



Paekakariki School

NEWSLETTER 3

19th February 2009

Greetings Parents and Caregivers
Kia ora koutou



Unfortunately the senior camp had to be postponed this morning as the forecast was not looking very salubrious. We are very sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused but the safety of the students is paramount and it would have been no fun for anyone camping in the pouring rain. We hope that next week the weather will treat us better.

USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES

If you have any used printer cartridges we are collecting them at school. Please hand them in to the office so we can recycle them.

POI MAKING

We would like as many parents as possible to come and help make poi on Monday 9 o'clock in Room 4. All materials are supplied but any spare wool would be appreciated. Come and see Phillipa, she'll show you what to do, and have a bit of fun during the making.

BIKING TO SCHOOL

Although we encourage children to walk and bike to school there are certain rules to adhere to. Biking on the footpath is not allowed. Cars coming out of driveways do not expect cyclists to be on the footpath and young cyclists in particular are very unpredictable. So please ensure that your child knows the road rules and has the confidence to ride on the road safely. Wearing a correctly fitted helmet is also a prerequisite.

PARENT/CAREGIVER MEETINGS

These are being held on Monday February 23rd. For Junior Syndicate Rooms 5 to 8 there will be a general meeting at 5pm in the library covering the school curriculum. Parents/Caregivers are then invited go to the individual rooms with their child's teacher for more specific discussion about that class (but not about individual children)

Parents of Rooms 1 and 2 are invited to the library at 5:45 to meet the teachers. There they will outline their classroom programmes for the year. There will be time to meet the teachers individually after the meeting.

Parents of Room 3 students are invited to go to Room 3 at 5:45 with the same process.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

At the board meeting held on Tuesday evening alternatives to the school heating system was discussed. The various options are still being investigated but it is hoped that before winter sets in we will have a more environmentally friendly arrangement in place.



RUN FOR FUN

Thank you to the children and their parents who turned up for the Run for Fun last Sunday. We had less children running than in previous years but we congratulate Ballad Woodley- Hanan for once again winning his age group. We will now house the cup for the second year in a row. Ballad and his family will also enjoy a meal out with the sponsors. Well done Ballad.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

The board of Trustees have decided to keep the school donations at the same rate as last year. They are \$55 for one child and \$80 for a family. We were pleased to note that 61% of all families paid school donations last year. Invoices for this year will be sent out to all families very soon and thank you to those parents who have paid already. From time to time parents or grand-parents decide they'd like to donate a bit more than we ask for. These extra contributions are also very gratefully received.

CLASSROOM EXPENDITURE

Attached to this newsletter is a breakdown of costs that your class may have over the year. We hope this is helpful to you.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

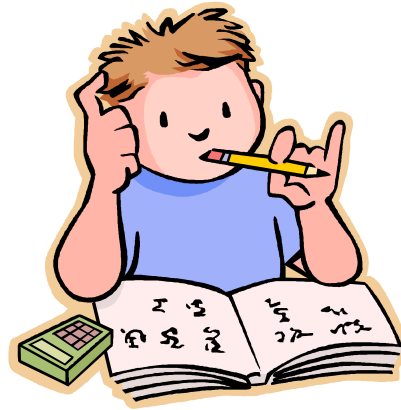
Pies: Steak & Cheese, Mince or Potato Top. \$2.50

Sausage Rolls: \$1.50

Wraps: Mince and Cheese or Butter Chicken. \$3.00

Pizza: Hawaiian: \$2.00

- **FREE** Information Evening on Learning Difficulties, from the Dore Centre: Learn why some kids struggle to read and write, concentrate and focus, be organised, make/keep friends, are clumsy or poor at sport. 7.30-9pm, 10, 19 and 25 Mar 2009, Please see website for location details www.dore.co.nz or book by phoning toll free **0508 367 369**



COMMUNITY NEWS

- Paekakariki Guides. Meet at the Scout Hall Campbell Park on Thursday. 5 – 6:30 pm. For girls 6 years and upwards. Phone Pam 04 4617324.
- Paekakariki Sports Club Soccer registration for children and adults. Saturday 21st February between 10 am and 1 pm at the Memorial Hall Paekakariki.
- Fun Kids Triathlon, Sunday 22nd February, Waikanae Pool Ngarara Road, Waikanae. 9 am start. 5 – 7 yrs run 600 metres, cycle 1 km, swim 30 metres (1 length). 8 – 10 yrs, run 1 km, cycle 6 km, swim 90 metres (3 lengths), 11 yrs plus, run 2 km, cycle 10 km, swim 150 metres (5 lengths). \$3 per person or \$5 per team (3 people). Entry forms at school.
- The Kapiti Music Centre are holding a 2nd Enrolment Day this Thursday 19th February, 4.30 to 5.30, in Grace Hall at St Patrick's School. There are still places available in the following instruments - violin, recorder, cello, trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, percussion and ukulele."
- Thursday February 26th AGM of Paekakariki Youth Trust Meeting: 4.30pm Thursday, posted via e-mail Venue: Paekakariki Tennis Club Rooms Attendance: The Trustees, General public welcome. If you are **officially** required to attend but **cannot** make this time **please call 905 7300**.



