



Newsletter 2009
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Principal's Comments

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us Friday night for our annual parent forum. It was fantastic to have such great numbers and valuable feedback about what we do well and what we could improve.

The forum also owes a big "Thank You" to Alice and Sarah who released parents to participate and supervised an enjoyable evening for students.



Congratulations also to all the prize winners ... see Bridget, Aly or Kathryn if you want to bid for one of the vouchers they won... I understand they are open to offers!

On a more serious note - your support underpins what international research calls home- school partnerships. Homes that support what is being done at school and demonstrate that support to their children in their discussions and actions have children who achieve more highly. This is a key indicator for student success.

A further key indicator is teacher behaviour... No surprises there!
Our recent ERO report highlighted the high level of skill and competence of our teachers – so please make the time to check it out - there is a copy of the full report at the school office . You can also check it out online at <http://www.ero.govt.nz/ero/publishing.nsf/Content/Home+Page>

If you were unable to join us last week, please make a point to pop in and add your ideas and thoughts to the sheets in my office, or talk to any of our BoT members.

What was collected last year became the blueprint for our energies over this last year.

It would be great to once again get 100% input.

What you do makes a huge difference.

You can be justifiably proud of the quality of education at your school.

I feel privileged to be part of such a great team.

Pip

MASSIVE

Our year 5-8 students are hard at work preparing to be part of a combined schools' show next Tuesday (matinees for schools) and Wednesday and Thursday evenings. We will present our dance to our community at assembly Friday 22 May at 2.30pm.

If you wish to support us by getting tickets to Wednesday 20 May or Thursday 21 May performances at the Motueka High School Hall (\$5 per adult and \$3 per child) please see Margo as soon as possible.

We have been invited to take all our students to Tuesday's show at 1.00pm and will need additional transport for Rooms 1 and 2 students. Please let your teachers know if you can help. Students in Rooms 3 and 4 have already brought home a notice with all the information you may need. Transport is still needed for Friday (dress rehearsal) and Monday.

Reminders:

NO ASSEMBLY this Friday, 15th May (Massive Dress Rehearsal)

New Cellphones – If you have recently acquired a new cellphone number (or new address!), please remember to update your number at the school office.

Speed on Driveway – PLEASE make a conscious effort to slow down when approaching or departing. Particular care is needed on wet days.

Quiz Night – 26th June – Mark it on your Calendar and start to put your winning team together.

Teacher Only Day – On the 19th June we will be joining other teachers in the Cluster to focus, for the second day, on the NZ Curriculum and what it means for our school. This day has been allocated by the Ministry of Education for this purpose. It is hoped you can take this opportunity to have a long family weekend. Please advise the school if you need supervision for your child on this day.

Heat-Ups – As this is the winter term, children may bring food to be heated on a **Friday**.

Sausage Sizzle and Juicies as usual on Thursdays – but do remember that sausages are now \$1.50 each.

Headlice – some parents are getting very grumpy at ongoing infestations. Please check all heads so we can get rid of this pesky beast! Remember, if one person neglects to do this, we all suffer.

Spring bulbs – we could do with more if you can spare a few... Please give to Fred or a member of his "Enviro team."

MUSIC TUITION (from Damon)

As we get into our second term of guitar and ukulele lessons, I am finding some seriously good talent amongst students here at Tasman School. It is very clear that the children have already had a lot of good musical input from their teachers at school and parents at home. This has made my job a lot easier so far. Many thanks for all the support. Please feel free to come along and sit through your child's lesson at any time.



Our videographer (Ms Hayley Langford) at Super Child Music Productions will be coming to film children while learning their instrument. Each child will receive a free DVD of their class in action. This can only be done with your written approval so each child will be given a letter to take home for you to sign.

Remember even as little as 5 minutes of practice once a day will help your child get the most out of their instrument when we all come together every Monday at school.

Please feel free to call me at 03 5403336 to discuss any thing relating to the weekly Guitar/Ukulele lessons.

TASBAY KIDZ NEWS FLASH:

We have some awesome clubs lined up this term SO if you are at a loose end or your parents are working come and join in the fun!

- MON = GAMES CLUB ...awesome games inside and out!
- TUES = DANCE CLUB
- WED = by popular request - JUNK MIRRORS and MOBILES
- THURS = ART and CRAFT CLUB
- FRI = CHOICE CLUB

Please text Sal for further details and info 027 406 8109

Congratulations to Lintaro Yoda –

Lintaro has won the Silver Award in an international Calligraphy Competition. Lintaro studied with Akiko Crowther who held a 4 day course the Kakizome Competition in Japan. Akiko runs a regular Saturday course for children in Nelson.

Her website is

www.yuyu.co.nz

To read more about the traditional Kakizome custom, visit

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kakizome>



Woodworking Helper required : We are looking for a keen volunteer with woodworking skills to make 2 "saddles", which we use in the PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme) programme. There are models to copy from and we will cover the costs involved. Please see Jude if you can help.

