

Tena koutou e hoa ma – Greetings everyone

Last week we sent home the camp forms for you to go over, sign and return. Thank you to everyone who has been able to get those back to us so quickly. We need the forms back as soon as possible so if you haven't been able to get on to it yet please make it a priority – thank you.

I've had lots of people letting me know they are available to help out on camp – actually, lots and lots, which is fantastic but it does mean we will have to limit the numbers. If you would like to come along for the two nights as a parent helper could you please complete the slip at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to school by Tuesday morning. We will put all the names in a hat and draw out 12. Those 12 will have specific responsibilities throughout the duration of the camp, such as being in charge of a set group of students, coordinating group activities, helping out with duty rosters, cooking, cleaning to name a few. As you will see, the volunteers will be busy so it won't be possible to have pre-schoolers in this group of adults. Others of you however, might want to come out to the island for day trips, and join in with us on the Wednesday or Thursday. You are most welcome to do that, so come along if you can arrange it – it will be great to see you there.

Our departure time from the wharf is very early on the Wednesday morning and it will take some organising to get all of the children here on time because it will be too early for the school bus. We will make sure everyone can get a ride in to Paihia and we can use the school van to collect individuals if that is needed.

Jim Whitehorn from Explore NZ has asked that we all be on board the boat so that it can leave at 7:20am. That means we need to be on the Paihia wharf no later than 6:50am because it will take about half an hour to load everybody on.

The children have taken home gear lists – we want them to be able to have all of their gear in one bag / pack so that they can carry it on with them as they board.

We will have a camp meeting on Thursday 11th at 3:00pm for any of you who would like to come along and talk things through. Other than that, I will talk more about these things in the next newsletter.

By the way, one thing not included in the gear list is a sleeping mat or squab that the children may want to include for comfort.

PTA Raffles

Yesterday we sent raffle books home with the children as discussed in the previous newsletter. There has been some concern expressed that young children are out and about on their own, selling raffle tickets and that this could pose a safety threat. We absolutely agree with this and urge the children not to be unsupervised if they are going out into the public to sell tickets. We also acknowledge that for some, it will be difficult to participate in this fundraiser, so please just send the raffle booklets back into school if this is the case.

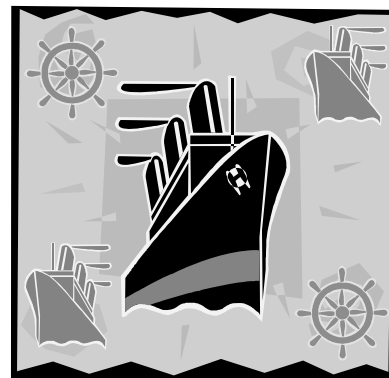
On the positive side, lots of children have already sold their allocation of tickets and are keen to sell more.

PTA Thanks

I would like to acknowledge the fine effort the PTA ladies make, and to thank them on your behalf, for working so hard to organise activities and events that bring funds into the school so that the children can experience exciting events and have resources and equipment that we just couldn't ordinarily afford. Thank you ladies, we think you do an awesome job for our children

Queen Mary II

The Queen Mary II will drop anchor in the Bay of Islands tomorrow. This is the largest ship to have visited the Bay and is over three rugby fields long – children down to take a look at this day. We will also take the Kapa Haka performances. Come and join us if you can. With the extra people in the town with parking on a section of the school gate at 7:30am so people can park their cars will charge them \$7 per car. Parking will close at 5:30pm.



spectacular! We will be taking the vessel at various times during the group down for a couple of days to have the time.

tomorrow we are going to help out on the field. We'll open the School Road cars in a safe place for the day. We will be available from 7:30am to

Te Reo Maori Lessons

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

Swimming sports

There has been a slight date change for the swimming sports next week. The senior school swimming sports will be on the 10th March at Panorama pool in Haruru Falls starting at 11:00am with the postponement date being the 12th March. Junior school swimming sports will be on Friday 12th March here at school starting at 11:00 also.



David Rogers
Principal

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.

Date	Event
10 th March	Senior school swimming sports at Panorama (postpone 12 th March)
12 th March	Junior school swimming sports (school pool)
11 th March	3:00pm Camp meeting at school
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

PTA News

Thank you to the kids who have sold all their raffle tickets already! We have run out of books, so if your child is unable to sell their tickets, please return them as soon as possible so that other children can sell them. What an awesome effort – well done!

UNITED KAWAKAWA REGISTRATIONS – TODAY 4TH MARCH

These will be held at the rugby grounds, Kawakawa – all grades welcome. Also, Under 13s practise and registrations – please bring rugby boots and mouth guard. If you have any questions, please ring Lesli 4041648 or 0211147529.

ART SUBMISSIONS – RUSSELL MUSEUM – “AN UNSETTLED HISTORY”

If you are interested in submitting work to the exhibition starting in April, visit the website www.russellmuseum.org.nz for more information and forms. Closing date for submissions is 1st April.

LES MILLS GROUP FITNESS LAUNCH – BOI COLLEGE REC CENTRE

11.00am RPM
12.30pm Body Step
2.00pm Body Pump
\$2.00 entry Spot prizes tuck shop sausage sizzle Ph Cathy 027 4881925



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Please enter your name here if you would like to be a parent volunteer helper on our camp on the 24th to 26th March at Urupukapuka Island. Please note that you won't be able to bring pre-schoolers as a parent helper.

NAME _____ CONTACT NUMBER _____
(Please return this slip by Tuesday 9th March)