

17th December

Term 4

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Merry Christmas

Well, we come to the end of a highly successful and busy year- the proof of which is the huge growth in development and learning of your children.

We farewell students moving into the next stage in their learning, to Maia as she prepares for the birth of their second child, and to Lee - who although she remains as a member of our school community , steps down from her role as Board of Trustees chairperson.

We have been much enriched by your input and will miss you all.

Our successes have been considerable ...gaining much praise and kudos both locally and nationally in planning, reporting, arts, literacy and physical activity. Quite a list!

We will look forward to sharing the fabulous Education Review report with you when the official copy arrives in our school for the beginning of next year.

A big thank you to all the fantastic parents that have allowed this to happen as a result of their support - both in valuing the part the school plays and in the hands on support with coaching , transport, providing resources etc.. And on your behalf a huge vote of appreciation and thanks to your Board of trustees, who do a largely unseen and unsung job on your behalf. They are an incredibly able group of people who benefit the school hugely with their expertise.

Finally I wish you and your families a special Christmas and a wonderful holiday break with your children. Enjoy yourselves together and come back refreshed and safe.

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2009 Term Dates

Term One Tue 3rd Feb - Thu 9th Apr

Term Two Mon 27th Apr - Fri 3rd Jul

Term Three Mon 20th Jul- Fri 25th Sep

Term Four Mon 12th Oct -Fri 18th Dec

In Brief

We are pleased to announce Fred has won a permanent position at Tasman school. He brings wonderful skills and talents to our community and we are very happy to have secured him for 2009 and beyond.

Next year we will be hosting guitar and ukulele if the interest we had this term continues ... So you may consider these when finalising Christmas presents!

Pool Keys can still be picked up from Margo tomorrow morning for a donation of \$30 towards the upkeep. Julie Scales has been managing a roster of volunteers over the holidays for a number of years. This has enabled families to access the pool when David has been on leave. Many thanks for the work you do on our behalf Julie. She will be assisted in this task by Adele Bremner this year as she begins to hand over the reins.

You may get a call asking for support in this or volunteer your services to Adele when you see her.

If anyone has a guitar to sell, lend or give for some talented people from Vanuatu. This would be treasured and appreciatedIf you can help please contact Toni Collin 03 5266 729.

Nelson Weet-Bix Tryathlon School's Race Brief

When Sunday, 1st March, 2009

Where Tahunanui Beach Reserve

Entry Cutoff 5pm, Friday February 27th, 2009.

Entry Process

1. Online at <http://tryathlon.weetbix.co.nz/>
2. If you don't have access to the internet, please call us on 09 531 5080. We are now taking enrolments over the phone.

Address: PO Box 74081, Market Road, Auckland 1543

Who can enter?

The event is open to all kids between the ages of 7 – 15 years old.

Kids can enter as either:

- Individual
- Team (Swim, Bike, Run can be done by separate individuals)

P Pricing Structure

There are different entry fees depending on how many people in your family are taking part, whether you're joining forces with a couple of friends and when you enter.

In Individuals: \$35

T Team (2 members): \$52

T Team (3 members): \$78

F Family of 2: \$32 each

Family of 3 or more: \$29 each

E EARLYBIRD SPECIAL: Enter two calendar months before your event
a and receive a 20% discount!

Weet-Bix is also offering a discount on entry if you collect unique codes from specially marked packs 750g and 1kg Weet-Bix packs.

Each unique code entitles you to a \$2 discount. The table below lists the maximum number of unique codes you can enter per registration.

Registration Type	Maximum no. of Unique Codes
Individual	3
Team (2 Members)	4
Team (3 Members)	6
Family (2 Members)	6
Family (More than 3 Members)	9

Payment Options

1. Credit Card Payment (Recommended)
2. Cheque Payment

Celebrities to be present

- Hamish Carter
- Potentially 2 surprise All Blacks

The Offer

- Sanitarium offers a rebate for each school of \$2 per entry for every entry over 100. E.g. If a school enters 99 kids, they will receive \$0, if they enter 101 they will receive 101 x \$2.
- Incentivise schools - the biggest school entry per region receives a \$500 dollar bonus.

On the Day

- The Administration tent, where you will need to pick-up your race pack, will be open from 7am
- The Race Briefing will take place at 8:30am, so all bikes need to be in the transition area at this time.
- Race will begin at 9am.

Bike Safety

For health and safety reasons, participating children's bikes and helmets must be safety checked prior to the event. Unchecked bikes will not be allowed into the transition area on race day. For a list of stores where you can have your free bike safety check, please check the website. Please also make sure your students are familiar with basic road rules.

What about the weather?

Please note that Weet-Bix Tryathlon events are not cancelled or postponed due to weather except in extreme circumstances. Our Race Director may choose to alter the course for safety reasons in the event of wind or rain; however, the event will go ahead. Please make sure you take a look at our 'Cancellations' and 'Refunds' Policies on our website.

You can get the latest update for each event on the Status button on our homepage, and also via the text update service. Make sure you provide us with your current mobile number or that of a parent when you log-in so we can update you.

