

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

The Board and Senior Leadership team met with the ERO review team last Thursday to hear a verbal report as part of the school review process. This feedback was very positive with the review team impressed with the positive and respectful culture that exists within the school.

Some other areas of strength highlighted were;

- High levels of student engagement. Students enjoy school and learning.
- Students are achieving very well according to both internal assessments and standardised testing.
- The depth and breath of the curriculum delivered is interesting and engaging.
- School is a safe environment for all members.
- Maximised use of learning time.
- Highly effective use of E-Learning to enhance learning and teaching.
- School values are lived and incorporated into school life.



It is fantastic to receive this positive feedback as it serves as motivation to keep improving and developing as a school.

The review also highlighted some next steps for the school. These were not major areas but more 'sharpening the focus' within some areas. Further work on strengthening links with the Maori community and enacting the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi were also identified.

Unfortunately we have had a students iPod touch go missing last week. If you notice someone with a new iPod touch or know where this iPod could be please inform me. This iPod contained some pictures that are really special to its owner. Unfortunately this is a hard way to learn the lesson about bringing valuables to school. If students need to bring something of importance to school there are required to leave it at the office.

Welcome to Oliver Bullock and Charlotte and Ashton Guy who started at Waiau Pa this week. We hope your time at Waiau Pa is both enjoyable and rewarding.

Regards Simon Williams

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

ROOM 2	Niamh Cairney Braydon Dragicevich
ROOM 3	Bailey Tonga Samara Potter
ROOM 4	Olivia Skelling Sam Mercep
ROOM 5	Lauren Aylward Stanley Grace-Dare
ROOM 6	Fletcher McPeak Jamie Zyza
ROOM 7	Star Brown George Rankin
ROOM 8	Carmen Samuel Virraj Singh
ROOM 9	Quinn McPeak Elizabeth McKechnie
ROOM 11	Oliver Rogers Ryan Dell-Rabbette
ROOM 12	Charlee Guy Carter Fitzpatrick
ROOM 13	Jaydon Allen Sam Beatson
ROOM 14	Sophie Bedggood Holly Pritchard
ROOM 15	Jamie Webber Jack Majurey
ROOM 16	Paige Tudor Chris MacKiven

ROAD PATROL PARENT VOLUNTEER DESPERATELY NEEDED: We have 1 space to fill on our roster on a Wednesday morning from 8.40am to 9am to help our road patrol children on the crossing to keep our students safe. Please phone the office if you can help.

REWARD – for the return of a missing iPod touch. Disappeared last Thursday. Information to the office or Mr Williams.

WANTED ~ Rm 14 are looking for any unwanted bean bags, swiss balls or old picture frames. Please deliver to their class.

TRIATHLON – 6TH MARCH. The PTA would like donations of baking to sell at the triathlon. Baking can be dropped to the office by 9am on Tuesday 6th of March. Many thanks.

COMPULSORY FEES – Invoices went home last week for compulsory fees and school donations. It is **important** to get the compulsory fees paid ASAP as children require these books (Basic Facts, Portfolio etc.) urgently and will not be issued them in class until they are paid, which can put the students behind. If you did not receive your invoice please phone the office.

PRIZEGIVING PHOTOS 2011 – There are some awesome photos for sale in the office (50cents ea.) from last years photos. These will only be on display for 1 more week so please call in to order. These are just a few family names of these awesome photos ~ Lawson, Rogers, Masi, Lister, Martinovich, Houston, Charge, Povey, Skelling, Graham, Yoakley, McPeak, Kruse, Williams, Butcher, Pano-ho, Pritchard, Cowper, Hughes, Blake, McNabb.

Community Notices

DROP IN / WAVE POOLS ~ Saturday March 3rd Meet at Waiau Pa Hall at 5 p.m. Return for pick-up at 9 p.m. Cost: \$10 includes slide, transport and supper. Limited numbers avail. - ring to book a seat in the van. Any parents who can help with transport it would be much appreciated. Phone Marion 2320034 / Sharon 2321523

REWARD OFFERED FOR STOLEN IPOD TOUCH or important information that would lead to its return. This item was taken on Thursday 16th from child's bag and was a special Xmas present so they are desperate for the return. Please phone the office in confidence or 0274520898.

COMMUNITY TALENT SHOW 'X' Factor Waiau Pa is back, Saturday May 26th at Events Centre. Tell your Parents and friends - its time to 'get your acts together'. Entry forms available at school now

NEEDED Three ladies who are interested in playing social netball on Saturdays at Waiuku. Please contact Cherie Douglas 2321577 or cheriedouglas@clear.net.nz

Franklin-based Majors 'n' Minors music studio is delighted to announce that "local girl" Sarah McDowall has re-joined the teaching staff after several years of playing and teaching in the UK. Majors 'n' Minors can now offer even more individual teaching spaces in singing, violin, cello, clarinet, saxophone, piano, recorder and theory. There are also spaces available in performance vocal groups and "Brainfood" classes for babies to 6 year olds. Please contact Lynda 2385861 or go to website www.majorsnminors.com.

