

## NEWSLETTER 21 –22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2010

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Kia ora tatou

*"Whaia te iti kahurangi ki te tuahu koe me he maunga teitei."*

*Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty mountain.*

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. I loved seeing all the happy, smiling faces back at school, ready for another term of exciting learning. We are starting this term by celebrating Māori Language Awareness fortnight. On Wednesday night we have the annual consultation hui for our Māori whanau. See our note below. We look forward to seeing you there!

This term is looking to be another term chock full of great learning opportunities for our students. Look out for information about our upcoming Art Exhibition which will be opened on Tuesday 10 August 2010. Each child will be expected to have a piece of artwork on display.

At this week's assembly we will be handing out the prizes for our spellathon winners. See our note below. Oh the anticipation!

As Term 3 tends to be the wet weather term, please remember to pack a change of clothes for your child if they like playing on the grassy areas at school. In this way, if they fall over, we don't have to worry about a change of clothes for them when we have run out of spare clothes. *Sherilee Swanepoel*

### CONSULTATION - MAORI WHANAU HUI



We will be hosting our annual consultation hui on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.30pm in the staffroom, (*please note a change in the date*). Feel free to come along. We will have a shared dinner.

### SPELLATHON NEWS!

**A huge thank you to one and all for your fantastic support towards this fundraising project.** We can announce that you have raised approximately \$20,000. A final figure will be reported when all our numbers have been tallied up. These funds will go towards providing teaching resources across the whole school.

This is a reminder that the special Spellathon prize giving assembly is tomorrow commencing at 2.00pm. We have some great prizes to give away. Good luck everyone.

### BUTTON BOX DVD ORDERS

This is the last chance to place your order for The Button Box DVD. You can place your order in the 'box' (no pun intended), at the school office. The cost of the DVD is \$8. Orders close next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

### LUNCHROOM

Please find with this newsletter the new menu for term 3.

As it is sausage sizzle day tomorrow, the lunchroom will be open for morning tea items only.

### WORM FARMS

If you have a worm farm that you no longer require and would like to donate it to the school, please contact the office with your details.

### CLASS PHOTOS

Yesterday, reminder notices went home to those families who have still not paid or returned their class photo. These payments are now well overdue.

### NETBALL

The Fun Ferns have their games this week on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Butterflies No game, won by default      Ferns    Ct. 6    @ 3.00pm

Diamonds    Ct. 6    @ 2.30pm      Sparks    Ct. 14    @ 1.00pm

The following have their games on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Kiwis            Ct. 22    @ 8.30am      Tuis            Ct. 22    @ 9.20am

Tri-Stars        Ct. 17    @ 11.50am     Dolphins    Ct. 24    @ 1.30pm

Stars            Ct. 21    @ 11.00am     Rockets      Ct. 21    @ 12.40pm

Comets          Ct. 23    @ 1.30pm

### PTA NEWS

Trivia Night is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Make a note in your diary. Grab your friends, make a table of 8-10 people and come along for a great entertaining night of fun and laughter. The theme for the night will be movies and television. Price \$10 per person which includes a catered supper. Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday. Beer, wine and RTD's available for purchase. Strictly NO BYO.

### WANTED INTERESTING BITS AND BOBS FOR SCULPTURES

Rm. 13 are creating five new butterfly sculptures and we require a variety of recycled materials suited for outdoors. Eg. Old metal bits, springs, sprockets, clock insides, small tools, buttons, nuts and bolts, anything interesting considered. Please see Marilyn Wills in Room 13.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

Titirangi Theatre urgently looking for an actor – male aged 17-22 years – The play is "The Wide Open Cage" by James K. Baxter, one of two being presented at Titirangi Theatre from 14-25<sup>th</sup> September, billed as 'An Evening with James K Baxter'. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Please contact Verity Davidson at 021 1195575 or 816 9145 if you are interested.

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Open Evening – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm. Come and learn more about our school. For more information phone 836 3175 or email [admin@brucemclaren.school.nz](mailto:admin@brucemclaren.school.nz)

Children's Mobile Ear Clinic – This is a free service for pre-school and school age children living in West Auckland. Please phone Wendy (Health Assistant) on 839 0546 to make an appointment.

Oratia Singers and Friends – Discover and enjoy wonderful local talent in an evening of musical favourites. Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 7.00pm in the Oratia Church. For more information phone Doris McLay on 813 3343 or Charlene Waller 814 9316.

Farmers Market at Titirangi – Come along and see the free cooking demo in fresh pasta and simple tasty sauce making at the August 8<sup>th</sup> market from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

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](http://www.mathexperts.co.nz).

Glen Eden Intermediate School Open Evening – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 7.00pm to 9.00m.

### Everyday Mathematics – Activities for Home

Play games with your children. Cards and board games are good options because they use guessing and checking – think snakes and ladders, Monopoly, number hangman, chess, draughts and dice games. Choose games that everybody wants to play. Use lots of maths terms (e.g. 'up', 'down', 'back', 'forward', 'over', 'under') while you are playing. To keep older children interested, make sure the games are sufficiently challenging.

