

NEWSLETTER WEEK 2 - TERM ONE 2012

Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday 15 February - Room 7 Technology
- Thursday 16 February - Room 8 Technology
- Wednesday 22 February - Bush Schools Triathlon
- Monday 26 March - SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Thursday 5 April - Last day of Term 1

PAHIATUA SCHOOL TERM DATES 2012

- TERM 1—Last day is Thursday, 5th February
- TERM 2—Monday, 23rd April to Friday, 29th June
- TERM 3—Monday, 16th July to Friday, 28th September
- TERM 4—Monday, 15th October to Friday, 14th December

We had a very good start to the year even though the weather leaves a bit to be desired. The stationery system worked extremely well. Thank you to everyone who arrived organised and set to go. This meant that everyone who wanted to purchase their stationery had it by 9:00am. A great effort as just on 200 students took advantage of this system. Thank you to Glenis and Letitia for their efficiency. This also meant everyone was able to get into their learning from day one! We will be ensuring the children treat their stationery well and that they don't waste it. We have started swimming and we are aiming to move the children on in their water skills. With such a high number of people drowning in New Zealand we want to be sure that none of our students ever become a statistic. Please make sure children bring their swimming gear every day. It is important that clothing is named. Lost property is placed in the bin in the foyer and we encourage you to check it regularly.

On Wednesday next week we will hold our 'Meet and Greet' evening. This is designed to allow parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet the teachers and find out about classroom procedures and expectations. Last year was the first time we did this and it proved very popular. It gives you the opportunity to hear about the way children are expected to learn, homework etc. and you are able to ask questions. We will achieve more if everyone knows what is going on and can support our students in the same way. We will have the BBQ going from 5:30 pm on the deck of the Discovery Time Room and you are most welcome to bring your children with you and have a free sausage either before or afterwards. You are also welcome to bring your own tea down and have it with everyone else. At 5:30 Mr Jackson (Rm 7) and Mrs Thomson (Rm 8) will be available in their rooms. At 5.50 Miss Monk (Rm 1), Mrs Longley (Rm 2) and Miss Coffin (Rm 3) will be available and at 6.10pm Mrs Gleeson (Rm 6) and Ms Norris (Rm 10) will be available in their rooms. Finally at 6.30pm Mrs McKay (Rm 4) and Mrs Piercy (Rm 9) will be available in their rooms. We look forward to seeing as many of you during the evening.

We are still very keen to provide an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with teachers on an individual basis if you would like this. At this time of the year it is important we are made aware of any particular concerns or issues you have about your child's education and how we might work together to address these. If you would like to meet the teacher to discuss a specific aspect please fill out the attached form and send it back to the office.

Finally, as mentioned last week we are aiming to build a stronger sense of community in our students and we are keen to promote the positive contribution community can make to everyone's lives because we all need to live and function well in a community. This means that our students need to behave well not only at school but also in the community. We can all support each other to ensure this happens. I have yet to meet a parent who is happy to have their child misbehaving! Our students need to know that everyone in the community has the expectation of acceptable behaviour all of the time. If any of our students are not behaving themselves well then we need to know so they can be reminded and encouraged to improve. Growing up is hard and children take time to learn to behave all of the time not just when parents or teachers are looking. We have fabulous students who are a credit to their parents but there will be times when they do need reminding. Please let me know if our students are letting themselves down and we will encourage them to rethink their actions.

Have a great week.

LOST - TARARUA DISTRICT LIBRARY BOOK

Has anyone seen a blue hard covered book called 'MOLLY MORPORK'? This book was brought into school and has been misplaced. If you have noticed it at home, please drop it off to the school office. Thank you.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Just a reminder that School Lunches are able to be purchased every day. Order forms are available from the office and must be made before 9am. Please put your order and money into a named envelope and place in the 'Order Lunch' box. For any assistance please see the ladies in the office.

