

Tena koutou e hoa ma – Greetings everyone

It's always great to see parents in and around the school – you are always welcome to come in and see what is going on. We have assemblies every second Friday afternoon so come along and join in if you can make it any time. The dates for assembly for the rest of this term are; 5th March, 19th March and Thursday 1st April. Students have settled in to the routines and expectations that are part of everyday school life. By now you will have received a 'class letter' that lets you know what is happening in your children's classrooms. With regards to homework, each class teacher will have let you know the particular homework routine for their class but in general, at the primary school level, we are looking at establishing routine rather than wading through copious amounts of after school work. I prefer to limit the children's homework routine to covering the basics every night. The basics include reading to (or with) an adult for the children who are learning to read, independent focussed reading for the children who are reading to learn, maths basic facts (+, -, x, ÷, %, fractions, weights, measures, etc), spelling (words from classroom programmes) and any incidental work that may arise through curriculum studies. There is a wide ranging debate with regards to homework and its perceived advantages and disadvantages and it is sometimes a point of friction in the home and also at school. We want the educational experience to be an enjoyable one for our children so if you have any specific thoughts about the homework routines and expectations, please let us know.

School Camp

We can now confirm the dates for our camp, which will be held from Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th March.

Thank You

A big 'thank you' goes to Action World who donated their large trampoline to the school for the children to use. Thanks also to the team at Carters for transporting it to the school. Another 'thank you' goes out to Daryl and Shelley Honey for taking the children and staff across to Russell today on the Happy Ferry. We really appreciate all that you do for the school.

Te Reo Maori Lessons

Cindy Apiata is once again holding Maori Language lessons at the marae. Contact Cindy 4025129 for more info.

Swimming sports

We will hold our swimming sports on the 10th March with the postponement date being the 12th March. More details soon.

Walking Bus

Are there any willing parents who are able to start a "walking bus" from Waitangi to school? We need at least three adults who would be willing to walk with the group, picking up any others on the way and getting them to school. Please contact the office if you are able and willing to do this.

Lunch time Sports

Are there any parents who could come into school once or twice a week and take an organised game or run some sport activity? We are looking for more community and parental involvement in the school and this would be a fantastic way to become more involved in your child's schooling and sport. Please contact the office if you would be able to offer something.

Cardboard Wanted for Art

Cardboard pieces/offcuts (eg cereal packets, not heavy corrugated) wanted for class art. Please drop off to the office.

David Rogers
Principal

PTA News – Gala Day Postponed!

After discussion amongst the PTA and school staff, it has been decided to postpone the planned Gala Day until spring/summer this year. It was felt that there will be a lot of support asked of school families for the upcoming school camp, and by postponing the gala we can concentrate our efforts on the camp, thus making sure that the kids get the maximum benefit out of it.

Therefore, the "planting day" for tomorrow will not take place. Thank you to all of you who have already donated seeds, containers, or goods for the White Elephant. These will be stored and used for the next Gala Day.

We are still going ahead with our major raffle which we have sourced fantastic prizes for. Every family will be sent home a booklet of ten tickets to sell and return any unsold tickets to school within the next few weeks. There will be a really cool prize given to the child who manages to sell the most tickets!!

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday 2nd March at 7.30pm at the Kingsgate Hotel. All are welcome.

PAIHIA AFC SOCCER REGISTRATION AGAIN – TODAY

Thursday 25th February @ Paihia School 4-6pm
The teams should be finalised today and training will begin next Thursday.
Please phone Karen on 4025200 with any queries.



UNITED KAWAKAWA RUGBY REGISTRATIONS - TODAY



Thursday 25th February @ the club rooms 4.30pm
Under 13/14s come and meet the coach.
If anyone needs any details please call Lesli 4041648 or 021114529.

LES MILLS GROUP FITNESS LAUNCH

Sunday 7th March @ BOI College Recreation Centre
\$2.00 entry spot prizes tuck shop sausage sizzle

Contact Cathy Orevich 0274881925 for more details.

CIRCUS AOTEAROA – TE TII MARAE, WAITANGI

Friday 5th March 7.30pm, Saturday 6th March 2pm & 7.30pm, Sunday 7th March 2pm
Tickets start from \$10 for children & \$15 for adults, 3year olds and under are free, available from venue one hour before show time. No eftpos, cash only. Phone 021481519 for text and phone bookings.



BAY OF ISLANDS FARMER'S MARKET

Paihia Village Green, every Thursday evening until 1 April, 3.30pm – 7.30pm – fresh seasonal fruit and veges, direct from the grower, cheese, macadamia nuts, bread, locally roasted coffee, chutney, jam, cookies, cakes, plants and flowers, and much more.

Date	Event
10 th March	Paihia School swimming sports (postpone 12 th March)
14 th March	Kids Triathlon Onerahi
19 th March	SBOI Interschool Swimming Sports (BOI College Pool)
24 th – 26 th March	School Camp at Urupukapuka Island