



Newsletter 2009

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Principal's Comments

As many of you may know, Room Four is planning a "city camp" in Wellington next term. Education outside the classroom is a well established programme in this school, as in many other NZ schools. This programme provides opportunities the classroom can't offer.

This particular camp recognises the importance of 'real life' learning in an unfamiliar city environment and will focus on life skills, dealing with risk & challenge and leadership attributes. The timetable is already packed with a range of activities determined by the students and staff- and of course comes at a cost. Part of the learning includes budgeting and raising money to finance this - so students aren't just relying on handing over a cheque.

New Zealand (and international) research identifies "meaningful contexts" as powerful tools for learning and we intend to take full advantage of every opportunity for this! You will hear of some of their initiatives over the next few weeks ... They include the "coffee and cake" after assembly each Friday: an upcoming aromatherapy session, a stall at the *Festival of Lights*, tickets for the premiere of the (soon to be released) Harry Potter movie, 'The Half-Blood Prince', and of course the raffles and proceeds of the upcoming Quiz night.

Please do your bit to let people outside of our school community know about and support these events . Dates are below:

Festival of Lights Cake Stall, Motueka High Street June 19th 2.30pm onward
Harry Potter & the Halfblood Prince, State Cinema, Motueka - July 9th, 6.00pm Book now at school office – tickets limited so first in first served. Tickets
Coffee & Cake – every Friday afternoon after assembly outside hall.

Further Dates to Remember:

Friday 19 June	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 25 June	Gymnastics A grade
Friday 26 June	Gymnastics B grade
Friday 26 June	QUIZ NIGHT 7pm
Wed 1 – Fri 3 July	Life Education Trust caravan
Friday 3 July	Last day of term

The school's annual report and audited accounts are available from the school office for viewing. - Pip

<http://room4tasman.blogspot.com/>

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Blogs are back up and running ... Check out what's hot and what's not with the following links

Just click and it will come up in your internet browser window.

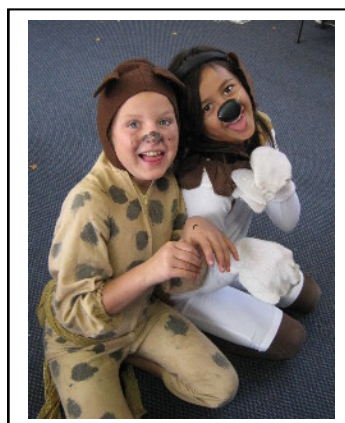
Congratulations to:

- Brad Tunncliffe who has won a place in the Under 52Kg Rugby Reps. Well done, Brad, ... See where determination and talent can take you?
- Adele Bremner who has played her way into the Nelson Netball Reps. Fantastic news, Adele – you'll definitely have to stay fit now!

Book Week Parade



A good number of students (and their parents!) made a fantastic effort to brighten up a grey day the last Wednesday in May at the Book Week Parade. Great effort and lots of imagination.



Reminder: Teacher Only Day – Friday, June 19th.

This day has been funded by the Ministry of Education as an additional day for teachers to get to grips with the new NZ curriculum which comes into force next year. The school is officially allowed to close for this day. However, if you are experiencing real difficulty in arranging child care, please contact the school office and give Margo your name.

Quiz Night – Friday June 26th

Some superb prizes are starting to roll in for Quiz Night. Remember to register your team – Registration Forms available at the school office. Teams of 4 – 7 participants – registration fee of \$30.00 per team. Thanks to the Room 4 students who have been contacting businesses in the area for sponsorship. So far, Special mention goes to **Lilli Hansen** for using initiative and canvassing Mapua businesses thus scoring some great prizes.

June Birthdays



The following students all have birthdays in June and, whether or not you've already had that special birthday, we hope you all have a wonderful year.

- Logan Pike – 4th June
- Gracie-Jo Hunter – 5th June
- Lillian Russon – 5th June
- Amanda Dyson – 7th June
- Connor Rogers-Hill – 12th June
- Leila Collin – 18th June
- Caleb Salmond – 27th June
- Rowan Bryden – 30th June

TASBAY KIDZ:

Our Winter Holiday programme is organised for the first week of the holidays Monday 6th - Friday 10th July... and has some fantastic activities to extend and amuse your children! We would be most grateful if anyone has any old nails, bolts, buttons, screws they don't need -could please send them our way! Please leave in the bucket at school office. Many thanks.



Priority for places will go to previous supporters and students from Tasman school so check out the programme on the noticeboard and be in -before places disappear.

Netball - We have 2 teams entered in Motueka Netball Association's competitions this year. If you are unsure of whether netball will be played on Saturday because of the weather, please tune in to RadioWorks Nelson – More FM on 93.0FM – cancellations are played just before each hour.

At 9.15 each Saturday players will be involved in a fundamental skills session then, this week, at 10 am the Tasman Black Ferns will play Motueka South Ferns and at 10.30 Tasman Yellow Ferns will play Lower Moutere. Good luck! Each game will be of two halves of twelve minutes each with position changes at half time.

Thanks to Kaye Jeffries for managing and Alice Templeton for coaching our up and coming stars! A further netball opportunity is available on Monday afternoons for those who are able – See later in the newsletter.

MASSIVE DVDs -

Motueka South is still waiting for orders to come in apparently. The DVDs will be produced as soon as they have the final numbers.

