **Zumba - daytime:** 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs 4 Mar Karewa Swimming (Year 2's) 1.20pm
Fri 5 Mar Mufti Day (bottle for our Gala please)
Mon 8-9 Mar Motiti Swimming Sports
Wed 10 Mar PTP Conferences (2-8.30pm) *school finishes at 2*
Thurs 11 Mar PTP Conferences (2-6pm) *school finishes at 2*
Sun 14 Mar Top School Comp Paengaroa
Tues 16 Mar CANCELLED Teachers Union meeting
Wed 17 Mar Mt Cluster Swimming Champs
Thu 18 Mar - Tuhua Swimming Sports (8.50am)
Sat 20 Mar GALA