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## TE REO TE KURA

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Dear Parents,  
We are now well into Term 2. Welcome to our many new tamariki. We now have 872 students who are working well together. Thanks to all those parents who are making sure kids are at school on time. School starts at 8.40am.

### **QUEENS'S BIRTHDAY:**

School will be closed on  
**MONDAY 6 JUNE** for  
Queens Birthday Weekend.



### **YEAR 7/8 TECH - GREENMEADOWS:**

Some tech fees have not yet been paid. Te Huringa and O le Taiala are now completing their 2<sup>nd</sup> Term of Technology. Please make sure that at least \$25 has been paid (\$55 total per year) also students must have correct footwear – no sandals.

### **SWIMMING SETS FOR SALE:**

We have swimming goggle sets for sale at the office for \$12.50. Set includes goggles, cap, wet bag and pouch to keep it all in.



### **HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS:**

Finlayson Park is a Health Promoting School. Our goal is to continue to integrate Health Promoting School projects throughout our school programmes. Our team of teachers and students are keen to bring health to the forefront during 2011.

Teacher representatives are, Marian Then, Taeang Erika, Mary Tronell, Tara Puke, Bronwyn Liaki, Soreta Felise and Janice Diamond our Health coordinator. In addition we have 17 members in our Student Health Team they are called "Finlayson's Funky Few". During Term 2 & 3 our team will be reading the weather forecast which will go into every classroom daily.



Given time Finlayson's Funky Few will also read the weather forecast over our school radio station, Radio Kowhai 107.3FM.

Recently the team made a video clip about nutrition which includes scenes from our breakfast club and fruit in schools. To view the video clip parents and friends are encouraged to go to Finlayson Park web site. We also show it on our big screen in the office area.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

We have one new member on our Board of Trustees Mr Po'uha Hasiata and Mr Valay Raman is our new staff representative.

#### **Board Members:**

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| Jaylene Ball     | Chairperson          |
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| Emi Tagoai       | Member               |
| Po'uha Hasiata   | Member               |

### **SPORTS RESULTS:**

**Manurewa Year 4-6 Cross Country** was held at Mountfort Park on 19th May 2011. CONGRATULATIONS to all the students that competed, and to the wonderful parents who came and gave us their support. Congratulations to Daylee Dutton TH5 for being the Year 6 Manurewa Schools Cross Country Champion.

**Coca Cola Netball Tournament** was held on Wednesday 18 May at Papakura Netball Centre. A good day was had by all with all teams making it to the quarter finals. Thanks to Mrs Meleisea and Whaea Janice for all their hard work.

## **TEAM 3 WHANAU HUI:**

15th June 2011 @ 6.00 pm in the Staffroom.

Spelling - Learn how spelling helps your child to Read & Write. Bring your child & play spelling games. Take home a handout of suggestions & a Spelling game.

**\*\*Sausage Sizzle available beforehand.**



## **TEAM 4 FUNDRAISER:**

**HOUSIE NIGHT:** Tuesday 14 June in our School Hall 6.30 pm start.

There will be food and drinks for sale and raffles. We are fundraising for our Wellington Camp. Thank you for your support.



## **HIPPY:**

### **HOME INTERACTION PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS & YOUNGSTERS:**

Give your child a head start with this fun & exciting 2 year programme. All you need is 10 - 15 minutes per day to work on this programme with your child. All the equipment will be provided to you in your home by a tutor who will visit you once a fortnight. The cost of this programme is only \$1.00 per week. We have spaces available so please contact Lisa John on (09) 2665558 for more information.

## **ADULT LEARNERS CLASSES:**

We still have some places in our parent programme. Come and join a small group, make new friends and enjoy learning. Come along and learn how to help your children with homework. Choose what you would like to learn:



- English (Literacy)
  - Computers
  - Maths (Numeracy)
  - Drivers Licence
  - Job Seeking Skills (Taking Term 3 enrolments now).
- (9-11am starting 7 Jun)

Please contact Bathsheba Tofilau on (09) 2665558. These classes are for you and they are free.

## **SUPPORT STAFF:**

Our school Chaplain is here every Thursday – would you like someone to talk to? Matua Barry is a friendly, wise and family supportive person who may be able to assist you in crises.




## **BREAKFAST CLUB:**

7.45 – 8.20am, every day in our school hall. If your children can contribute 30c towards their breakfast that is great, if not, they can still have breakfast. WE WANT ALL OUR STUDENTS TO HAVE FOOD IN THEIR TUMMIES SO THEY CAN LEARN BETTER.



## **LUNCHES:**

 Please remember that “Snack Packs” are NOT good for your children as they have high sugar content and have little nutritional value. New World sells a lunch pack with fruit for \$2.95 which is much healthier than the dairy packs.

## **PARKING FINES:**



Auckland City Council are enforcing parking fines around schools. When children arrive or leave school each day, your behaviour can either protect or endanger them. Please choose safe parking over convenience at all times.

Enforcement by Police and Parking Wardens is designed to keep all road users safe.

## **AFTER SCHOOL:**



We have far too many children waiting for ½ hr to 1 ½ hours for parents to pick them up after school **THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!!** Students are outside the gates, some are playing dangerously on the road and students from other schools are picking fights with them. There is **NO** teacher supervision. Please collect your children by 3pm or they will have to walk home.

## **UNIFORMS:**

If your child's uniform is wet they must still come to school. Put them in a plain colour top and skirt or shorts and send a note to school (No bright colours please).

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