Life Education Trust - Harold the Giraffe from the Life Education Trust will be visiting our school in the final week of this term, on July 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Programmes have been developed for each class to have 2 or 3 sessions in this fascinating facility. Parents are invited to view it on Thursday, 2nd June from 2.30 – 3.00pm. There will be a cost of \$3.00 per child for participation and an associated workbook. Please pay this to your child's teacher by the end of June. Your child's teacher can tell you more about the specific programme for their class.

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Mr Robertson and the Room 3 students are thrilled to present the World Premiere of "Planet Earth", a locally scripted production giving the nod to environmental sustainability and leavened with more than a nudge of fun.

What do you get for free nowadays? "Planet Earth" at the School Hall Wednesday 17th June, 7.00pm



Works from the Rooms

Room 2 has been researching dinosaurs ...and their fate...

My dinosaur is a flying reptile. He eats fish. His predators are swimming dinosaurs. He lives on a tall cliff by the thundering falls. He lives with heaps of other flying dinosaurs. He is scared of T Rexes.. His name is Petrey and he has dark brown tummy and light brown wings and head. He lives in the great valley and his friend is Sera the three horned dinosaur. He has a favourite tree next to the thundering falls. He is 10cm long.



by
Jordi



I think a meteor came down and hit and it landed really hard in the rock cliff. With a crash and a bang. Then more rock covered it and the dinosaur got stuck . Then half of the cliff came off and the dinosaur was stuck worse than ever.



By Zoe



Motueka Festival of Lights

Our Festival of Lights Cake Stall will be happening on June 19th. It would be wonderful if each family could donate an item – cakes, slices, biscuits, apple pies, quiches etc. anything! Could you please bring all items to school on Thursday 18th. All the money raised will be going toward Room 4s Wellington trip later this year. If anyone would be interested in helping out on the stall – kids or adults – please let the office know.

Raffle

- 7.35pm.com 'kiwi internet marketing' has donated a raffle so Room 4 can fundraise for the Wellington Camp.
- The raffle includes a Fox T-shirt, Chainsaw oil, electric body skin care and much more.
- Raffle tickets are available at the office.
- \$2.00 per ticket

Influenza A (H1N1)

Swine Flu The Ministry of Health expects a community spread of “Swine Flu” to occur and have advised schools of this. They suggest that children who have returned from countries that have a considerable spread of the influenza remain at home for a week after return even if they have no symptoms. They also want to know if we have signs of more children than usual being off school with influenza like illness. They point out that the influenza spreads easily among children and an outbreak may mean the closure of a class or school for up to a week.

Basic hygiene and infection control is a key factor to minimising spread of influenza:

- Do not go to school if unwell
- Practise good cough and sneeze etiquette
- Wash your hands
- Phone your GP or Healthline 0800 611 116 for advice and possible assessment if concerned

Templates and resources are available on the website <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/>

The Public Health Service is very aware of the implications for parents and schools of requesting students and staff members to stay home after travelling and has sought further discussion in the issue by the Ministry of Health and their influenza advisory group.

MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 30 JULY 2009 7.00 - 9.00pm

in the High School Hall

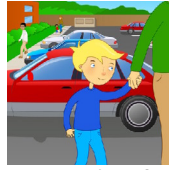
A warm welcome is extended to all parents and Year 8 students. Come and see our facilities and meet our staff and students.

- Opportunities
- Support
- Challenge
- Success

Pantomime

Nelson Repertory Theatre are producing a Pantomime – Dick Whittington & his Cat, during the School holidays – 9th and 10th July at 7.00 pm and on the 11th July at 11.00am, 2.00pm and 7.00pm. to be performed at Nelson College for Girls. All tickets are \$10.

Parenting through Separation? How can we do what's best for the children?



Barnardos and Family Works provide free presentations to help you:

- **Assist your child's journey through separation**
- **Increase your awareness of the impact of separation on your children**
- **Learn to negotiate shared care arrangements**

Held over two evenings or mornings these two hour sessions are informal and friendly providing parents with useful and handy resources.

Participants receive tips and practical ideas on how to help their children during this difficult time. These are parent only sessions and couples do not attend together.

When: May Tuesday Mornings 19th and 26th. 10.00-12noon

Where: Motueka Community House.

When: June Wednesday Evenings 17th and 24th. 6.30-8.30pm

Where: Motueka Family Service Centre

Registrations close 5pm previous day

Contact Kate at Barnardos 03 5390019 ex 33 or Sara at Family Works on 03 547 9350 Ext 714

This is an initiative of The Ministry of Justice in collaboration with Family Works and Barnardos



Junior Netball Programme:

Fun Ferns

Netball skill sessions:

Designed for 5-7 year olds.

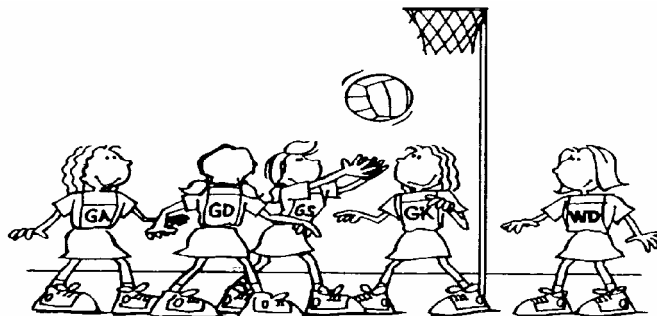
fundamental netball skills, footwork, balance and landings as well as ball handling skills.

These sessions to be held on Monday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:15pm at

Lower Moutere School. Run by Nick Kelly and parents

Starting Monday June 15th

\$1.00 koha for resources.



For more information please contact Vicki Karetai 03 52 86399

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