Our thanks go to Geoff Paynter from the Tasman Bay Gospel Church who has generously offered to organise the cutting up of wood from Ewen Griffiths' property on May 23rd from 10am – 4pm. Geoff says there will be people coming and going within this time frame and any Tasman parents who wish to bring their chainsaws and join in would be welcome. The wood will be donated to Tasman School for the log burners in the classrooms.

Thank you to those who offered to help in the various areas mentioned in last week's newsletter. Watch this space for a date for a Working Bee.

Upcoming events

- Tuesday 13th May Author Visit – Diana Neild to Rooms 1 & 2
- Friday 15th May Author visit – Jillian Sullivan
 - MASSIVE Dress rehearsal
 - No assembly
- Tuesday 19th May Massive matinee 11am and 1 pm Motueka High
- Wednesday 20th May Massive 7pm Motueka High Hall
- Thursday 21st May Massive performance 7pm Motueka High
- Friday 22nd May Assembly performance at Tasman 2.30pm
- Mon 25th May – Friday 29th May BOOK WEEK
- Wednesday 27th May Room 4 camp meeting for all parents
- Thursday 28th May Ripper Rugby tournament – Year 5 & 6
- Monday 1st June Queens Birthday holiday
- Wednesday 3rd June Tackle Rugby – Year 7 & 8
- Tuesday 9th June Motueka High Band 9.15am
- Friday 19th June TEACHER ONLY DAY (with cluster schools)
- Thursday 25th June A grade gymnastics
- Friday 26th June B grade gymnastics
Quiz night 7pm
- Wed 1st – Fri 3rd July Life Education Trust Caravan Visit
- Friday 3 July LAST DAY OF TERM

Community Notices

The **Nelson Symphony Orchestra** with the help of Peta Spooner and her dancers are performing '**The Carnival of the Animals**' and '**Tubby the Tuba**' on Saturday, 16 May at the Nelson School of Music. There are four performances throughout the day and the cost is \$10 a person or \$36 for a family of four. Enquiries to Veronica at the Nelson School of Music.

Junior Winter Hockey: Thursday 14 May - Thursday 21 August at Saxtons Hockey Field. 4.30pm - 5.15pm for 4 - 7 year olds and 5.15pm - 6pm for 8 - 10 year olds and first time Intermediate players. Enquiries to Cherie 5479988 or nelsonhockey@xtra.co.nz

Flippa Ball (modified water polo) at the ASB Aquatic Centre. Years 5-6 at 4pm and Years 7-8 at 5pm Friday nights
.Enquiries to Cherie Thomas 5439755 ext 3 or www.asbaquaticcentre.co.nz.

LOST AT SCHOOL

One purple polar fleece jacket with polka dots – Size 10

If you see this, could you please hand it in to the office.

Desperate parent really wants it back

Tasman Homeopathy

Have remedies on hand at home for when ailments come on. Influenza, ear infections, sinus, vomiting, diarrhoea etc.
Treating the whole family
Linda Peat



Classical Homeopath
03 526 6229

NELSON SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE 2009

A series of 4 races held on Saturday afternoons
Primary School boys and girls - 1km
Intermediate (Yr.7/8) boys and girls - 2km
College boys and girls - 3km

Race 1 : Saturday 23rd May, Rabbit Island
Race 2 : Saturday 30th May, Miyazu Park
(cnr.Atawai and QEII drives, Nelson)
Race 3 : Saturday 6th June, Saxton Field
Race 4 : Saturday 13th June, (venue to be confirmed)

All races start at 3pm. Registration not required. No entry fee.No limit on numbers from each school. Trophies awarded for all grades

For more details phone Dave on 547 1699 or email dixond@clear.net.nz

“CREATE YOUR OWN ACRYLIC MASTERPIECE”
7 painting Sessions plus exhibition night.

Tutor
Fred Robertson.

You will experience acrylic painting from entry to exhibition level. Fred will cover design, theme, techniques, finishing and exhibiting.

No painting experience required, all materials included !

Starts Thursday May 14th 7 – 9pm \$ 95.00

Please contact Fred 540-3246 for enrolment.

Bike Wise Family Fun Ride

www.bikewise.co.nz



Saturday 23rd May 2009-05-12
Skate Park on Old Wharf Road @ 10.00 am

Take part and be in with a chance of winning a new bike.

Piano Tuition

Piano Lessons for
beginners and up to
intermediate levels.
Phone Kathryn van Veen
5266 726

Davis Dyslexia Programme – Contact Alysha Trent - nzgirl101@ihug.co.nz

I am currently training under the Davis Dyslexia Association, and am on the last stage of my assignments: to complete four case studies. I have done two, but I have been unable to find two more dyslexic students that I can take through the program.

What I offer is a five-to-seven-day program, 9am-3pm, that involves working with a client (age 8 and up) who recognises that they have a problem and are motivated to change it. They will be delivered a full Davis Dyslexia Correction Program and will receive a kit at the end of the week that includes a variety of materials that we will have been working with throughout the week. Every client requires a support person, usually a parent, who continues working with them for a period of time after the program. The afternoon of the last day of the program is dedicated to Support training. The cost is \$500 (a fifth of the normal program cost) and includes everything above.

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