

4th March 2010

From the Principal's Desk

Tena Koutou Parents/Caregivers

It was great seeing so many parents and families at our Junior Swimming Sports yesterday. The kids did very well and had a great time. We are looking forward to the Senior Swimming Sports at the Freyberg Pool on Friday (please take note that it is at a new venue this year)

During this week our senior students did our annual standardised testing (e.g PAT's). We will provide you with feedback on the results during the parent-teacher interviews in week 8 (starting on Monday 22 March). Please watch the newsletter for information regarding this.

The PTA is also hard at work to get the bi-annual GALA organised. Please support this dedicated team in their efforts.

Best wishes

Jaco Broodryk
(Principal)

IMPORTANT DATES

Thu 4 Mar	PTA
Fri 5 Mar	RE Starts
Fri 5 Mar	Swimming Sports Yr 5-8 Freyberg Pool 12:30
Wed 17 Mar	Northern Cluster Swimming
Mon 22 Mar	Parent/Teacher Interviews start
Sun 28 Mar	GALA
Wed 31 Mar	School Athletics
Wed 31 Mar	BOT
Thu 1 Apr	Last day of Term 1
Fri 2 Apr	Easter
Mon 19 Apr	Term 2 Starts
Tue 27 April	Parent Curriculum Info Meet

RE Programme

We will start our Religious Education programme this Friday (9:00-9:30). Parents who choose for their children not to participate must please send a note to the office. On Fridays, school will start at 9:30 for those students.

Value of the Week RESPONSIBILITY

Room 1: Indiana Brown
Room 2: Nikita Currie
Room 4: Jetta Burton - Brown
Room 5: Jordyn Human
Room 6: Caitlin Day / Gemma Savill
Room 7: Sophie Fifield
Room 8: Liana Stevens
Room 9: Julia Hopkins
Room 12: Emmeline Cooke
Room 13: Ethan Riley
Room 14: Jessica Davey
Room 15: Kayla Te Are
Room 16: Nicole Fraser
Room 17: Reuben Osborne

Congratulations



Elections during April / May this year!

Are you considering standing?

Talk to a current BOT member or the principal if you want to know more

Whakarongo School Gala 2010 Poster Competition Results

Junior – Colouring Competition

1 – Abby Flint
2 – Joshua Rook
3 – Matthew Burton
Highly Commended – Ella Mayston

Middle – Poster Competition

1 – Callum Mayston
2 – Elise Ropiha
3 – Sharayah Lacey
Highly Commended – Ryley Speers

Senior – Poster Competition

1 – Jake Mayston
2 – Emma James
3 – Grace Fifield
Highly Commended – Kadie Wilson

Big Win for Whakarongo

Whakarongo has won a \$5000 library package in a competition run by the Warehouse over the holidays. Thanks you to those families that nominated us.

We hope to receive the prize in the near future.

CLASS WIKIS AND ULTRANET

Each class now has its own wiki or ultranet page. The wikis can be visited, simply by visiting the links below. To view your child's ultranet page, you will need to log-in using their individual usernames and passwords. Below are the addresses for each classroom. We encourage you to visit these often and see the wonderful learning experiences your child is involved in. You can also see these links on the Whakarongo School Website www.whakarongo.school.nz under the "Our Kids" link

Room 1 – www.wsroom012010.wikispaces.com

Room 2 – www.wsroom022010.wikispaces.com

Room 4 – www.wsroom042010.wikispaces.com

Room 5 – www.wsroom052010.wikispaces.com

Room 6 – <http://whakarongo.ultranet.school.nz>

Room 7 – <http://whakarongo.ultranet.school.nz>

Room 8 – www.wsroom082010.wikispaces.com

Room 9 – www.wsroom092010.wikispaces.com

Room 12 – www.wsroom122010.wikispaces.com

Room 13 – www.wsroom132010.wikispaces.com

Room 14 – <http://whakarongo.ultranet.school.nz>

Room 15 – www.wsroomxv2010.wikispaces.com

Room 16 – www.wsroom162010.wikispaces.com

Room 17 – www.wsroom172010.wikispaces.com

<http://whakarongo.ultranet.school.nz>

SPORT

CRICKET – Saturday 6th March

Whakarongo Wizards V's BYE

Whakarongo Aces V's Te Kawau JCC at 8.45am on Manawaroa Park J3

Whakarongo Knights V's Feilding JCC at 8.45am on Papaioea Park J4

TOUCH RUGBY

The 2009/2010 Touch Rugby season has now finished. Well done to all players for representing our school with pride. And a huge thank you to all the coaches and managers who made this season a success. Could coaches please return all gear to Mr Radford in Room 9 as soon as possible.

