

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Kia ora tatou

“Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.” *Russel Baker*

Wow it has been hot! In this heat, it is important to remember that children need to have a hat at school and a drink bottle filled with a suitable drink. At our Teddy Bears' Picnic this week our juniors wore their hats and a super day at Bella Rakha. Thank you to those families who helped out and came along. A big thank you too to the family who hosted it.

On Monday of next week, children in Years 3 to 6 will begin to sit the Progress and Achievement and Assess to Learn (asTTle) tests. Information gathered from these tests give teachers information about the learning needs of the child and helps us identify the children who are at risk of not achieving or are achieving below expectations. Teachers use the information to group children appropriately. Some children find the tests stressful, so please reassure your child. *Sherilee Swanepoel*

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The building project is proceeding at pace! The wall frames are up and the roof trusses have now been delivered. These will now be put up and before we know it the roof will go on. Exciting!

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This will be held tomorrow commencing at 11.00am.

PTA MONTHLY MEETING

This will be held next Tuesday commencing at 7.30pm.

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

FROM PETER DOWLING, CHAIRPERSON BOT

Elections for the new Board must take place by early May. A number of the current Board will not be standing again because of other commitments, so it is a good chance for parents to put their hands up and get involved. Being on the Board is a significant commitment, but it is a really rewarding role.

Due to family circumstances, I'm sadly unable to stand again at the election, and will be absent from next month. Christine Healy will chair the March and April meetings. If you need to contact Christine or would like to attend a Board meeting, you can phone her on 814 9505.

To everyone in the Oratia School community, thanks for your support over the past six years. We have a great school in the valley. **Peter Dowling, BOT Chairperson.**

FLIPPABALL DRAW FOR SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Unfortunately at time of printing, the draw for Sunday was not available. A separate notice will come home tomorrow.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property is building up, so the junior lost property will be on display outside Mrs Thomas office and the senior lost property will be displayed on the senior verandah tomorrow, Friday 26th February. Please check for any lost items.

MENTION IN DESPATCHES

Brianna Coury from Year 6 competed in the New Zealand Junior Swimming Champs last weekend. Brianna qualified for, and competed in 9 events, best result was a top 8 placing in 200m backstroke. She also gained some great personal best times. Well done Brianna.

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, please contact Mat on 021 02648016 or you can drop them off at the kindergarten.



A PLEA FOR AN OLD PUSHCHAIR

Suitable for delivery of newspapers – contact Tracey Gill, Deputy Principal.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

The Walking School Bus will be starting next Wednesday morning 3rd March, at 8.25am on the corner of Nicolas and Glengarry Road. We will also be meeting every Thursday and Friday mornings at the same time, same place. Looking forward to seeing you there.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ecoday – Sunday 28th February, 10am to 4pm at Olympic Park, New Lynn, free entry. Seminars and workshops, green transport zone, ecokids zone, recycled arts and crafts market, organic food and drink, ecotours. Visit www.ecoday.org.nz or phone 826 4276.

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.

Piha Community Library After School Session – The Piha Library will be open on Thursday afternoons from 3.30 to 5.30pm. This session is intended for families with school-aged children to access the Piha Library collection and learning resources. This will continue in Term 2 if there is sufficient interest. For more info. Phone 812 8066.

Found in Shaw Road, Rainbow Larikeet – Since November, Phone 813 9355.

Music Lessons in Titirangi – I am an experienced professional musician teaching violin and piano. I also teach music theory and composition. I have vacancies for all ages, preschoolers to adults. For enquiries contact me on 817 2930 or email brigidbisley@hotmail.com

Personal Assistant Required – Four hours per week for initially 12 weeks to assist with the running of a home/business for a busy Oratia artist. I am looking for someone with admin experience and has a good knowledge of Apple computers, Word and Excel. For more info email galia.a@xtra.co.nz

Part time afternoon work – We are looking for someone who can do school pickups and general afterschool supervision. Days would be Mon, Tues and Friday 2.00 to 6.00pm. Includes walking dog, light house hold tasks, family meal preparation and supervision of homework. Please phone Joanna on 814 8814 / 027 3265451. Own car essential.

Liston College Gala – Saturday 20th March from 2.00pm. Cakes, Sweets, Toys, Clothes, Produce, White Elephant, Quick Fire Raffles etc. If you have items to donate contact 443 9296 (during work hours) or Irena on 412 7362 (after hours).

