

5th August 2010

From the Principal's Desk

Tena Koutou Parents/Caregivers

Tonight is our Digi Sharing evening for Room 6 & 7, 14 & 17. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible to come and work alongside their son or daughter.

Staff have put a lot of time and planning into the variety of activities and it is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a shared learning experience.

See you there.

Lesley Jeffery
ACTING PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 5 Aug	Digi Hands On Evening
Thu 5 Aug	School Photos
Tue 17 Aug	ICAS Maths
23 Aug – 2 Sept	Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences
6/7 Sept	Yr 7/8 Ski Trip
8 Sept	BOT
9 Sept	Digital Class Open afternoon
16 Sept	Arts Festival
20 Sept	Final HPV Immunisation

CAN YOU HELP?

1. Artist needed:

Are you an artist, or do you know of an artist?? We are looking for someone who would be willing to come in and talk to the children about their artworks and how they have created them / what they represent. If

you or someone you know would be interested in doing this, please let Megan Wilson know. mwilson@whakarongo.school.nz

2. Electrician needed:

We are looking for a parent who would be happy to fix laptop chargers when the wires get bent / broken. This doesn't happen that often, but is expensive for us to get fixed or to replace. If you can help us with this, please let the office know.

NOTICE

Please be aware there are people in the area asking to trim tress and asking for cash. Please be careful who you deal with and check their legality.

Value of the Week

As there was no assembly this week due to Hook events, certificates will be presented on Monday for both weeks.

Agricultural Day

This will be held on Saturday October 16 from 10am. Students entering calves and lambs need to be finding their animals now. Registrations will be called for, later in the term.

STUDENT/PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are slightly changing the format of how we report to parents this term. It is the next stage in refining our Learning / e learning portfolios and the Learning Plans introduced last term. We are moving away from the traditional parent / teacher interview towards a student led three way conference. These are to be held in Weeks 6 & 7 over an eight day period. Bookings will be made online with each individual teacher and parents can book directly from home or come into school for assistance.

The website is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Staff have entered the afternoons and evenings that they are available to meet and parents now can log on and enter the **school code 9READ**. Select the time that best suits you and type your name in. Please remember, any parents who don't have access to the internet at home, please talk to a staff member who will assist you.

National Standards

There is a lot of information in the media regarding National Standards and reporting to parents in plain language. As you will be aware our progress graphs show a grey area that indicates where each student should be according to their year group, and the learning plans shared last term also indicate where your child sits against expected standards for their year. If you have any queries about this classification please feel free to raise them at the conferences with your child's teacher.

Performing Arts Festival

-Thursday 16th September
-@ The Regent on Broadway, 7pm.
Students from Whakarongo School will be performing at this festival – so mark this on your calendar

Welcome ...

The following students have joined the Whakarongo School family this week ..

Room 2 – Caitlin Fuldseth
Room 3 - Danny Papesch
Room 4 – Paris Clark

A thought...

You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend.

How's your winter reading going?

New Trees

Former parent and BOT representative Steven Blackley, along with a former winner of our top Year 8 award, Shaun O'Neill, visited our school on Tuesday and planted new trees to commemorate the years they were here. The Blackleys have had connections since 1975 and Shaun was representing the 2005 House Captains. Plaques will be erected to explain their significance. A third tree was planted to replace one we had lost due to the building extensions. The Halligan family had planted it previously and so has now been replaced.

SPORT

HOCKEY - Friday 6th August

Whakarongo Intermediate A v's PNINS Girls 1st on Turf 1 at 4.30pm

HOCKEY - Saturday 7th August

Whakarongo Intermediate B v's U11 B Boys on Turf 2 at 8.00am

Gold Sticks v's CNS Gold on 7B at 9.00am

Blue Sticks v's St Joseph's Junior Sticks on 5B at 10.00am

Red Sticks v's Riverdale Racers on 3B at 10.00am

NETBALL: Saturday 7th August

Whakarongo Pulse v's Russell St Rascals on Ct 1 at 11.00am

Whakarongo Magic v's Milson C on Ct 5 at 10.00am

Whakarongo Mystics v's Kopane Kool Kats on Ct 3 at 10.00am

Whakarongo Steel v's St James Pulse at Vautier Park Ct 12 at 12.00pm

NETBALL - Monday 9th August

Whakarongo Tactix v's Feilding Int 7B on Vautier Park Ct 2 at 4.00pm

Whakarongo Swifts v's North St B on Vautier Park Ct 2 at 6.15pm

FLIPPER BALL - 11TH August

Whakarongo Dolphins - no game this week

Whakarongo Dolphins competing in Flipper ball at the Lido

If you have any questions about sport at Whakarongo School, please email our sports coordinator, Karl Radford, at kradford@whakarongo.school.nz

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 brochures have been sent to class. Money and orders are due back to the office by Friday 13th August. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NZ Ltd.

TASTY TUESDAY ON THE 10 TH ~SAUSAGE SIZZLE

WHEN :- Tuesday 10th August

AT: - Lunchtime

WHERE: Outside Room 17 near Room 13

COST: \$1.50

Order your sausage outside Room 2/3 before school on Tuesday 10th August, and get your hot tasty sausages for lunch.

A Room 17 ski trip fundraiser

**Thank you for making our last sausage sizzle so successful.
We had a great time doing the last sizzle, so we thought we would do it again.**

FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week 3 - 5th August - Subway

Week 4 - 12th August - 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

FROM YOUR PTA...

JUNIOR DISCO: We have our junior disco later this term so keep an eye out for this. We will let you know when and where.

CHOCOLATES: We will be sending out a box of chocolates with your children in about the 6th week as Cadbury don't have the stock at the moment.

FAMILY/CHILDRENS PHOTOS BY ICON PHOTOGRAPHY - Icon Photography are coming to Whakarongo School on Sunday, 12 September 2010 to take family/children's photos. Samples of the quality of photographs and print size are displayed in the foyer. Please return the voucher along with payment of \$10.00 (sitting fee) to the PTA

communications box in the office by 3 September 2010. We require 25 families to make this a viable event. We would appreciate your support.

If you have any queries please email Alison at muzzandcurly@xtra.co.nz

Next Meeting: - We have our next meeting on Wednesday the 11th of August at 7pm in the staff room all are welcome to come along and support our PTA.

Nigel Rook, Chairperson
Whakarongo PTA

YAMS 4 U

Yams continue to be sold for the Room 16 & 17 ski trip fundraiser. They are sold on Fridays, before and after school and on Tuesdays before school near the new car park.

Yams are \$4 a kg or \$10 for 3kg.

Thank you to those who have supported us already.

OTHER NOTICES

CHEESE ROLLS - \$6 for 1 dozen, \$10 for 2 dozen. Fundraiser for under 13 'B' girls Hockey Rep team. Cheese rolls are a slice of bread with cheese and onion flavoured filling. To order just see Olivia West in Room 16.

A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER - Marist Junior Football presents "Scared Scriptless" at Central Normal School Hall, Friday 13th August, 7pm.

See the atrium window for further community notices and information.

From the Board of Trustees....

Look out for an insert next week.