SUMMER HOCKEY – Wednesday 10th March

Whakarongo White v's Glen Oroua at 4.30pm on 1B

SUMMER HOCKEY – Thursday 11th March

Whakarongo Blue v's Linton Country at 5.00 on 2C

Whakarongo Red V's AOK Greensticks at 4.30 on 2A

WEETBIX TRYATHLON WED 24TH MARCH

Thanks very much to those of you who have already advised us of your registration. We have a number of children who would like to participate in team events but we need team members to complete the teams. Please email Lindy Purdy at lindy@purdyandco.com or Karl Radford at kradford@whakarongo.school.nz if you are interested in participating. Please note registration and supervision of children on the day is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver.

FROM YOUR PTA...

Gala: Remember to keep aside **Sunday the 28th of March for our gala**. We would love to see you all there.

- We still need loads of **sugar** for the candy floss and bottles of fizzy drink.
- We need **good pots** to put plants in for the gardening stall.
- We have a shipping container arriving at school for gala storage. So if you have anything jumble or clothing stalls (Books, toys, clothes, dress up, anything). They can be dropped of into the container which is located in the teachers old car park..
- **RAFFLE BOOKS** will be arriving home on **Monday 8th March** and we only have 2 weeks to sell them. Please put sold ticket stubs in the box in the office, along with the money by the **18th March**. Also any unsold tickets to be returned asap so they can be sold before the Gala on the 28th. Prizes include signed Silver ferns netball, grocery hamper and signed Richie McCaw shirt. The winning tickets will be drawn under police supervision at the Gala, at 1.30.

- **MUFTI DAY** on Friday the 19th March. Bring a donation of a gourmet grocery item per child to come in mufti. This will go towards the grocery raffle and quick fire raffles.
- We need helpers for the day, remember that if its only an hour that you can help for then that would be much appreciated. call Jane Mayston on 353 5227.
- **CAKES AND SWEETS STALL** – Cakes, biscuits, slices, sweets, we need lots of home baking for our very popular stall. On the **19th March** each school family will be given a box lid to fill with baking and instructions of where and when to return it. Please start preparing now as the more baking we get the more money the school raises.

Disco: We have our Junior disco on the 30th of April so keep an eye out for that.

2nd Hand Shop: Now that our School uniform is compulsory there will be children growing out of their school clothing. We are running a small 2nd hand shop but at this stage we have very few items. Remember that if your kids grow out of their cloths or if you are leaving for another school, we would be very appreciative if you could leave them at the office for us.

Requests & queries to Sue Warner 353 2020

Next Meeting – 4th March at 7pm in the staffroom

Nigel Rook
Chairperson , Whakarongo PTA

ABSENCES

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be away from school no matter what the reason – the school needs to be informed asap. By law you also need to provide us with a **reason** for their absence. Your help in this regard will be appreciated.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 brochures have now been sent to all classes. Orders for issue 2 will close of the 19th March. Order sent to the office need to be named and in an envelope. Cheques to be made out to Scholastic.

FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week 5 – 5th March – Hotdogs

Week 6 - 11th March – Subway

Subway orders to be placed in the box in the office by **9am each Thursday**. 1 slip to be filled in for each child. The slips and money are to be in an envelope. Delivery of Subway is Friday lunchtime.

Hotdogs to be ordered on Friday morning before school. .80c for half hotdog or \$1.50 for a whole hotdog.

OTHER NOTICES

Rugby and Soccer Registrations – See the atrium window for details.

Federated Farmers Farm Day - Free family fun - Opportunity for children to see the animals and try some farm work .

Lido Holiday Programme 6 – 16th April – See atrium window for contacts, activities and registration details.

Kung Fu School - Open day and Tribute day at the Kung Fu School Saturday 6th March, 10 am – 2pm. Fun day with demonstrations, have a go ,lion dance performances, bouncy castles and competitions.

Pippins – For girls 5 & 6 years old. Do you like making friends, crafts and having fun, well Pippins could be for you. Pippins meet Mondays at St Mays School Hall at 3.30 – 5pm. See notice in window for contact details.

Ashhurst Scottish Country Country Dance Club - Meets Wednesday 7.30 – 10.00pm in the Whakarongo Hall. For further details contact Anne 3571832 or gae 3576564 or see poster in the atrium window.

Junior Badminton Clubs - Clubs and nights displayed in atrium.

Joseph – PNBHS present Joseph, 18 – 27 March. Bookings and details in atrium window

See the atrium window for further community notices and information.

ATTACHMENTS

- Gala advertising flyer for cars, windows, etc