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NEWSLETTER # 7

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Hi Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou



There have been some wonderful things happening at school since the beginning of the year.

All classes have been involved in a successful stream study, the environmental group is up and running again and our Te Reo sessions are flourishing under the capable hands of Phillipa Watson. While all this has been going on the rooms are all continuing to run successful classroom programmes.

DONATIONS

Thank you very much to the families who have paid their school donation. We use these extra funds to provide for music and sports equipment, library books and keeping up to date with technology. The fee of \$80 per family and \$55 per child has remained the same as last year. If you would prefer to pay this off in instalments or set up an automatic payment please call in to the office and see Moira.

TUESDAY HOLIDAY

Hopefully by now you will all be aware that Tuesday is a holiday so there will be no school that day.

NETBALL

The Saturday netball season will begin at Te Atiawa on the 10th May. At lunchtime on Wednesday 26th March we will be taking names of any Year 5 to Year 8 girls or boys who are interested in playing. Chrissy Adams – netball coordinator.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL AND UPDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

If you would prefer your newsletters by email please let Moira know. Also if you have a change of address or your personal details change please keep us informed for emergency contact reasons.

We would also appreciate being informed if your child is going to be away or is sick for the day.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

It is particularly important for growing children to eat a proper breakfast. A nutritious lunch is also necessary. Large amounts of high sugar, high salt foods are not appropriate for lunch. Wholemeal sandwiches and a piece of fruit are far healthier than packets of potato chips and biscuits.

BIKING TO SCHOOL

It has been great to see the bike racks full for the first time in many years. One of our parents has, as a matter of interest, been taking count of the number of bikes this week. On Tuesday there were 32 bikes and 6 scooters, Wednesday 31 bikes and 8 scooters and today 43 bikes and 7 scooters. Well done all bike and scooter users.

FUN RUN SUNDAY 30TH MARCH

We sent a notice home yesterday asking for parents of participants of this year's Fun Run to fill out the form and return it to school as soon as possible. We need to

know numbers of children running and the parents who will accompany them so we can organize entry passes to the Summer Festival.



AMBULANCE VISIT

Yesterday Michelle from the Wellington Free Ambulance Education programme visited our school with her ambulance. The aim was to familiarize the children with what an ambulance is and how to dial 111. She also emphasised the importance of children knowing their address and phone number. Of course the most important part of the presentation was when she turned the lights and siren on!

FRIDAY PIES \$2.00

Steak & Cheese

Mince

Potato Top

Sausage Roll \$1.20

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Paekakariki Tennis club rooms. No session Easter weekend.
- Girls give guiding a go. Brownies 6 to 8 ½ meet at 4:30 to 5:45. Guides 8 ½ up meet at 6:00 to 7:15 at the Scout Hall Campbell Park on Thursday afternoons. Ring Pam 021 1666953 or Ena 2928655 or just come along.
- Pukerua Bay School Gala. Saturday 29th March starting at 11 am.
- Paekakariki's newly formed Film Club introduces *Lovely Rita*, a dramatised documentary about Rita Angus made by Gaylene Preston. The film is presented in an evening with Gaylene at St. Peter's Hall. Saturday, 22 March with the \$12 entrance fee including both food and the film. 7.30 for food. 8.30 film. BYO wine or beer.
- Wheels beside the Water Fund raiser for the Mary Potter Hospice get on down to Kapiti Primary School in Rimu Rd just behind Coastlands Sunday 30th March 2008, for registration between 9 am and 9.45 Gold coin entry for children- folding donation for adults. 4km kiddies, 16 km quite achievable for middle school children. 25 km course takes in the Waikanae River Bank, 45 km big tour of the district which includes the riverbank ride and the ride through the Park to Paekakariki and back. See www.wbw.org.nz for further information
- No Kapa Haka at St Peter's hall this Friday. Resumes again next Friday, same time, same place.
- A message from Barbara Harford for all Junior Soccer players to come to Paekakariki School for a 9 o'clock start on Saturday 29th March. We will be sorting out teams, pay subs and get on with the game. Yeh!
- Weet-bix Tryathlon will be taking on the day registrations at Huia Pool, Lower Hutt Recreation grounds in Sunday 30th March.
- Youth Group. Now on Thursday evenings. All welcome. From 5 pm. gold coin donation.