PUKEOWARE HALL CAR BOOT SALE ~ Sunday 26th February @ 9am-12. Bring all your pre-loved and unwanted treasures to sell! Phone Mandie to book a car space 2358352, \$10/ space. (Rain or shine- sale will be held in Hall if wet!) www.pukeowarehall.co.nz

MISSING CAT ~ since Tuesday night ~ Burmese named Milo from Vela Place Clarks Beach. Solid grey, very friendly could be locked in someone's garage so please ask around. Was chased by a dog. Is on daily medication. REWARD OFFERED. Ph: Shirley 2321043.

WAIU PA SCOUTS & CUBS ~ Want to join Cubs or Scouts? Both groups meet weekly in Waiau Pa, if you are interested in finding out more call Tracey 2320246. New members are welcome to come along and see what happens before you join. There is a Mudslide this Sunday from 10.30am, all welcome, bring a picnic, sausage sizzle available – phone Tracey for more details.

Waiau Pa Junior Hockey Registration/Muster: Counties Manukau Hockey grounds, Rosa Birch Park, Beresford Street, Pukekohe on Sunday 4th of March from 10.30am - 12.30pm. This includes registration (completed form plus \$50.00 deposit required) trials, plus sausage sizzle. Please bring hockey stick, mouth guard, appropriate footwear and drink bottle. If you want your child to play hockey this season for Waiau Pa Club and play in the correct team for their age/skill level it is imperative that they attend. Contact abreid@xtra.co.nz or go to www.waiupa.hockey.south.gen.nz.

newsletter SYNDICATE SNIPPETS

Kowhai (Year 1 & 2) - Rooms 8, 9, 11 & 12

Let's hope the weather improves soon as we seem to get the heavy rain whenever it is our turn to swim. We hope to be having our swimming demonstration on Friday 9 March. We are currently costing an EOTC trip to Summerfields Farm so look out for the notice regarding this trip coming home sometime next week. We are doing our best to encourage independence again with the Juniors and are pleased to see how many of the children are able to settle themselves into school in the mornings.

Karaka (Year 3 & 4) - Rooms 5, 6 & 7

All classes have been carrying out a range of tests over the past two weeks. These results will help us to identify where children are at and assist with our planning. Next Thursday 1 March is the Year 4 trip to Kariotahi Beach and the Year 3 trip to Clarks Beach. We need all permission slips returned by Tuesday 28 February. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their help for these two trips. We will be getting in touch with you asap to let you know.

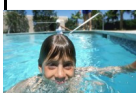






Rimu (Year 4, 5 & 6) - Rooms 2, 3 & 4

Rimu camp is fast approaching and everyone is looking forward to this awesome experience with both trepidation and excitement. We need to have **ALL** camp fees paid and consent / contract forms returned as soon as possible ~ Deadline Thursday 1st March so we can finalise arrangements ~ transport, teams, cabins etc. Thank you to those parent who attended the camp meeting on Tuesday night. We hope it was helpful, informative and allayed any worries that parents might have. We now have sufficient transport so wont need any more offers, thank you. Our swimming sports are to be held on Thursday 30th from 11am and parents are welcome to come along to this. Unfortunately North Group swimming competition is on Thursday of camp week so children from Rimu who get selected for this may prefer to miss the swimming competition. On that day, children will be participating in some exciting camp activities that they wont want to miss. Keep your fingers crossed for fine weather in Week 6.

Kauri (Year 6, 7 & 8) - Rooms 13, 14, 15 & 16

Yesterday students received a health consent form and camp contract to complete and return to school. Camp costs have been sent home today and a gear list will be available tomorrow. Year 8s should be organising an overnight pack for their tramp to the Pinnacles and "wearing in" any new shoes if they intend them for hiking. Next week we will be holding our school swimming sports all parents are welcome to attend. Year 6 students from Kauri Team will compete in the Rimu (Yr5&6)Sports. See dates and times in this newsletter. Even though the weather has been quite changeable, please ensure the students have togs every day, as time for swimming practise is limited.

UPCOMING EVENTS~IMPORTANT DATES

Week 5		Week 6				Week 7			Week 8				
28 th Feb	1 st March	6 th March	7 th March	8 th March	9 th March	13 th - 16 th March	13 th March	15 th March	16 th March	19 th March	20 th March	21 st March	22 nd March
Yr 7/8 Swimming Sports- 11am 	Yr 6/7 Swimming Sports Karaka EOTC	Franklin Schools Triathlon- Clarks Beach 9:30 start Rimu Camp begins until 9th	North Group Yr 7/8 Swimming 	North Group Yr 6 below Swimming Karaka Swimming Sports - 11am	Kowhai Syndicate Swimming 11am 	 Rm 14 / 16 Camp	Franklin Yr 7/8 Zone Swimming Karaka Sunshine Ranch PTA Meeting 7pm	Franklin Zone Yr6 Swimming 	Assembly - 2pm	BOT Meeting - 7:30 Staffroom All welcome	 Rm 13 / 15 Camp	Karaka Gym Sports Trip	 Auckland Swimming Champs