

NEWSLETTER WEEK 7 - TERM FOUR 2011

Dates to Remember:

- Thursday 8 December - Room 4 & 10 Sleepover
- Junior School treat
- Friday 9 December - PSCA Disco, **Pahiatua School Pupils only** - 6:30-8:00p.m.
- Monday 12 December - Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- Wednesday 14 December - Senior Voucher Trip
- Friday 16 December - End of Term 4 & Final Assembly at TC hall - 1:30 pm

Thank you to every one who helped out last week. We had the Book Fair running all week. Lara Pierey and Letitia Tuhua did a great job not only organising and promoting the fair but they also put a great deal of time into making it available to those who came along to buy. The school will receive complimentary books for the library as a result of everyone's participation. We had a great team of parents join the sailing group on Tuesday. A fantastic opportunity and a wonderful day on the water. I hope we will be able to offer the opportunity again in the future. On Friday we were able to host the Bush Schools Athletic Sports. The weather was outstanding and the organisation by Louise Powick and Rita Petaera was faultless. Our student team of 83 performed very well and behaved even better. They won the Bush Athletics Club Trophy for the best performing school which was an added bonus. The day was a great success, thanks to a great team of parents and past pupils who all helped in various ways. The juniors also had a great sports event (in place of the Minor Games which had been cancelled). Thank you to the team that supported them and to parents and friends for coming along and encouraging the students. It was a great team of students, parents and teachers that put together a Christmas float for the annual parade on Saturday. Another very hot day was welcome but a challenge and we certainly appreciated the effort of the children and parents for turning out and being part of the celebrations. A very big thank you to Paul Gleeson for loaning us the truck for the parade. The team running the sausage sizzle and raffle down town also did extremely well. They raised nearly \$400 which is outstanding. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the raffle and to those who helped out on Saturday.

This week we will be concentrating on our final week of PrEP which will include the market day. Our juniors will also have a treat afternoon followed by the year 3 and 4 sleep over at school. There have been separate notices for both. On Friday we hope to hold another round of options, although the weather needs to be helpful. On Friday night the PSCA are holding a disco. All Pahiatua School students are invited - see the notice elsewhere in the newsletter. We welcome parents to join us and it is especially important that an adult is there to collect the children at 8:00pm.

A reminder that we will have stationery for sale through school next year. The children will be given a note on the last day of school which will include the cost of the stationery if purchased through school. It will be very competitive as we work hard to keep costs right down. It is a good idea if you can get a message to Santa that he might give coloured felts for Christmas.

As we get close to the end of term we will put the lost property on display. There is a mountain of very good clothing that has been sitting in the box. It must belong to someone! Please come and check the box.

A reminder to those who have paid their school fees that the draw for \$500 worth of groceries will be made at the final assembly. This also includes those who have automatic payments to school to cover fees and costs. If you would like to know how your payments are going check with Julie at the office. Congratulations must go to Veronica & Harriet Kururangi, Steph Aspinall & Bronwyn Smith for completing the IronMaori Triathlon, held over the weekend in Napier. Well done! We must also thank Shawn & Kate Mitchell for their recent donation of stock.

Have a good week!

SCHOOL STATIONERY SUPPLIES 2012

Pahiatua School will be able to supply your child/rens stationery pack from the school stationery shop. Children will be given the cost on the last day of school. In line with school policy to support local businesses, our school purchases the stationery from our local supplier at a very competitive price. These savings are then passed on to you all year. We ask you to support our school by sending your money along on the first day back in 2012, Wednesday, 1st February.

Thank you to Cameron & Jared Wright for completing their Yummy Sticker Chart. Keep collecting these over the school holidays. Charts can be collected from the school office or downloaded from www.yummyfruit.co.nz. Thank you for your efforts over the year!

EKETAHUNA AND WOODVILLE SCHOOL BUSES

The last day for the Eketahuna and Woodville schools buses is Friday, 9th December. It will be your own responsibility to transport your child/ren to school for that final week. It may be a good idea to organise to car pool for that last week.

EASY XMAS SHOPPING

www.yourfastshop.co.nz
Shop online at over 70 stores for your Xmas presents and provide funds for your school. Check it out, no Xmas queues, no parking problems & no aching feet! No Stress shopping.



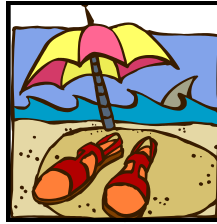
PAHIATUA SCHOOL DISCO

Friday, 9th December
6.30pm to 8.00pm in the
School Hall

BEACH THEME

\$2.00 entry fee
**PAHIATUA SCHOOL
STUDENTS ONLY**

Hot Dogs & Chips—\$2.00 each
Drinks & Iceblocks—\$1.00 each



Accounts for school fees will be sent home this week. If you do not receive one it means that you have paid. School Fees can be paid by cheque or cash at the school office or directly into our bank account - Westpac 030725 0065100 00. Please use your child's surname as the reference. Thank you.

END OF YEAR LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

Our school library stocktake is due so could we please have ALL library books returned as soon as possible. There will not be any more issues for the remainder of this term. Thank you for your assistance.



Wanted!!

The Pahiatua Swimming Club Committee are in need of voluntary swimming coaches for next year's Learn to Swim to be held at the Town Pool. It would be preferable if you were 14 years and over (no experience necessary) and enjoy children and swimming. A workshop is held for coaches before the lessons take place.

When: Thu 26 Jan to Thu 2 Feb 2012 - each night from 5pm to 6pm, or 6pm to 7pm

This is a great way to give back to your community.

Join to Community 12 week Weight Loss Challenge 'Shaping the new you in to summer'

- Lose weight however you want to
- Cash prizes to the top 3 winners
- Be part of a supportive community group
 - Tonnes of fun

Information over a range of topics
Just \$49.00 to participate for the full 12 weeks
For full details call Abbie 376-8668 or text 02102366830 or Carol 376-6988

PSCA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are still available from the school office.

\$1.00 per ticket
3 tickets for \$2.00
9 tickets for \$5.00
Drawn this Friday

Thank you to those that donated items for the raffle.



2012 SCHOOL PHOTOS 21st March 2012 From 12.30pm onwards

Just letting you know that these have been booked so you can start budgeting for them.

You're their lifeguard - Keep your Child safe at the pool this summer!



Over the Summer School holidays many families will be enjoying all the fun and excitement local swimming pools have to offer. Water Safety NZ and NZ Recreation Association would like to remind families about the Pool Alone policy that public pools in New Zealand are required to adhere to: **Children under 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or over. Actively supervised means watching your child at all times; Able to provide immediate assistance*** Lifeguards are an important safety feature, but they are not intended to replace the close supervision of parents or caregivers. Tragically many drowning deaths occur in the few seconds that parents are distracted. The role of a lifeguard is to ensure people are safe in the water - they are not babysitters. Remembering this when you take your family for a swim will help our pools to remain safe and fun places for everyone to enjoy.

*Please note that some pools have a stricter policy than the one above



Pahiatua School will be taking part in the Christmas in the Park Celebrations on Sunday, 11th December at Bush Sports Park from 1pm to 4pm. The time of our performance is yet to be confirmed. If your child/ren would like to be a part of our singing group, please sign and return the permission slip to the school office by Wednesday, 7th December.

I give permission to take part in the Pahiatua School singing group for the Christmas in the Park Celebrations on 11th December at Bush Sports Park.
Signed..... Contact #.....