

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Kia ora tatou

“We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.”

Herman Melville

It was fantastic to see and meet so many families at our Stark Brown picnic. Fortunately the weather cleared up enough for us to have a super early evening. Thank you to Mrs Thomas who did a great job of coordinating the picnic.

The heat has been a ‘hot’ topic – no joke intended. Please remember to include your child’s hat in their bag along with their lunch box and drink bottle each day.

Sherilee Swanepoel



BUILDING UPDATE

Our building project is proceeding according to schedule. This week we had the concrete floors put in. The frames for the walls will start going up early next week.

SWIMMING POOL



As we know, it takes a community to look after our school. This includes the pool. We are asking all our pool key holders to consider the other users when using the pool. We have had a number of complaints about unsafe, inconsiderate and illegal use of our school pool. We remind all key holders that you have signed an agreement which contain specific conditions regarding pool use. Any infringements of those conditions will result in the user losing their key.

BOT ELECTIONS

Please ensure you are on the school BOT electoral roll and that your address details are correct. Contact the school office to check your details. Important dates for you to remember are:

Nominations will be called for by 15th March

Nominations close noon 23rd April

Voting Papers distributed 28th April

Voting Day 7th May 2010

TELEPHONE SYSTEM – PHONE 818 6216

For your convenience, we do have an answer phone system, if you would like to listen to daily notices or report an absent child, please press the following numbers after listening to the operator.

To report an absent child, press 1

To listen for daily notices, press 2

To speak to the receptionist, press 0

Please let us know if your child is away from school for any reason. If your child is away from school for more than two days, please provide us with a note explaining the absence.



FLIPPABALL DRAW FOR SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Oratia Tornadoes	vs	Woodlands	@ 4.00pm
Oratia Twisters	vs	Summerland	@ 5.15pm
Oratia Hurricanes	vs	Glen Eden	@ 5.40pm

HELPERS REQUIRED TO DELIVER OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Thank you to those helpers who have already contacted us. We still need volunteers for the following areas:

West Coast Road from Kellys to Kauri Loop Road

West Coast Road from Nos. 803 and 762 to Bush Road

Bendalls Lane

From school to Kellys Road

Quinns Road

Kellys Road

COMMUNITY BEWARE

Please keep your eyes peeled for a silver Toyota Starlet, 2 door hatch car with two young males in it. They were seen stealing our school blower by our gardener. The incident has been reported to the Police.

THANK YOU FROM OUR GARDENER KATHY OWERS

A big thank you to Steve Warrington for engraving our weed eater and new blower.

ROOM NUMBER CHANGES

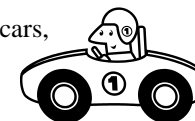
From the start of this year, we wish to advise all families that Room 22 is now Room 23 and Room 23 is now Room 24. This is to save confusion and changes once the 3 new classrooms are completed.

LUNCHROOM MENU

For your convenience, our lunchroom menu is now online at www.oratia.school.nz Just click on the ‘Home’ icon.

A PLEA FROM KINDERGARTEN

Oratia Kindy is in desperate need for any hot wheel, matchbox cars, trucks, bikes, trains etc. If your children have outgrown their old toys, then please contact Mat on 021 02648016 or you can drop them off at the kindergarten. Thank you.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Public Meeting regarding National Standards ‘Not our Kids’ - Kelston Community Centre, 7.00pm on Wednesday 24th February. Keynote speaker Martin Thrupp, a leading educational academic. Come along and hear and have your say. Please invite caregivers, family and whanau and members of the wider community.

School Band - Have you always wanted to learn a musical instrument? Want to be part of a cool band? Call Barbara at KBB Music on 623 8028 about the KBB Music School Concert Band Programme for 2010. Learn to play Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone or Percussion! You’ll love it!

Drum Lessons -Expert Tuition by Professional Drummer. Currently Thursdays after school at Piha - Other times available Ph Nick 021 2559143 or email nick_mallasch@hotmail.com

Girl Guide Fundraiser – “The Improv Bandits”. A comedy evening on Friday 26th February at Otimai Lodge, 1 Kauri Loop Road, Oratia. Tickets \$30. Doors open 6.30pm. Free nibbles. Show begins 8.00pm. For tickets phone 814 9992.

Expert Maths Tuition Limited – Master Maths with EMT. All levels up to Year 13. Phone 820 3637 or 817 3637 or visit www.mathexperts.co.nz.

Robin Kewell Film Night at Lopdell House – Two films about Potters “The Potters Art East-West”. The story of Bernard Leach and “Playing with Fire” with potters Jason Wason and Yasuo Terada making a massive straw fired pit kiln. Saturday 20th February at 7.30pm. Phone 817 8087, xtn 201.

Affordable Palms – Get your landscaping in before winter. View www.palmtrees.co.nz or visit 148 Parker Road, Oratia. Phone 818 9259.

Yoga at Oratia Settlers Hall – Wednesdays 9.30 to 11.00am. Relax and re-energize while your children are at school. Beginners welcome, mats provided. \$15 casual, \$65 for 5 classes (\$10 concession). Drop in or Phone Julie 832 8270.

Personal Assistant Required – Person needed for half a day per week for initially 12 weeks to assist with the running of a home/business for a busy Oratia artist. We are looking for someone with admin experience, has a positive attitude, and a good sense of humour. Good knowledge of Apple computers, Word and Excel essential. Hours 10.00am to 2.00pm. For more info, email galia.a@xtra.co.nz

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