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NEWSLETTER

Newsletter No 4 Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers – Kia Ora Koutou

Desks for Kids/Homework

School has some surplus school desks that we are offering to our families. These would be great at home for homework, etc. Please contact the school office if you are interested. We would like to offer these to our families before we give them to others. Koha/Donation gratefully accepted.

Carpet

We have big rolls in good condition after our classroom upgrades. First in first served.

Hearing and Vision Testing

Health Professionals will be in school late February to screen/retest for hearing and vision. More information available from our office.

Absentees

If your child is going to be away please either phone school on ph 855-5067 or text 027 249 4911. Thank you for helping us make sure your child is safe in the mornings

Coming Events

7/3/13	Senior Swimming Sports, 9.30am
8/3/13	Junior Swimming Sports, 9.30am

AWARDS

Individual Weekly Attendance

Rawiri, Rm8; Taniko Rm4; Priseis, Rm7; Reign Rm 13

Classroom Attendance:

1st Room 1 – 98%
 2nd Room 13 – 97%
 3rd Room 4 – 96%

COMPUTERS IN HOMES PROGRAMME

Our school has been given the opportunity to be part of the Computers in Homes Programme. This means that 20 of our school's families may be selected to receive a PC, internet connection for their home and training course for only \$50 (payments can be made over time). If you are interested in being involved and do not already have a computer at home, we invite you to get a form from our school office or Anne Hunter (Rm 13).



Softball, Saturday 23 February

Onukutara vs Southnet
 10.30 am on Diamond 4

T-Ball, Saturday 23 February

Onukutara Teina vs Deanwell Starts
 9.00 am on Diamond 5

Head Lice

We have been notified by some parents that their children have head lice. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

Glasses and Spectacles

If your child has glasses, please be reminded that every year if you have a community services card, you are entitled to \$287.50 for eye tests, frames and glasses.

New Ring Road / Tramway Road

If your child is walking home via Alderson Road, please stress to your child for safety reasons they must use the underpass – NOT cross the road. This is the strong safety message we are giving at school.

Board of Trustees Elections March 2013

Our school is looking for 2 new parents to be on our Board of Trustees for 2013-2015.

If you have good common sense, an interest in education and our school then you could be the person.

Talk to our School Principal, Whaea Linda about what is involved.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

Last November ERO reviewed our school. We have received an excellent report for which we are very proud. You can view the full report on www.ero.govt.nz or read a copy that is available at our reception. We would like to share some short excerpts from the report that may interest you.

There has been a sustained school and community-wide initiative to improve the level of student attendance and punctuality. This has resulted in significant improvement in attendance and the school reports that this is contributing to raised levels of engagement and achievement for students.

A strength of the school's curriculum is the extensive provision for students with additional learning needs. Individual student learning is supported through a well-coordinated team of specialist teachers, teacher aides and community volunteers.

Students' physical, emotional and spiritual needs are well supported through a comprehensive and credit-based approach, including daily karakia, access to a school chaplain, a specific onsite social worker and participation in community health projects.

Teachers know students well and have established positive relationships in their well-organised and presented classrooms. ERO observed students engaged in meaningful learning programmes. Teaching practice has been strengthened as a result of ongoing professional development and support especially in numeracy and writing.

Sustainable Performance: The school is well placed to sustain and improve its performance because:

- *Trustees have a positive working relationship with senior leaders and generously resource school programmes and initiatives.*
- *The Principal continues to provide strong professional leadership and is well supported by knowledgeable deputy and assistant principals.*
- *Staff are working cohesively in the best interest of students.*
- *There is increasing parent and community support for the school.*
- *The school is developing useful self-review processes, including ongoing community consultation.*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Children's Day Carnival – Free Event

Saturday 23 February, 10am-3pm. Garden Place, Garden Place Library and Waikato Museum. Bring a picnic and bring the family. There will be rides, entertainment, youth zone, sports activities, discovery trail, under 5's area, face-painting, spray-on tattoos, Exscite, craft activities and more

\$3 flat rate parking at Knox St Car Park. Check out www.summeringardenplace.co.nz in the event of rain.

Individualising Learning for Boys and Girls (Tuesday 12 March, 7pm – 9pm)

Learners are individual but until recently we did not know just how unique we all are. In fact, recent neuro research indicates that our brain is more individual than our finger prints! Some of this uniqueness is a result of gender brain wiring. Based on top international research, this workshop will challenge some of your beliefs about why males and females act and learn very differently.

Facilitator: Mike Scadden, CEO of Brainstems Ltd, Mike has 39 years of educational experience and is a successful and innovative professional trainer.

Venue: 144 Knighton Road behind the Hamilton Education Resource Centre), Hamilton

Cost: \$20. Please contact Sharon for more details: sharons@waikato.ac.nz

Linda and Staff