



School Goal – Term 1 2010

We will show care and consideration for others

Teaching Beliefs – Success with Support, Teamwork and Communication, Achieving High Standards, Reflecting Diversity, Safe Secure Environment.

Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo-ni, Greetings, Bula, Fakaalofa atu, Sabai de, Namesti

PRINCIPALS NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2010

Welcome back for the 2010 school year. We have had a fantastic start to the year with students and staff enthusiastic about the year ahead.

We have a lot to do this year- a new vision to embed, a new strategic plan focusing on five areas of development and improvement. An excellent revised New Zealand Curriculum to implement and the government imposed National Standards to introduce.

We welcome the following new students to our school:

		Yr			Yr			Yr
Thonshai	Aphayvong	1	Lahtoya	Faulkner	4	Lemani	Hingano	6
Tolisi	Hingano	1	Ofa	Hingano	4	Te Rawhiti	Kotuhi	7
Mina	Katu	1	Hayleigh	Poutoa	4	Dante	Laulu	7
Tanishah	Khan	1	Stormy	Puia	4	Wayne	Poutoa	7
Jeremiah	Mapusua	1	Malia	So'oialo	4	Caleb	So'oialo	7
Maila	Rapana Aluni	1	Madresa	Elama	5	Sa	Taliulu	7
Jordan	Tibble	1	Maria	Kotuhi	5	Andrew	Wilson	7
Kevin	Taliulu	2	Napa	Taliulu	5	Awhina	Wilson	7
Alistar	Brown	3	Logan	Tangaroa	5	Shanice	Kemp	7
Silivelio	Taliulu	3	Oaklee	Wilson	5	Dylan	Te Hauora	8
						Bailey	Cullum	8

We also warmly welcome two new staff – Ms Toni Kahu teaching a Year 7/8 class and Ms Rebecca Sellars teaching a Year 2/3 class. Whaea Toni comes to us from Brandon Intermediate School where she taught for some time. Rebecca is beginning her teaching career with us. We are very much looking forward to the contribution these two teachers will make to our school.

SCHOOL GOAL

All school goals this year will be based upon the notion of respect – a key word for our school and one of the curriculum values. We are working hard to embed respect in all aspects of our school culture and operations. Our goal for Term 1 is: 'We will show care and consideration for others'.

We will be identifying STARS students who have worked hard to achieve the goal at assemblies each Friday morning.

NATIONAL STANDARDS / REPORTING TO PARENTS

We have assessed the new national standards and discover our school expectations for achievement are either the same or are higher. We will therefore be maintaining our expectations as we work to improve achievement for all students in our school. We are currently reviewing how we report to parents. We now need to report to you in writing twice a year. There are some issues to consider around the timing of reports which we are working on and which may mean children at different class levels receive reports at different times. We will keep you informed about this.

TAMAITI MUA

We are working to further this initiative, the aim being to develop a strong partnership with all our parents. Our staff have worked again with Norm Hewitt on one of our Teacher Only Days to start this month. There will be events happening late this term for us to get to know you better and for you to share with us. Watch our for further details of these. This is an exciting initiative and a key goal for us over the next few years.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Our new strategic goals for the next five years are:

1. To improve student achievement
2. To build positive attitudes towards learning, improvement, innovation and participation
3. To meaningfully engage our school community
4. To improve school resources
5. To develop leadership and citizenship for our students and community

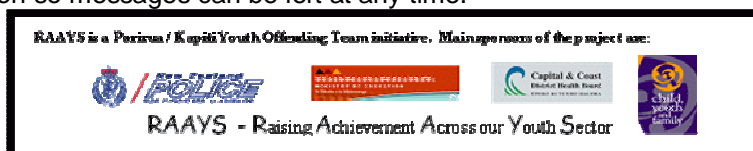
Each year we will plan events, actions and initiatives to achieve these goals. A copy of this year's annual plan is available for you to see. Please contact me if you wish to see and discuss what we are doing. I will be only too pleased to explain. An example of what we are doing for the second strategic goal is to teach the meaning of the school vision and what respect means for each member of our school community. All classes are doing this at present and I have seen some excellent work being done with this across the school.

SUNHATS / HEALTHY EATING / FRUIT IN SCHOOLS

A reminder that we are a Sunsmart school and children must have brimmed sun hats at school to wear during Terms 1 and 4. We encourage healthy eating for everyone. Breakfast Club operates every morning in the library for those who wish to have it. We have two healthy eating days per term when we do not permit packaged food. We do not allow McDonalds, KFC etc to be eaten at school. We know that a healthy diet keeps children awake and alert and ready to learn. Fruit in Schools is also continuing to operate at our school. Each child receives at least one piece of fruit per day. This is designed to supplement but not replace fruit from home.

ATTENDANCE/RAAY'S

Attendance levels and punctuality have been excellent so far this year. Thank you for your support with this. We expect children to arrive on time so that they can take a full part in the school day and achieve to their full potential. We do monitor attendance and lateness and we are a partner with all other local schools to tackle attendance issues in a consistent manner. Please inform us if your children are going to be absent or late for any reason. The answer phone is always on so messages can be left at any time.



CHANGE OF DETAILS

Have you had a change of address, telephone number or emergency contact details that you have not advised us of. We need to keep up to date details for emergency purposes and for the upcoming Board of Trustees elections in May. Please fill in the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

2010 is the year for electing parent representatives on the school Board of Trustees. Elections are on 7 May but nominations will be called for in March. Please consider standing. Being on a Board is an honour and gives you a greater insight on how your school is run. Please contact me for further information. Our current Board next meets on Tuesday 23 February at 6pm in our school library. You are very welcome to come and observe to find out what meetings are all about. You will then be able to see what you could offer to the school Board and then, hopefully stand for election.

