



Newsletter 2009
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Kia ora te whanau, and welcome back to Term Two 2009!

Term One finished with a great school celebration “Top Town” This was a fitting end to the term, - a celebration of some of the senior students’ learning about challenge . planning and support... and great fun!

Thank you Jodie Fa’avae , Danial Bremner, Sue Shand, and Room Four senior students for making Top Town such a superb event. Thank you to the community that supported it.

This last Saturday we had another remarkable event – The Anzac Day commemoration... similar levels of expertise, planning and preparation ...this time the school supporting a community event.

Richard Easton , Keith Broadie, Tony Pearson and others in the community worked behind the scenes with the school to organize this event - one that welcomed almost 150 people to an event marking our past – and in so doing, linking to our future as a community. Thank you also to Margo and David – and to our teachers for their part in this preparation.

Common to both events are people who are passionate enough to “go the extra mile” to make important things happen. We are lucky we have many such people.

Yes the recent accolades from the Education Review Office are appreciated and yes, being hailed as a model of good practice by the Ministry of Education is great ...but so are events like these - that celebrate who we are – past, present and future, and build rich memories for our children.

Friday 8th May we will host a second forum for parents and community to build on this foundation. Details are in this newsletter.

We will look forward to seeing you all here then- as you play your part in shaping and polishing our school's future history!

Have a great week

Pip



Have you always wanted to get involved but were not sure what YOU could do!!

Well ...do we have some opportunities for you!!! The Board of Trustees has put together a list of all the areas in our school that need motivated, excited, 'ideas' people JUST LIKE YOU!

Friday Clubs

Have you got one hour free on a Friday afternoon? The commitment is for only one term. We run clubz as a reward and fun way to end the week. Do you know how to knit, do woodwork, play an instrument, know some games from generations ago? Any craft, any talent - Indoor or outdoor! The students enjoy them all. See Jude to register your interest tomorrow so we can start clubs this week.

Taste Tasman Festival

Have you ever been to this successful event? We are in the process of putting together a passionate team of parents to start brainstorming and organising for next year. All different strengths are welcome in this team. This is a long-term team who will get together soon to start to vision and plan for this large event. The plans are in the baby stage so you could be part of Tasman School's new and exciting "Taste Tasman team" for 2010. See Pip or Saree if you are interested. Meeting of minds will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 12th May in the staffroom or library.

After school programme

This programme is run by Tasman School after school and during school holidays. With the change in economic circumstances we are looking for an ideas person to help us come up with inspiring, fun and challenging programme ideas to bring in new students so we can keep this programme running. We are looking for someone who knows what kids love to do. See Pip or Sal

Calling all "Trade Me" Fanatics...

If you love Trade Me and have any suggestions of how to make this a manageable option for raising funds for the school please talk to Fraser or email on fraser@tasman.school.nz

Working Bee

We would like to tidy the area behind the sheds. At present, there are a lot of aluminium cans which need to be transferred to the recycling depot as well as green waste (accumulated over many years?!) This needs a small bobcat or small digger and truck to remove to the refuse centre. Is anyone able to help in this - particularly with the driving and moving of waste? Please contact Fraser personally or email him on fraser@tasman.school.nz

Green fingers and handy men and women

We are looking at getting pruning and weeding done around the school before winter. If you are able to help with this, please email Fraser on fraser@tasman.school.nz

Environmental Education

Have you got a passion for gardening, creating a temporary obstacle course in the playground, or working with our student council to make our school a more enviro friendly place? See Fred.

Photo librarian

We have a whole lot of fabulous digital photos of different events that we would like to collate for each child over time. If you have odd amounts of time here and there and some basic sorting skills on a computer please see Pip

The mystery skill box

Maybe you would like to read to junior students, help create a class totem pole, make cushion covers for our library...Anything else you can offer that you think may support the school here , please don't be shy!!
Let us know what you are thinking ...



