



## Newsletter 2009

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*The construction of many and varied structures has been a highlight for students this term !!*

### Principal's Comments

It is the last week of the third term – traditionally a long and busy one. Sometimes this is a time when children get tired and fractious so it is fabulous to see our children remain busy and active in the playground, enjoying the environment and company of their peers.

A big thanks to all who have played a part in making the environment so attractive... The addition of huts, sand and sawdust have certainly had their appeal!

Congratulations must also go to all those children who have made good decisions and used self control when faced with a challenge.

It brings to mind a study done on impulsivity and the importance self control has on future success.

Four year old children in the US and Mexico were given a marshmellow and told that they would be given another one if they could resist eating the first until the researcher returned.

That is ...eat one now or wait and have the pleasure of eating two! Those that managed to wait ( about 25% in one group and 33% in the second ) were later found to have significantly higher likelihood of future success.

Check out the link for some hilarious footage of children's responses

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0yhHKWUa0g>

It makes sense - of course -but does remind us that encouraging children to think before they act , to delay their immediate gratification for something more important later or to be considerate when they are tired, is part of a bigger picture and very important.

Congratulations to all of you for the work you do at home to teach this important life skill.

Have a restful enjoyable break with your children over the next two weeks.

Pip

### **Parent Interviews**

Thank you teachers for all the time thought and energy you have put into an additional round of parent interviews this term. This was a request from the last parent forum and we all appreciate the value they have.

Thank you parents for being prompt and supportive of all your teachers do on behalf of your children.

### **Congratulations**

To Sue Shand for winning a study award towards the completion of her degree. Well done.

### **THANK YOU THANK YOU**

A big thank you goes to Mr David Hollingsworth who ably took up the mantle of Rooms Three's education whilst Mr R has been overseas. We thank you for what you have brought to Tasman school and look forward to seeing you back here in the future.

Thank you also to Hayley Wilson who has been involved in every aspect of our school during her four week posting in Room 2. We wish you every success for your ongoing training and future career Hayley . Any school would be lucky to have you and we have certainly enjoyed all you have brought to our place. Don't be a stranger when you are next passing!

To our fantastic staff ... Thank you for a great terms work. Enjoy some time to re energise and build for the future term!

Happy holidays all.

Pip

## Mid Winter tournament ..... reports:

### Netball - by Emily, Emma and Meg

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of September we competed in the Motueka winter sports tournament. We played in the intermediate netball grade held at Parklands school with 10 other schools. There were 11 rounds in the day, with each game taking 10 minutes and allowing one bye. We won 6 games, lost 3 and tied 1. This gave us 24 points so we came 4<sup>th</sup> in the rankings, despite 2 sick players and 3 minor injuries... headaches and sprained ankles. At the end of an exhausting day, we paused for a moment to consider - it was a fun day and a great experience!



### Football – by Luke and Vincent

On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2009 a team from Tasman school travelled to the winter sports football tournament. Our team included Vincent, Luke, Brad, Jamie, Traego, Billy, Tayne, Jordan, and Piers. We were awesome. We came second in the tournament. It was a fun day. We saw some old friends from high school. We won 7 games, drew 1 and only lost 1 game.

### Hockey – by Caleb Salmond

As you all know, we (Tasman School) had a winter sports tournament. I played Hockey as my sport along with Bailey, Connor R-H, Connor B, Drew, Kalani, Mark, Max, Frankie and Jordi. We had ok games but not the best we've ever had. As the day went on we got better and better, I think we gained confidence when we drew 2-all against Ngatimoti. After that we won our last two games 6-0 against Upper Moutere School and 1-0 against Parklands. After that I was feeling pretty good but tired. In our team Bailey scored 6 points throughout the tournament, me 3, Connor.B scored 1 and Bailey said he gives lots of credit to the team and says he wouldn't have scored that many goals if it wasn't for our team work and tactics.

### Waimarama Sanctuary – report by Emily

On Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September my class and I went to the Waimarama Sanctuary in the Brook, to celebrate Conservation week. Six activities were planned by a group of dedicated volunteers-we started at number 6, transferred to number 1 and so on.

The first one we went to I thought was quite weird – it was singing and puppets, a bit odd for me...Activity 1 was fun because we got to run around and play a game.

The worst one for me was the activity where we had to be blind folded and be led around a number of boxes – which we had to try and figure out guess what was in the box, by touch alone. There was fungi and a stoat (ewww), a kiwi, leaf litter, birds nest, moss. My favourite activity was the 5<sup>th</sup> one where we fished in the stream to investigate the life there. The whole reason for doing this was to see if the stream was healthy or not.