NEW CLASSROOMS

We have two brand new Kahikatea classrooms which we blessed last week. Miss Frater, Mr Maraku and the students are all enjoying their fantastic new space. Come along and check them out.

DESK AND BOOK SALE

We have some old desks and chairs for sale for \$2.00 each. These are ideal for setting up a study area at home. We also have some books for sale. Come along this Friday at 3.15pm in the hall and pick yourself up a bargain.

TARGETS FOR 2010

This year in line with our ERO recommendations, we will be setting fewer targets for the school, but they will be much more strategic. The draft targets are included with this newsletter. Please either – come and see me to discuss these targets, fill in the response form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to me or come along at 6.30pm on Thursday 18 February in Amanda Frater's room to hear about the targets and express your views.

- Comments about the proposed 2010 targets

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Name-----
 Please return to Paul Nees at the office.

Contact Details Update: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Parents Names.....

Students Names.....

Address.....

Phone/Cell Numbers.....

Emergency Contacts (at least 2)

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DRAFT TARGETS FOR 2010

READING Target	This will mean
To maintain the STAR achievement levels of the Year 4 group	38% of Year 4 students in the outstanding and above average ranges, including 50% of Maori students and 25% of Pasifika students
To improve the reading achievement levels of the Year 7 and 8 students	40% of Year 7 students reading at Level 3A or above, including 35% of Maori students and 45% of Pasifika students. 30% of Year 7 students achieving in the above average and outstanding ranges in the STAR reading test.
	50% of Year 8 students reading at Level 4P or above, including 40% of Maori students and 50% of Pasifika students 15% of Year 8 students achieving in the above average and outstanding ranges in STAR reading test.
WRITING Target	This will mean
To improve the writing achievement of Year 5 and Year 8 students	50% of Year 5 students achieving at Level 3B or above, including 25% of Maori students and 50% of Pasifika students.
	55% of Year 8 students achieving at Level 4P or above, including 45% of Maori students and 60% of Pasifika students.
MATHEMATICS Target	This will mean
To address the lowest areas of achievement in Year 4, Year 6 and Year 8	80% of Year 4 boys at Level 5EA
	70% of Year 4 Pasifika boys at Level 5EA
	80% of Year 6 Maori students at Level 6AA
	70% of Year 8 boys at Levels 7AM and 8AP
	70% of Year 8 Maori students at Level 7AM and 8AP

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 1. Bullying:** to achieve 90% of bullying reported to staff
- 2. Absenteeism/Tuancy:** To achieve an absenteeism/tuancy rate between 5% and 7% for the year.

Kind Regards
Paul Nees
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER



12 Feb	Desk and Book sale 3.15pm in hall
.....	STARS Assembly
18 Feb	Parent Consultation meeting for 2010 targets at 6.30pm in Miss Fraters room
19 Feb	School assembly – Pohutukawa
23 Feb	BOT meeting 6pm in library – includes report on English and Strategic Goal 5
24 Feb	School-wide sports day Next newsletter
25 Feb	Healthy Eating Day

HEALTHY RECIPE CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 5 thin slices prosciutto or lean bacon
- 500g skinless chicken breast fillets
- olive oil cooking spray
- 1 large cos or iceberg lettuce, leaves separated, washed, dried
- 1 slice bread, toasted, cut in cubes
- 1/3 cup fat-free Caesar dressing



Nutrition Information	
	per serve
Energy	1230 kJ (297 Cals)
Protein	36g
Fat - saturated	11g 3g
Carbohydrates - sugars	10g 3g
Dietary Fibre	3g
Sodium	560mg
Calcium	60mg
Iron	2mg

Instructions

Step 1 Hard-boil eggs. Remove shells and cut in wedges. Set aside.

Step 2 Heat a grill on high. Place prosciutto on a baking tray. Place under grill and cook for 2-3 minutes on each side, or until crisp. Cool. Break into pieces.

Step 3 Heat a non-stick frying pan over a medium heat. Spray chicken with olive oil. Add 2 fillets to pan and cook for 3-4 minutes on each side, or until cooked through. Transfer to a plate. Cook remaining chicken. Once cooked, thinly slice or shred.

Step 4 Arrange lettuce leaves on a large platter. Top with chicken, prosciutto, eggs and croutons. Drizzle with dressing and serve immediately.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mana Music Centre – enrolment day – Saturday 13th February 2010 at Discovery and Maraeroa Schools.

Lessons are \$12 per term, instruments include – recorder, piano, keyboard, clarinet, saxophone, flute, violin and guitar. For more information phone Sandra 235-9019.

Registrations for the coming season for Western Suburbs Soccer will be held on Thursday 11 Feb, 5.30pm – 7.30pm and Sunday 14 Feb 10.30am – 2.30pm, at Endeavour Park Clubrooms, Whitby. For more information phone 234-8611.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to three of our students who were prize winners at the Skateboard Competition held on Waitangi Day. Sharnaya and Bronson Maka and Koru June. Congratulations and well done.



One of our parents is looking for after school care for her 11 year old son. This would be from 3pm – 5pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only. Would prefer a parent with children attending our school. For more information phone Charlotte on 2355-944 or 0273514310.