Please remember that you can set up an automatic payment to the school to pay for school fees, Technology fees, stationery, sports fees, bus fees and camps etc. Please contact the school office for further information.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS — WEEK 1

Room 1 Marc Manley, Room 2 Elisha Martin, Room 3 Tiara Reiri, Room 4 Tori Bendall,
Room 6 Keearna-Leigh Thomas-Hemopo, Room 7 Skylasia Mullin, Room 8 Darin Stewart,
Room 9 Gemma Tucker & Onyx Lye, Room 10 Samuel Brown

IS BEDWETTING MESSING UP YOUR LIFE

A FREE programme from MidCentral Health is available to help solve bedwetting. FREE Community based service. Nurse led programme. Regular nurse contact during the programme. For children 8 years of age & older. Contact Robbie or Jane, Children's Nocturnal Enuresis Programme at MidCentral Health on (06) 3509164. Alternatively call 0800 153042 where your Public Health Nurse can arrange a referral to the programme. You may also contact your G.P. directly.

The Gorge-ous Ball Woodville Race Course - Saturday 25 February 7pm—The Dress is as Formal as you can make it, the Band is Flip and the MC is Suzie Johnson (Crazy Mummy Suz from Frocks Sake). Tickets \$35 per person and R18, available from Pahiatua Info Centre, For Frocks Sake in Woodville or email gorgeous-ball@gmail.com. Supper is provided and you will be able to purchase drinks at the bar. Eftpos is available. This Ball is organised by Kumeroa Hopelands School and a donation of proceeds will go to the Woodville Fire Brigade.

PAHIATUA LADIES 9 HOLES GOLF GROUP

2012 season begins 15th February — 9.30am to 11.30am. New players or beginners welcome. Please contact 376-5625 for more information.



PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE

Piano lessons available during school time at Pahiatua School—please phone Coral on 376-7225.

Pahiatua Swimming Club

Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Tararua College Pool

Cost: \$30 per swimmer for the season

Starts : Tuesday, 7th February

Buckets 5:30pm, Squads 6pm

- If you haven't been to Swimming Club before, please come at 5pm on Tuesday the 7th for an assessment with Maxine Gardner.
- Please park outside the college grounds as the gates are locked while we are at Swimming Club. If you would like more information phone Megan Bennett on 376 6278.

AEROBICS IN THE STADIUM WITH JANE TYLEE
Class begins on Thursday, 9th February at 7pm sharp. Please arrive 5 minutes early so that we can get started on time. Bring a drink bottle, towel, hand weights (optional). Please encourage your friends and family to come along—it makes exercise so much more enjoyable.
\$7.00 per session.

SUNKIST STICKER COLLECTION

Sunkist are running a competition to see which school can collect the most stickers off their citrus fruit which is available from Pahiatua New World. The winner will be drawn from the schools that have the highest number of stickers per student, so whether the school has a roll of 50, 100 or 1000 you can still be in to win! Each class has a chart, so please get all your family and friends to collect these stickers (stick them onto your school lunch box and bring them in that way). The competition runs until 2nd April 2012, so please start sending along your stickers.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR OUR 2012 SCHOOL PHOTOS—NOW 26th March 2012 From 9.15am onwards

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

BIKEWISE TARARUA 2012 **FREE MOVIE SCREENING**

CYCLE TO THE CINEMA—Sunday 19th February 2012 The Regent Theatre at 12.00pm to see the movie 'Puss in Boots; Prey for Mercy—Contact Sport Tararua to register for your FREE ticket on 06 374-4136

TARARUA KIDS TRIATHLON - MAYORAL CYCLE CHALLENGE- PEDAL TO THE POOL

Saturday, 25th February 2012

AMP Wai Splash Community Pool, 9.15am

Registrations are now open for the

Tararua Kids Triathlon

Registrations available from all Tararua Council District Offices, Bush Sports Park, Activate Gym,

AMP Wai Splash Community Pool and School

Office's. Registration is open for 5-13 years olds.

Come along and join the **Mayoral Cycle Challenge** on a family friendly cycle and all children swim free between 1-2pm when you PEDAL TO THE DANNEVIRKE POOL!

PUPIL ABSENCE ANSWER PHONE

NUMBER - 376 8719 or

TEXT 027 755 7791

Please phone or text by 9.00 am if your child is to be absent from school, and by 2.00 pm if your child will not on the bus after school.

Just a friendly reminder to **please** use our Drop Off Zone or the car parks when delivering or collecting your children from school. Please do not use the Drop Off Zone as a place to park and leave your car unattended. It's purpose is to drop off or collect your children safely to school. This is also for the safety of your children.

Thank you.