

4th February 2010

From the Principal's Desk

Tena Koutou Parents/Caregivers

It was great to welcome our students back and see so many smiling faces. Everybody seems to have had a great break and they look great in the new school uniform. I would like to extend a special word of welcome to our large number of new students and their families and our new staff members. I trust that you will all settle in quickly and enjoy your time at Whakarongo School.

We are all set for another year of learning at Whakarongo School and I am very excited about some of the new developments.

As in the past the newsletter will be published every Thursday. Please make sure you get it as it contains important information.

Best wishes

Jaco Broodryk
(Principal)

IMPORTANT DATES

Thu 4 Feb	PTA
Mon 15 Feb	School Bus run starts
Wed 17 Feb	BOT Meeting
Wed 24 Feb	Modules start (Yr 7/8)
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

Value of the Week

No certificates issued this week.

A new year, a new class

With the start of a new year most students will be with a new teacher. It will take a little while for teachers to get to know the kids. Parents can contact classroom teachers if they have a concern, but please be patient and give them a chance to get to know your child first.

School Bus

It has now been confirmed that the bus run will start on Monday 15 February (start of Week 3).

An Information Sheet has been given to all students who indicated that they might make use of this service. If your child did not receive one, please pick up a copy from the office.

Students with their own laptops

A note has been given to all the students that bring their own MacBooks to school. Please make sure you get this from them.

Reminders

- Please remember to pack togs and towels every day
- Ensure all clothes, books, pens and other items are clearly marked
- Students need a substantial lunch to provide enough energy for the day
- Brain food information is available from classroom teachers
- We do **not** encourage students to bring overly sweet foods and drink to school
- You will get the standard stationery pack for free if you make your School Donation before the end of February (or sign the direct debit forms)

Quote of the week

Three helping one another will do as much as six men singly

Welcome.....

The following students have joined the Whakarongo School family this term:-

Room 1

Charlize Fricker
Isabella Wineera
Will Barnes

Room 2

Nikita Currie

Room 4

Jetta Burton – Brown Deijanah – Paige Fricker

Room 5

Jeremiah Te Huia

Room 8

Liana Stevens

Room 9

Finnley Wineera
Quinn Burton – Brown

Room 12

Cooper Gibb – Faumuina
Kwone Te Huia

Room 13

Tyler Beckett
Ethan Riley
Ayden Armstrong

Room 14

Shayden Stevens

Room 15

Regan Fraser
Jesse Te Wharau
Luke Naylor

Room 16

Gabrielle Gibb – Faumuina

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Brochures for issue 1 have been distributed to all classrooms. Money and orders can be returned to the office before 19th Feb. Make cheques payable to Scholastic NZ. Please ensure your room and name are on slips.

HELPERS NEEDED

Do we have some parents who are able to spend an hour once or twice a term to help with our Friday school lunch orders, please. Our list of names is depleted and we urgently need some more helpers. Please see Mrs Durham at the school office or phone and leave your name.

FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHESES

Week 1 – No Hotdogs or Subway orders

Week 2 – 12th Feb - 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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Those students banking with Westpac can leave their bank books at the office by 9.00am each Wednesday. The banking will be taken to Westpac and the books returned to students later in the week.

Term Dates 2010

Term 1:	Tue 2 Feb –	Thu 1 Apr
Term 2:	Mon 19 Apr -	Fri 2 Jul
Term 3:	Mon 19 Jul -	Fri 24 Sep
Term 4:	Mon 11 Oct -	Tue TBA

ATTACHMENTS

- Kia kaha flyer

SPORT

CRICKET – The 2010 cricket season is to commence on Saturday 13th February. Student interest letters have been sent home and need to be returned by this Friday. Cricket is available to students from Year 3 through to Year 8. please see Mr Radford in Room 9 immediately if you require an interest letter.

TOUCH RUGBY – The 2009 / 2010 touch rugby season will re-commence on Friday 12th February. With three games remaining, we are looking forward to a successful end to the season. Please contact your team coach or manager if you have any queries.

SUMMER HOCKEY – Student interest letters will be sent home early next week for any student wishing to play summer hockey this term. Information regarding the season will be provided in this letter. The summer hockey season will begin on the Wednesday 17th (Intermediate) and Thursday 18th of February (Primary).

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

FROM YOUR PTA...

I would like to welcome back everyone and also welcome our new parents for another exciting year.

Gala: As most of us know our bi annual Gala this year is on **Sunday the 28th of March**. This is our big fundraiser. We are asking for names and phone numbers of those that can help out in some way even if its only for 1 hour on the day. As they say many hands make light work. Any queries or requests phone Nigel Rook 357 2593 or Jane Mayston 353 5227.

Disco: Later on this term we will be holding a disco for the junior school so keep an eye out.

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 or Julie Smith 356 7637.

Next Meeting – Tonight, 7pm in the staffroom

Nigel Rook
Chairperson
Whakarongo PTA

OTHER NOTICES

- Music – Keyboard Lessons: If you would like your child introduced to the world of music, keyboard lessons are available at Whakarongo on Tuesday mornings. Lessons are available in group or individual format. Music theory is also taught as part of the lessons. If you would like to know more, please ring Terrie Smith, phone 3567075 (evenings) or 021 1361854. Terrie is a qualified primary school teacher with 25 years experience teaching piano, keyboard and theory.
- Guitar Lessons at Whakarongo School with 4front school of Guitar. To find out more or sign up to the lessons please contact Craig Buttar on 0277722877 or craig@schoolofguitar.co.nz. Or for more information please visit www.schoolofguitar.co.nz. Also see the notice in atrium.
- Martinborough Fair 6th Feb from 8am – 4pm.
- Saturday morning music tuition for 4 – 12 year olds are now taking enrolments – see atrium window for details.
- Want to play Inline hockey, junior league Mondays 5 – 6pm at Bell Hall, see atrium window for details.

