

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you all for your fantastic support of our Parent, Teacher Pupil Goal Setting Conferences last week. We are thrilled to report that over 90% of parents took time to discuss student performance and set future goals.

My congratulations and thanks go to **Sara Phillips**, our KiwiCan Leaders - **Vaughan** and **Lisa** and the wonderful group of parents who supported the Kapa Haka Noho last Friday night. The event culminated in a wonderful performance to parents and caregivers on Saturday.

Congratulations and thanks go to **Hamish Avery**, our Top Team coordinator and all students taking part on Sunday at Paengaroa School. It was impressive to watch the team work of students at each of the events. Our team was placed a creditable 4th on the day.

This is an extremely busy time of year, with a huge range of opportunities for students. Our top Year 5/6 swimmers have competed against other cluster school students today. The WBoP Swimming Championships will be held next **Friday 26 March**.

We have been very fortunate to have Sport Bay of Plenty select 46 of our students to participate in the Mount / Te Puke and West Cluster Future Champions programme this week. This is a wonderful opportunity which has been made available to our students through funding by the *Western Bay of Plenty Energy for Education Trust*.

Our first 'School Show' Drum, Dance, Music and Stories from Africa will be held next Tuesday. If you have not paid the \$11.00 performance/show levy for the year, please ensure that you pay this or the \$3.00 for the show if you wish your child to attend.

There is now only two days to go to our **School Gala this Saturday**. Our dedicated PTA Team and parent helpers have been very busy getting everything ready..... its not too late to offer some help if you have a little time available!

Have a great week - I will look forward to seeing you at the Gala on Saturday .

Regards - **Phil Friar (Principal)**



School Gala

THIS Saturday 20 March

See the green newsletter attached for lots more information, BUT please don't forget we need your baking returned to the school hall this Friday morning.



SCHOOL PHOTOS (Wednesday 31 March)

With this newsletter you will receive a "named" envelope for your child's class and portrait photo orders. Please complete with payment and return these to the office before **Monday 29 March**. Please note the office is unable to handle money or give change for this purpose.

ICAS Examinations

Entries for Maths, English, Writing, Computers and Science will close at the end of this term. Spare entry forms are available from Mr Whitaker or the office.

Scholastic Book Orders

Please return your orders to the office by Thursday (tomorrow) with your payment. Thank you.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

There have been a couple of incidents in Tauranga outside of school hours when children are walking to and from school. Because of this, we felt it would be important to put out a few reminders on 'Keeping Ourselves Safe.' Please discuss these with your children.

- Never get into a vehicle with a person you do not know
- Go to a safe place (home or school) if approached by an unidentified person and told to get into a vehicle
- Tell someone you trust immediately after the incident
- If walking or biking to school, it's best to do so with another person or in a group

Helpers Needed—Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP)

Our very successful PMP programme will be operating again in Term 2 and 3 this year. This physical activity programme develops your child's fundamental movement skills, memory and language. This enhances their learning in all areas of the school curriculum. Our 5 and 6 year old children are currently participating in PMP sessions. PMP is well organised and lots of fun. The children love it! To make this programme work we need helpers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:10-2:40 pm.

Volunteers would be working with a small group of children and the activities they would be helping with are not physically demanding. This valuable programme cannot operate without our wonderful parent helpers. If there are any parents, grandparents/retirees/neighbours you know who can help us on one or more afternoons a week, we would really appreciate it.

If you or someone you know would like to be a PMP helper, please give your name and phone number to the school office or pop in and see Jo Leach in Room 1. -Thank you
Jo Leach (Teacher, Room 1)

SPORTS NEWS

Top Schools 2010: Congratulations to our team for a gutsy performance at this year's event, finishing 4th in the Year 5/6 Division. **Dylan H, Dylan W, Arnet T, Taylor O'C, Renae M, Claudia McK, Tomas W, Shannon G, Cole F, and Quinn C.** Thanks also to **Jarrold McKeown** for his work in preparing our team.

Future Champions 2010: This year 46 of our Year 5/6 students were successful in their applications to attend this opportunity. This year's guest speaker will be New Zealand Olympic Triathlete e Samantha Warriner. Our students will be representing their school in several sporting codes over 3 days this week.

Water Polo: Congratulations on a very successful season for our students playing in the Intermediate Water Polo competition on Friday Evenings. Both teams have been extremely competitive and posted good wins over schools such as Aquinas College, Tauranga Intermediate, Te Puke Intermediate, and Mount Intermediate. There are two more rounds to go.

Netball : If your child is interested in playing in a school team please contact Mrs McKay Room 14 asap
Hockey: Notices have been set home to those interested in Hockey for 2010. We have Minkey, Y0 - Y2, Mini Y3/4 and Maxi Y4 -6 teams in this year's competition. There will be a skills session for the Y3 - 6 players at 3.00pm Monday 29 March on the tennis courts to sort out teams. Sneakers, mouth guard and shin pads will be needed.

As Hockey is a parent managed sport it is essential that we have parental support. We are still looking for coaches and team managers. Any enquiries see Mrs Knudsen R26.

Community Notices

- **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.
- **Kip McGrath** - classes available now in Papamoa. Ph Saskia on 542-4441 to book your child's free assessment.
- **Martial Arts** (Capoeira Brasil) starting in our school hall Fridays 4-5.30pm for details ph 576-2427 / 021-2565150.
- **Numberworks:** Maths & English Tuition - Phone now for an assessment and introductory lesson on 578 5575 or visit www.numberworksnwords.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.
- **Papamoa Bulldogs** Muster day 21 Mar from 11am-1.pm at Gordan Spratt Reserve. Contact Darren Borrell 542-3325.
- All Star **Cheerleaders** is running Free American Style Cheerleading Classes in your area. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz.
- **Mt Plunket** home based care in Papamoa for children 0-5. Inquiries to 575-5471 or email preschool@xtra.co.nz.
- **Children's Dance** Class commencing Term Two for ages 8 to 12 years. Latin American, Rock & Roll, Ballroom. Enquire: Sonia Hodson, Supreme Dance Centre 574 6568 or 027 322 1786.
- **Zumba** - every Tuesday from 6-7pm - join the party in our school hall. Classes only \$6. Ph Jane on 542-3980.
- **Zumba - daytime:** Mums 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.
- **Piano/Keyboard music lessons.** \$12 per lesson. Ring me (Cathrine) Ph 574 3011.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu 18 Mar** - Tuhua Swimming Sports (8.50am-12.00pm)
- Thur 18 Mar** Future champion Day
- Sat 20 Mar** **School GALA**
- Wed 24 Mar** Draft books home
- Frid 26 Mar** WBoP Swimming Champs
- Mon 29 Mar** WBoP Ambrose Golf Tournament
- Tues 30 Mar** BOT meeting 6.30pm
- Wed 31 Mar** Class and portrait photographs