

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

### Kia ora tatou

“Each of us is a being in himself and a being in society, each of us needs to understand himself and understand others, take care of others and be taken care of himself.” *Haniel Long*

At our school, we are currently learning about our community. We value community, our sense of belonging and all the different people who share this marvelous district with us. At school we regularly talk about those things that help to make ours the high functioning school that it is. One of those things is the support we give each other when the going gets tough.

In our community a number of families are currently dealing with the stress of a loved one battling cancer. One of our sweet young children, Kelcey Roberts, has leukemia and is partway through her treatment. As you can imagine, there are better days and bad days. She is a brave little girl and our thoughts are with Kelcey and her family. We want to send our aroha to Kelcey and let her know she is in our thoughts. *Sherilee Swanepoel*



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Nominations close noon 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- Voting Papers distributed 28<sup>th</sup> April
- Voting Day 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010

## LETS NIX NITS TOGETHER!

This problem has returned and it is not unique to our school. Principals and parents from other schools share the same frustration. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of an information sheet for parents. Let's work together to rid our school of these pesky critters. I have noted a few hints below:

- If you suspect your child may have nits, buy a nit comb from your local pharmacy - \$3.00. There are different combs for different kinds of hair.
- Use the nit comb to comb hair and check for nits.
- Products and advice to treat head lice abound and include a range - from products which contain chemical compounds to organic products such as olive oil.
- Keep checking the hair, and wash bedding and clothing which may be infected.
- Keep long hair tied in a ponytail or a bun so that when children play together we limit opportunities for heads of hair to come into contact and spread eggs or nits.

*Let's knock nits on the head!*

## SPARE CLOTHES

Our spare clothes are at an all-time low. If you have some clothes which your child no longer needs or has out-grown them, could you please send them to the office. We urgently need longs and shorts for the younger children.

## FLIPPABALL DRAW FOR SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Oratia Tornados vs Summerland @ 4.55pm

Oratia Twisters vs Sunnyvale @ 3.15pm

Oratia Hurricanes – Game times not available at time of going to print. A separate notice will come home tomorrow.

## SUPPORTING KELCEY AND HER FAMILY

Kelcey Roberts is having treatment for leukaemia. One side effect of the treatment Kelcey is having is that she has lost her hair, a scary thing for most girls and boys.

Battling cancer takes its toll emotionally and economically. To show solidarity with Kelcey, we are having the '**BIG SHAVE OFF**' at our **last school assembly of this term**. A few adults will have their hair shaved off to raise some money for the family. Ms Swanepoel will donate her hair too! If you would like to sponsor the shave off and help support Kelcey's family, please feel free to make a donation on 1 April 2010 for the shave off.

## SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

We have heard that our dental clinic will be opening next term. Watch this space!

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

Liston College Open Evening – Year 7 to 13 Catholic Boys School. Open evening will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00 to 9.00pm. Interested parents and their sons are invited to take this opportunity to visit the school. For more info phone Lyanne Evans on 838 9350 xtn. 712.

Western Districts Hockey Club Junior Trials – Avondale College Turf on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 8.00am. For more info visit [www.westernhockey.co.nz](http://www.westernhockey.co.nz) email [westernjuniorhockey@gmail.com](mailto:westernjuniorhockey@gmail.com) or phone Tracey 836 3885.

All Star Cheerleaders Free Classes – Over the next couple of weeks the All Star Cheerleaders is running free American Style Cheerleading classes. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary. For more info call 0800 CHEERLEADER or visit [www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz](http://www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz)

Waitemata Scottish Country Dancing – Beginning March and ongoing throughout the year at the Kelston Community Centre on Tuesdays 6.45pm for children aged 7 years and over and beginner adults. For more info contact Christine on 818 7172 or Gillian 818 4553.

Annual Scruff's Dog Show – This Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Hobsonville Air Base, Oval Reserve commencing at 10.00am.

2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Fair – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 9.00am to 3.00pm at Waitarua Community Centre, 911 West Coast Road. Fundraiser for Neighbourhood Support Waitakere.

Tasman Horse Rides Camp and Holiday Programme – To suit all levels of young riders from 7 years upwards. Fun, safe horses are matched to your child. For more info visit [www.tasmanhorserides.co.nz](http://www.tasmanhorserides.co.nz) or phone 4208603.

