

25th February 2010

From the Principal's Desk

Tena Koutou Parents/Caregivers

Last week we published some statistics about the achievements of NZ students compared to those of students in other countries. Achieving well is normally the result of a team effort.

Although schools and teachers play a very big role in student learning, please do not underestimate the role you can play. Here are a few very important things you can do:

- 1) Have high (but realistic) expectations of your child
- 2) Show that you value education and are interested in their learning (turning up when they perform is an easy way)
- 3) Make sure your children come to school fed and well rested
- 4) Discuss concerns with the teacher – don't bag the school and the teacher in front of your child.
- 5) Keep your child responsible for their actions. Expect them to make the right choices despite what others are doing.

Best wishes

Jaco Broodryk
(Principal)

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 1 Mar	Testing Week starts
Wed 3 Mar	Swimming Sports Yr 1-4 Makino Pool 12 – 2 PM
Thu 4 Mar	PTA
Fri 5 Mar	Swimming Sports Yr 5-8 Freyberg Pool 12:30
Wed 17 Mar	Northern Cluster Swimming
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

Value of the Week RESPONSIBILITY

Room 1: Indiana Brown
Room 2: Connor Rice - Dixon
Room 4: Alyssa Brazendale
Room 5: Harriet Cobham
Room 6:
Room 7: Sharayah Lacey
Room 8: Ella Mayston
Room 9: Daniel O'Connell
Room 12: Jessie McGill
Room 13 Casey Human
Room 14: Samantha Bolton
Room 15 Dylan Boerboom
Room 16 Eden Campbell
Room 17 Jake Mayston

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

WELCOME...

The following students have joined the Whakarongo school family this week: -

Room 13 – Ethan Harbord

MODULES 2010

This year the modules will be available to our year 7 and 8 students. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience new learning and discover new talents.

Year 7 Art Mr Jones
Year 7 Music Mr Parrott
Year 8 Japanese Mrs Nochete
Year 8 French Mrs Pearce

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.

SPORT

CRICKET – Saturday 27th February

Whakarongo Wizards V's St James B at 8.45am on Ongley Park J11
Whakarongo Aces V's West End Green at 8.45am on Manawaroa Park J10
Whakarongo Knights V's Te Kawau JCC at 8.45am on Papaioea Park J4

TOUCH RUGBY – Friday 26th February

Whakarongo Storm V's Riverdale Rockers at 4.30 on Kia Toa (B)
Whakarongo Storm V's Te Whanau Pa Green at 5.00 on Te Kupenga Hao I te Reo (A)
Whakarongo Lightening V's Central Knights at 4.30 on Hirequip (A)
Whakarongo Lightening V's Cloverlea Cheetahs at 5.00 on Hirequip (B)
Whakarongo Thunder V's Cornerstone Speed at 4.30 on Monrad Intermediate (A)
Whakarongo Thunder V's Linton at 5.00 on Cable Price (A)
Whakarongo Avalanche V's TKKMOM1 at 4.30 on Sport Manawatu (B)
Whakarongo Avalanche V's St James at 5.00 on Sport Manawatu (B)

SUMMER HOCKEY – Wednesday 3rd March

Whakarongo White v's PNINS No Names at 4.30pm on 1C

SUMMER HOCKEY – Thursday 4th March

Whakarongo Blue v's Westend Warriors at 5.00 on 2C
Whakarongo Red V's Parkland B at 4.30 on 2B

Any information regarding sports can be found on the atrium window by the school office. This window has information regarding each sporting code, including team lists, weekly draws and ground maps. General information about sporting events can also be found on this window. Check it out!

Whakarongo School is looking forward to another action packed year of sports. If you require any information regarding sports at our school please contact our sports coordinator, Karl Radford, at kradford@whakarongo.school.nz

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 will be asking for small goods each week prior.

- This week we would like loads of sugar for the candy floss. and bottles of fizzy drink.
- We need terracotta pots to put plants in for the gardening stall.
- 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.

Firewood: We have been lucky enough to be donated some trees for firewood as a PTA fundraiser. What we now need is man/woman power to help chop and split. We hope to start this weekend but will also be working on the wood during the week evenings. If you are able to help in any way either during weekends or in the evenings, please phone Penny on 354 0212 and leave your name and number on the answer machine.

We will also be taking orders for the wood - it is pine and we will be selling it for \$70 per 6 x 4 trailer load. You will have to pick it up yourself but there will be help to load your trailer. Please phone Penny to place an order.

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

Northern Cluster

Member Schools:

Parkland	Milson	Russell Str
Roslyn	Ross Int	Cornerstone
St Mary's	Terrace End	

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.

Embroidering of Clothing items

If you wish for clothing items to be embroidered with your child's name, please hand the items and correct cash in an envelope to the office before Thursday afternoon each week. These will be returned on completion.

Polo fleeces = \$5.00 per item

Jackets = \$4.00 per item

Hats = \$1.00 per item.

ASHHURST SCOTTISH COUNTRY COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

Our 2010 Year Begins

Wednesday 3 March

7.30p.m. to 10.00p.m.

at the Whakarongo Hall

ALL WELCOME

Scottish Country Dancing is Scottish

Social Folk Dancing

A fun way to keep fit

Tuition given

No partner needed

For more details phone:

Anne 357 1832 or Gae 357 6564

OTHER NOTICES

Rugby and Soccer Registrations – See the atrium window for College Old Boys Rugby Football Club for registration dates and details.

Kids Indoor Sports – Palmerston North Indoor Sports Arena has started Indoor Soccer on a Thursday and Indoor Netball on a Friday. See notice in atrium for contact details.

Family Orienteering Event - The Red Kiwi Orienteering Club invites families to join them orienteering. See atrium for venues and further details.

See the atrium window for further community notices and information.