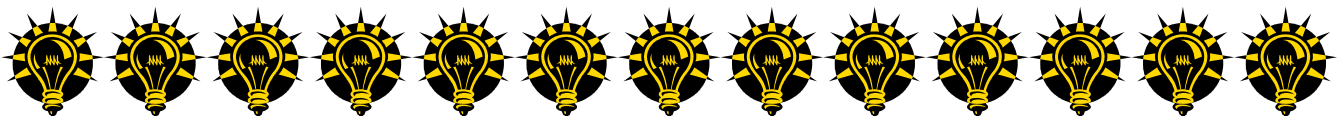
Welcome

To Mardy Bailey who has started school in Room one this Monday!

It is great to have you as part of our school family Mardy.

Welcome also to Elise Jenkins who is beginning her teaching practice in Room 4 this Monday. Elise is doing her teacher training through Victoria University.

Welcome Whaea Elise.



Review the Past, Plan for the Future

Parent Forum

Come and have your say on the Future at Tasman School

YOU ARE INVITED

May 8th

7pm School Hall

Could we please have at least on representative from each family

CHILDCARE TROUBLES???

Never fear!!! Supervised movie and popcorn : invitations and tickets for each student will be sent out soon.

Buy at the wine bar

Please bring a plate of nibbles to share

Reminders

- If you have changed address or cell phone numbers ... Please let Margo know in the office. Thanks
- All swimming pool keys should now be returned - thanks.
- A reminder to those with invoices for music tuition to please get payment to the office as soon as you are able.

Singing Tuition

Alicia Trent may be available this term for singing tuition... She will take students eight years and above, (including adults). Please advise Pip or Margo as soon as possible if you are keen. Thanks.



Netball

Saturday Netball is due to begin on June 6th. We have entered 2 teams in the Future Ferns grade (8-10 years). If any younger children are interested, there will be a Fun Ferns programme for 5-7 yrs. This will be an activity based programme to develop fundamental netball skills in 8-10 sessions – which will probably run after school.

Players may join this as individuals rather than in a team.

If you are interested, but have not yet received a notice, please talk to Jude.

Heat Ups – as is usual during terms 2 and 3, hot water will be available from the staffroom for soups, noodles, etc. On Fridays and Mondays children may also bring pies, pizzas, cooked meals etc. to be heated up, PROVIDED these are in oven proof containers and **labelled with the child's name**.

Community Notices:

A community member who is currently training in the Davis Dyslexia Correction programme is looking for two further students to complete her training.

She says ... 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.

Car Booster Seats



Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council, along with Plunket, Safe2Go and NZ Police have recently held child car seat restraint clinics and road stops over the Nelson and Tasman District.

The overall results of these clinics and road stops was encouraging, with only 10% of all 700+ seats checked requiring referral to the police. Just over 50% of the seats checked were fitted appropriately and the remaining 40% only needed minor adjustments.

However, some education issues did arise and we received a lot of questions about booster seats. A lot of parents don't know the laws surrounding booster seats or the recommendations.

Children 5 to 7 years old

- Must use a child restraint if available

Plunket have issued this recommendation which states that children should use a booster seat until they properly fit an adult safety belt. Research identifies a minimum height of 135cm, which is usually reached between 9 and 12 years of age.

- All 4 and 5 year olds need booster seats
- 90% of 6 to 8 year olds need booster seats
- 50% of 9 and 10 year olds need booster seats
- 10% of 11 and 12 year olds need booster seats

Primary school age children are three times less likely to be injured in a booster seat than with an adult seat belt alone. Below 135cm they are likely to receive serious injuries to their neck if just wearing an adult seat belt, if they are in a crash.

It is also recommended that children under the age of 12 should always travel in the back of the car, unless the car is full and they are the oldest passenger.

It is also worth noting that all child car seats have an expiry date. These can vary from 6 to 10 years depending on the manufacturer. The expiry date can usually be found on the bottom of the car seat. It is worth checking this out at time of purchase.

If you wish to receive more information please contact Sarah Downs on 03 543 8542 or sarah.downs@tdc.govt.nz or go and see your nearest Plunket representative.

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