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KiaOra,

Well week three is nearly at an end already and children are working really well!

This year we have an in-depth focus on literacy and on educational sustainability - (hence our development of school gardens). We will be ably supported by Di Skilton and Roger Waddell - advisers from the University of Canterbury... and have already had three PD sessions with teachers.

This continues the work driven by the parent forum last year. An overarching goal identified at that time was to create self motivated learners. We have initiated a range of things to support this over the last year .

We are now working to develop our interview and goal setting procedures to help our older students take more personal responsibility for their learning.

You will note we have bought forward the timing of our parent interviews . These are scheduled for Tuesday March 3.

(You will receive a tentative timetable with this newsletter.)

The format is somewhat different, as this time we want the focus to be on information gathering and goal setting. We are hoping that students in rooms three and four will come with their parents and be a key part of this process.

A sheet will go home next week to help you prepare for this. I will look forward to catching up with many of you then.



Moving THIS?



I hope you won't
be needing this

... but you will
need this...



... and I'll help
you to get
one of these...!



Simon Thomas, Summit Real Estate Ltd MREINZ, 03 5284001 or 0275 484688

We have a fabulous school and I look forward to the successes that this year will bring.

Regards

Pip

Australasian exams

Expressions of interest were invited last year. If you have not done so please urgently contact the office.

School Council Election Results:

Congratulations to:

Room1: Amanda Dyson

Room 2: Hannah Small

Room 3: Meg Stephens & Max McAlpine

Room 4: Jaimie Merrymann & Lexi Mills

Touch

Reminder - last chance to register for touch which starts Wednesday 25 February. At present there are not enough players to field a team.

Tuition

Music and singing tuition is available again this term. Please register your interest at the office as soon as possible. Instruments (guitar, ukulele, flute, recorder) tuition will be held during lunch time, with singing after school. It is preferable children bring their own instruments.

Cellphones

Cellphones are brought to school at your own risk. They should be handed in to the office for safe-keeping during

class time. As with other items of value, we will take no responsibility if they are not given to the office for safekeeping. Thank you.

Australian Fires

Hands On family organisation is fundraising for victims of Victoria’s Bushfires. Donations can be made in the box outside the office.

	BoT Meeting 7pm	
	Staffroom	
27 Feb	Moutere Hills Swimming Sports	Junior
3 March	Parent Interviews	Whole School
3 March	Summer Sports	Y7/8
7 March	Motueka Swimming Sports	Senior

WELCOME! Alice Bellé to Room 2. Alice joins us from the North Island, We wish her all the best at Tasman School.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! this Month to:

- Piers Comins
- Traego Moffatt
- Kalani Sheridan
- Jayna Tunncliffe
- Bronwen Griffiths



Diary this

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	
24 Feb	Moutere Hills Swimming Sports	Senior school

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

Online at <http://tryathlon.weetbix.co.nz/> Ph: 09 531 5080.

Who can enter?

The event is open to all children 7 – 15 years old.

Children can enter as either:

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

Parenting Courses

See notice Board or contacts below for more information.

The Incredible Years: Empowering parents of children aged 3-8 years. Contact Emma Stevens 528 7533 / Julie Ruawai 528 1145.

Mothers Raising Teenage Boys Course (four weeks)

At Motueka High school beginning Tuesday 10th March 7 – 9 pm

\$8.50 per workshop (Subsidised by Motueka High School)

Course content and enrolment available at;

www.lifework.co.nz or contact; Claire Cameron 5289050 ext 204

email:ccameron@motuekahigh.school.nz

or Anne: 548 1235 email: lifework@xtra.co.nz

HopeFest Tue 24 Feb - Sun 1 Mar

HopeFest is a series of events aimed at meeting needs in the community. Includes Hot Tips parenting seminars, single-parenting seminar, an evening with an All Black legend, music and poetry, and a Freebee Fair.

For more information, call Hope Community Church 544 6628 or visit www.hopecommunitychurch.org.nz.

Amazing price of \$7 per kg, packaged in 500g bags. Also available, Sujon pie filling (apples with boysenberry and blackcurrant) \$2.50 per 800g pack. Call Michelle on 5432516 (9.30 to 1.00pm, weekdays) or send an email to enquiries@mouterehills.org.nz to arrange collection.

New at Moutere Hills Community Centre:

EASE INTO EXERCISE

New term, new opportunity to increase your level of activity and fitness. Come and join us at Moutere Hills Community Centre (in the gym) on Friday mornings, any time between 9.30 and 12.00 and partake in some low impact exercise. No charge.

Start date: 20th Feb

For more details, phone Vanessa on 5432516

SOCIAL INDOOR NETBALL

New to Moutere Hills, starting Monday 15th Feb 7.30pm until 9.00pm. Meet some new people, increase your fitness levels and most importantly enjoy a good laugh on our new indoor court in a very social environment. No commitment/ability required. \$3 per person.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

FROZEN BLACKCURRANTS FOR SALE - First come, first served!!

Local company Sujon, kindly sponsored the frozen blackcurrant stall run as a fundraiser by Moutere Hills Community Centre at Sarau Festival last month. Leftover stock is available for purchase.