

24 February 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The term is well underway and students are focused. Class systems are in place, standards have been set and all are planning their goals ready to share at Student Led Conferences next week. In the first two weeks we individually tested every student in Reading, Math's and Writing to give us baseline data for each student to know and be able to share with you and their teacher about where they are 'at' and where they need to 'go'. This week you will have received a letter asking for an indication of a day and possible time to attend the conferences. Please make sure we have this letter back at school by this Friday. Definite times will be sent home next Tuesday.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February 25	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.30pm
February 26	Year 4 to 8 Swimming Sports
March 1	PAT Testing starts
March 2	Year 7 & 8 Start Technology at Kaipara College
March 3 & 4	Student Led Conferences
March 4	Kaipara Swimming Sports
	School Support Group Meeting @ 7pm
March 10	Next Newsletter
	Next Full School Assembly @ 11.30am
March 12	Rooms 10 & 11 to Gibb's Farm
	Rooms 6, 7, 8 & 9 to Sculpture Gardens

Hall/Gymnasium

A Public Meeting is to be held in the Kaukapakapa Hall on Thursday March 18th at 7.00pm to gauge support for the building of a multipurpose Hall/Gymnasium. We shared the concept of this at our Wind Up Night at the end of last year. Possible users of such a facility have been asked to attend and we ask any parents interested in this project to come to the meeting.

Pool Use

There have been some instances of children under 16 using family keys to enter and swim in the pool unsupervised. Key holders please read and adhere to the agreement you signed on receipt of your key.

Questionnaire

We are in the middle of completing our schools web site. To help us can you please indicate on the form attached answers to the questions. The presentation of the site will depend on the availability of Broadband to homes.

Found: A ring was found at the swimming pool on the weekend of 6th & 7th February. This can be claimed at the School Office.

Kaukapakapa School Netball

Kaukapakapa School Netball Musters have been set for 8 & 10 March at 5pm for Years 3 to 6 and for Years 7 & 8 on 13 March at 10am and 15 March at 3pm. All musters will be held at the school netball courts.

We note that two netball musters per year level are not compulsory but attendance at one muster would be appreciated as it is hard to select teams on non attendance. The next netball meeting is to be held on 30 March 7pm in the school staff room.

Swimming Sports

Swimming sports for Years 4-8 will be held this Friday beginning at 8.30 a.m. at the school pool and we hope as many of you as possible can be there to support your children. The width races will be held first, for those less confident in the water, with the full length races beginning around 8.50. A programme is enclosed in this newsletter. Approximate times for events have been indicated but please note that this is subject to change depending on how long each race takes. Events are scheduled to be completed at around 12.00 with dress-up races organised for lunchtime.

Danger

Parents have mentioned to me the danger at the Hall Car Park of young children running around behind parked cars and how hard it is to see them when trying to back out of a park. Please make sure your children stay with you in this area while you are there.

Term Dates

The following are the term dates for this year:

Term 1	February 2 nd to April 1 st
Term 2	April 19 th to July 2 nd
Term 3	July 19 th to September 24 th
Term 4	October 11 th to December 14 th

Young Farmer of the Year

For those of you attending the Helensville A&P Show this Saturday remember Ethan Amos is competing at the Young Farmer event. The competition will start at 1pm at the calf ring. There is also a prize for the most supportive school which we won 2 years ago. Go Ethan!

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP

The School Support Group has a number of exciting events coming up later this term, so put these dates into your calendars now!

Sunday, 21st March - Honda Warkworth School Moto-X Series

We are thrilled to be one of the participating schools in this year's Moto-X series. Race Day 2 will be held at the Foote's Farm, 2867 Kaipara Coast Highway, Glorit. We need people to help on the BBQ, drinks stand, collecting gold coin donations and assisting as marshals. All net profits from the day come to the school, so it's a great fundraising opportunity for us. If you are able to help at this event please phone Pip Foote on 420-5339 or 027 499-7990.

Saturday, 27th March – The 3rd Annual “Movie Under the Stars”

Held on the field at school, you can enjoy a picnic or sausage sizzle beforehand, and even compete in a gumboot throwing contest! The choice of movie is yet to be decided, but will be advised soon.

Phone Book Packing and Delivery

The date for packing is yet to be confirmed, however we are also looking for families to help with delivery starting from Friday, 26th March. If you are able to help, please phone Sandy Marshall on 420-4534.

Next Meeting

The School Support Group meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom at **7.00pm, Thursday, 4th March**. For further information please phone Sandy Marshall on 420-5434.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

HIPPY South Kaipara 2010

Once again enrolments are open for Whanau with children between 3 ½ and 4 ½ who wish to put their children on the HIPPY (Home Interaction Programme for Parents and Youngsters) Programme.

This wonderful programme provides parents with the resources and skills to be their child's first teacher as well as giving the youngsters a great start to school and life! HIPPY kids stand out in the classroom when they start school. They are confident and skilled in the basics of reading and mathematics, able to problem solve, follow instructions, enjoy learning and keen to give things a go!

For more information on this wonderful programme, give coordinator Bernie Malizia a call on 420 7434, or pop in and see her at the HIPPY office on the balcony side of the Helensville Primary School hall.

SPANISH* LANGUAGE CLASS at KAUKAPAKAPA SCHOOL.

Enrol now for the Spanish after school class at KAUKAPAKAPA school. Open to all primary school ages. The after school language class is on Monday from 2.45 pm to 3.30 pm. Kids learn the target language through games, songs and play. For information and enrolment, please call Patsy at “ABC Language Tuition” on 411 8980 – or 0274 904321

or email to : info@abclanguage.co.nz
www.abclanguage.co.nz

Bus Trial from 15 - 19 March 2010

There was so much positive feedback and support for a bus service in Kaukapakapa, that KARRA is proposing to run **a one week trial, from Monday 15 March to Friday 19 March 2010**. This may be our community's only opportunity to prove to local authorities that we have the numbers for a permanent bus service. Discussions with potential operators are underway, and we hope to confirm in the next few days whether the trial will offer more than one run in the morning and evening, and whether the bus will journey from Kaukapakapa to Silverdale, Albany and/or Auckland CBD.

The trial will only go ahead if KARRA is confident there'll be enough people travelling. What we really need to know now is how many of you plan to take part in the trial.

Contact admin@kaukapakapa.org.nz