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Tapu School

Newsletter



Term 4

Week 3

10th November 2011

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Welcome to Week 3

Community Meeting - New Date

Our Community Meeting will be held NEXT WEDNESDAY – 16 November in the Tapu Hall from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Greg Pilcher will be making a presentation following his trip to Nelson in the July break and you will get a chance to see how other schools are managing changes. You may have valuable ideas to contribute that will be useful as we continue to look at ways to grow our roll. There will be a teacher in the playground to supervise the students during this time. We would Love to see you. We will wind up our meeting with a cup of tea.

Last week the seniors (8 year olds and over) headed off to Hikutaia for their athletics day. Thanks to Lorraine for supporting Mr Pilcher and the students. It was great to hear such positive comments about the behaviour of our students on this day out as they were mixing with the other schools and largely working independently of the staff. Well done to you all. The juniors (under 8) get their chance to shine later this month when they head to Hikutaia for their day of athletics. See some of the comments from the seniors later in this newsletter.

This week Mr Pilcher has been released from class to work on preparing the Marine Academy equipment for the up-coming season. All the mechanical gear has been serviced and checked and the garages have been cleaned and tidied. We still have work to complete on the trailer before it heads off for a warrant and the tractor to check out but things are looking good for a start later in the term.

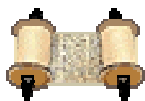
Last Friday I visited three schools who are part of the Enviroschools project like we are at Tapu School. It was a great chance for me to see what other schools are doing to keep their students engaged in this project and how we can continue to develop this within our school. There are some amazing things happening in schools these days and it is great that we are part of this. Early next year we will revisit our Enviroschools vision and see if we are on track or not and maybe look at reworking this. Don and Denise Lyon are a fantastic support for us at school with our gardens and I look forward to this continuing. I have enjoyed the sweetpeas that have been growing along the front fence and hope we have an even bigger crop of these next year from the seeds we will be collecting once the plants have died down a bit.

Room 3 students who have worked alongside the Room 1 students this week. Poor Miss Askwith has lost her voice so we have joined forces to work together. We are trying to complete our Kiwiana inspired giant sized jandals at the moment to jazz up the walls along with completing some end of year testing. Everyone is working well together and the older students continue to impress me with their support of our younger students.

As you will be aware we had a break in last Wednesday night. Fortunatley our security system made sure that the thieves had little time to do too much damage. Thank you to Bob who answered the call from the Security Company and came to check out the property and make things secure again once the Police had left.

Next Tuesday our senior class are heading to Rainbows End for the day. (Once Miss Askwith returns we will complete our plans for our junior trip.) This trip has been mostly funded through rescuing mussel bouys and other odd jobs. Well done to Mr Pilcher and the Seniors. A separate note will come out on Monday next week to let you know what the students will need to bring for this day. Please look out for this. A permission slip is included with today's newsletter. Please can this be returned to school tomorrow.

Regards
Judy Carroll
Principal



Coming Up:

November:

- 15th: Senior Trip to Rainbows End
- 16th: Community Meeting 6.30pm
- 21st -24th: Police Education Officer in school along with Safe Cycling Co-ordinator
- 25th: Junior Athletics at Hikutaia School (Friday)
- 30th: BOT Meeting 5.30pm

December:

- 1st: ERO to visit to discuss progress
- 7th: School trip to Turua retirement Village
- 14th: Prizegiving (date to be confirmed)
- 15th: Last day



Students Stories

When the man clapped we ran and I ran to the other people. People were cheering. I got too excited and ran too fast. One of the others ran past me and I came second.

David

In shot put I got in the finals and it was great. In the hurdles I came in the finals and in the sprints I came second in the first round. My favourite part of the athletics was having a free lunch order.

Kaya

Mitchel, Kaya and David started with long distance running. Mitchel and Kaya and me started then CLAP, Vroom, there I was coming in first place for three whole rounds, then I came 5th or 6th.

Mark

My favourite activity was high jump because it was challenging but it was so fun. I kept on jumping and jumping and I got 3 points.

Mitchell

Long distance was very easy. We had to do seven laps around a certain field and I came first place.

Joseph

I did my best in shot put because my technique was great and I scored a 2 then I had another try and scored a 3. Overall it was a fantastic day.

Hope

Thames Fun Run:

Sunday November 13th, 9am start from Thames Centennial Swimming Pool.

½ Marathon Walk – 8am

½ Marathon Run – 10kam Walk 9am start

10km Run, 5km Run & 5km Walk start

For enquiries phone Jim 078687168 all proceeds to save the children programmes

Thames Amateur Swimming Club

The summer swimming programme starts this week!

Sessions will be each Thursday and Sunday from 6.30pm.

Race nights are each Tuesday starting at 6.30pm – it is a good idea to arrive a few minutes early so you are ready to begin racing at 6.30pm. The first training session is this Thursday 10th November

The first Race night is Tuesday 15th November. If you missed the registration night, just come along to the next training session. We will be having a couple of interclub nights again this season, where other local clubs join us for some fun racing competition. We are also holding our “Short and Sweet” fun meet next year. This is a great opportunity for younger or less experienced swimmers to have a go at a swim meet. There will be more info about this later in the season. If you would like any further information please email Kathy Woolley kurunda.farm@xtra.co.nz

ANIMAL RESCUE THAMES

Major Fundraising week Christmas Raffles Outside Pak n Save, Thames Monday 21st November until Saturday 26th November 2011

What we raise in this week is what will fund the unit over the Christmas / Mew Year periods to care for the rescue kitties. Purrlease support our paws, Wanted volunteers to help sell tickets during this week Enquiries to Animal Rescue Thames 07 868-2907.