The other interesting activity for me, was number two which was all about whales. We saw lots of whale bones. I found out that a blue whale is 33m long WOW that's huge!!!

**Clubs next term....** Volunteers are needed to help with Athletics Club for the first 5 weeks of next term. Please see Jude if you can help with this. The annual Moutere Hills Athletics Sports Day will be held in November.

**T-Shirts for Sale and Sunhats also** Sunhats are going to be needed next term, in keeping with our Sun Safe Policy. Sunhats must shade neck ears and nose to comply. Without a shady hat children will be required to stay in the shade at playtimes. The school does have some hats with the school logo on them for sale at \$11.50 each. T-Shirts are also available at \$25.00 each.

**LUNCHES** – just a reminder that hot water and heat ups are only available in the two winter terms. In Term 4 and Term 1 children will need to bring lunches that do not require either of these.

**Sausage Sizzle Reminder** - Please remember that sausages are now \$1.50 each – Juicies remain at \$1.00.

**End of Term Housekeeping:** Please return all sports uniforms and school T-shirts by the end of this week.

Also all school library books need to be back by Friday . Thanks for your support with all of this

**Working Bee** 19 September – The “pyromaniacs” put in some hard labour last Saturday with Alan from Tasman Mowing Services and the trees and undergrowth round the school have been drastically pruned and thinned out, letting in a lot more light and removing mowing hazards. Grateful thanks to Tracey, Noelle, Paul, Ewen, John, Peter, Alistair and Richard who answered Jim’s call and put in hot, sweaty hours of work to achieve the results. Our apologies to any Tasman residents downwind of the smoke. We appreciate your patience and assure you the school doesn’t often have this kind of a burn off.!

**Thank You** to Karl Dykes who noticed the vandalism of the wooden bins south east of Room 1 and gave his time and expertise to repair the damage and hopefully prevent any further damage, and to Andrew Dyson for donating the large tyre that children are having so much fun with at present.

### **Head Lice:**

Oh yes...One more time .... Please be aware that head lice reoccurs very easily. PLEASE keep a vigilant eye on your childrens’ heads – particularly check around the nape of the neck and behind the ears as the skin is more delicate at those points and headlice do not believe in working harder than necessary to get a feed. It only takes one infected child for the pest to spread.

If you are not interested in using the chemical shampoos available (and do be aware that you usually need to use these twice with a week's interval) natural methods can be very effective, but they do require effort on the parent's part.

- Very vigorous brushing, twice daily – 25 brushstrokes forward and 25 backward on the hair morning and evening should do it.
- Using a metal 'nit comb', carefully comb the hair, removing the lice and eggs. Combing should be done twice daily for 14 days. There is a comb available that kills the lice electronically but this has not been shown to be particularly effective. (However, the school does have a "Robi-Comb" which parents can borrow to try out). Combing tends to work well on children with short, fine hair, and is not so good for those children with curly or long hair.
- An Australian study found that applying thick white (so you can see the lice easily) conditioner to dry hair and using a fine-toothed headlice comb is just as effective as commercial anti-lice agents.
- Although it is accepted that headlice do not live long when away from their food source, at least one Shampoo instruction leaflet suggests that washing bedding, combs and brushes, caps or hats, towels and clothing as a way of preventing reinfestation.

## Community Notices:

**Just Gym** offers gymnastic based movement classes for children 1- 8 years of age.

After school classes are available in

**Nelson, Richmond, Wakefield and the Moutere.**

Classes are \$70 for a nine week term.

New Term starts 12 October.

To enroll and for a full timetable ph 5466013

Or email [just.gym@xtra.co.nz](mailto:just.gym@xtra.co.nz)



**KidPower** is running various workshops for children and parents over the holidays – check out the pages of courses on notice board. A great way to give your children

## Māpua Pirate Fun Day - 2009

### 27<sup>th</sup> September at Māpua Wharf - 11.00 - 3.00pm

Dress up, come down and see and be seen. Last year over 1000 'pirates' joined in. Free entertainment - folk band, barrel rolling races, walking the plank, treasure hunt, spot prizes. Tide and weather permitting, the "Steadfast" will be tied up at the

wharf, you can watch the cannon being fired, have a horse and buggy and/or boat ride and sing a sea shanty or two. Gold coins donation helps support local community groups and businesses.

## **Motueka Junior Football Association**

The End of Year Presentation will be held at the Motueka High School Hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 2pm.

We would like to ask all the parents attending the presentation to please bring a plate.

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