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School Goal – Term 2 2010

WE WILL SHOW CARE AND CONSIDERATION FOR PROPERTY AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

Teaching and Learning Beliefs:

Supporting Each Other, Tell the Truth, Achieving Our Goals, Respect, Self Responsibility.

Vision: Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for Environment

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

PRINCIPALS NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2010

We welcome Eraia Woodley and Keisha Stockbridge to our school. They are both new five year olds who have joined Mrs Gulliver's class.

SCHOOL GOAL

We have a new school goal – 'We will show care and consideration for property and our environment'. This builds on our previous goal. It uses the same language of 'care and consideration' that the students are already familiar with. It also reflects the language and intent of the revised NZ Curriculum and Rangikura's own curriculum. It also supports some current environmental projects such as the developing vegetable garden, also green initiatives such as recycling and composting. At our assembly last Friday we presented the final awards for our previous school goal – 'We will show care and consideration for others'. The following students were recognized for their work. Jireh Aitofi, Hikaiti Cable, Faith Joseph, Kepara Cable, Jade Obeda, Brooklyn Ropeti, Rubylee Matthews, Sophie Phouphayly, Kaylum Calcott, Sa Taliulu, Eve Siania, Toa Fifita, Tei Tuuga, Jeremiah Mapusua, Beyonce Patafilo, Dante Flaws, Tommy-Stace Katu, Jessie Soudachanh, Malia So'oialo, Leah Baker, Taylor Spiers, Paloma Allen, Donalin Saycocie, Andrew Poutasi and Cori Te Ao.



Congratulations and well done to you all !!!!!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Thank you to the 9 parent candidates and the 3 staff representative candidates who stood for election to the New Board. Your interest and commitment to our school ensured a robust election was held. Thank you to all the parents and staff who cast their votes for candidates. You all helped ensure a strong Board was elected to govern the school for the next three years. The successful candidates were:

Parent Representatives: Candice Clifton, Izzy Ford, Michelle Mikaio, Findlay Siania and Maria Ululelata. Staff Representative: Jason Maraku.

There is a mixture of experience and new people on our Board which will serve our school well over the next three years. The new members are meeting with myself and the current chairperson tomorrow, to learn more about their new roles and responsibilities. The new Board and the previous Board meet together next Tuesday 25 May for the formal handover. The new Board will then elect its chairperson and have their normal May meeting. We all look forward to working together.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

So we can undertake in depth teacher development and focus on developing plans to further improve student achievement at our school we are holding a teacher only afternoon on Friday 4 June. School will close at 12 midday to enable this work to take place in the afternoon. School road patrols will operate from 12noon until approximately 12.20pm. If this poses problems for you please contact me urgently.

SWIMMING

Swimming is about to begin for all students and all classes. The schedule is:

Kowhai Block -	June 14 th – June 25 th .	1 – 2pm.
Rimu Block -	June 14 th – June 25 th	2 – 3pm.
Pohutukawa Block	31 May	1 – 2 and 2 – 3pm
	June 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th , 11 th .	1 – 2 and 2 – 3pm
	June 16 th and 17 th .	10 – 11 and 11 to 12noon.
Kahikatea	June 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 14 th , 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th	11 – 12 noon

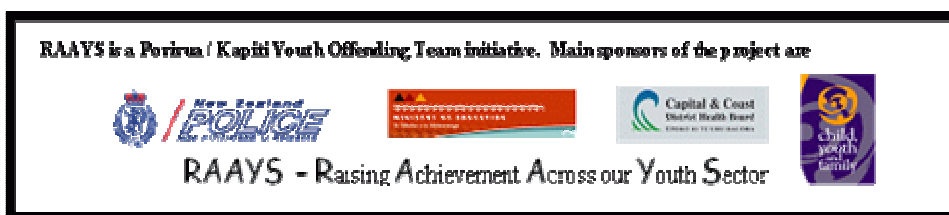


This year the school has received extra government funding for sport which we have decided to use to heavily subsidize swimming costs. This has the effect of reducing, but not eliminating, the amount we require you to pay. The cost per student for this year is \$10.00 per student. This is due for all students now and needs to be paid before swimming begins. This can be paid to the class teacher. Swimming lessons will be held at the Cannon's Creek pool and travel to and from the pool will be by bus. Parents are welcome to support and assist teachers and students at the pool during swimming time.

ATTENDANCE RAAYS

In Term 1 we achieved a 94% attendance rate which we were very pleased with. We are now working hard to at least maintain this for the rest of the year. We know that high attendance levels lead to improved student achievement, which is our main goal and mission at school. Some of the absences last term were unjustified. (i.e. not medical or genuine reasons to be absent). This term we will be especially targeting unjustified absence to eliminate them as much as possible. To help us with this is it vitally important for you to contact us and tell us why your child is absent. If you haven't contacted us and if Mrs Jones cannot contact you we have to record the absence as truant, which is an unjustified absence.

This term we are noticing that more students are regularly arriving at school after the bell. Last term there were very few. We want to have our students arrive on time, whatever the weather. Please help to ensure your children arrive on time. This helps us and more importantly helps the children to succeed and achieve at school.



COMMUNITY SCHOOL

It is wonderful to see the school's community events being supported. It is particularly noticeable that the Tuesday 'Cup o Tea' Playgroup in our hall from 8.30am – 10.30am is steadily growing. See the last newsletter, still available online, for details of other community events you can support and participate in – Breakfast club, Homework club, Dance and Boxing classes.

KOWHAI FUNDRAISER

Kowhai are raising funds for extra 'Discovery Time' gear. We are selling American Hotdogs for \$2 next Wednesday 26th May at lunchtime. We hope you will support us. Orders will be taken in each class.



NEWSLETTER PRIZE DRAW



The prize draw of a \$10 Pak N Save voucher from the return slips in the last newsletter was won by Wayne Natrass. Congratulations, your voucher is on the way. Remember, to be in with a chance you need to complete the tear off slip at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the school office.

Kind Regards
Paul Nees
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER



- 20 May New BOT members induction 10am
- 21 May Year 6 leadership trip to Rimutaka Incline
..... Stars Assembly 10.15
- 24 May Young Leaders Day
..... New Entrant 6 week interviews start
- 25 May BOT meeting 5.30 library
- 26 May Kowhai food fundraiser
- 28 May School Assembly 10am
- 31 May Pohutukawa swimming begins
- 2 June Kahikatea swimming begins
- 4 June Teacher Only Afternoon
– focus on improving student achievement
- 7 June Queen’s Birthday – School Closed.



Please tear off, sign and return this slip to the office and you will be in the draw.

Name

Child/Children's Name

Roots of Empathy

Every Wednesday Mrs Nui's class has been doing Roots of Empathy. Our instructor, Stacey, comes every week with our class doll, Isabella. Every three weeks our baby Jesse comes with his mum, Mel.

We learn things like; never shake a baby, how to soothe babies and care for them. We also discuss respecting others and understanding feelings.

This week Mel taught us about nappies. We discovered Jesse has a highly adaptable temperament and that he is easily distracted.

By Shannen, Jeremiah & Tiale



Recipe Information

Portions: 8

Time to make: 5 minutes

Total cost of all ingredients:

\$4.80 / \$0.60 per serve

Nutrition Information	per serve
Energy	240 kJ (57 Cals)
Protein	NS *
Fat	3g
- saturated	2g
Carbohydrates	NS *
- sugars	NS *
Dietary Fibre	NS *
Sodium	NS *
Calcium	NS *
Iron	NS *
* NS: Not specified	

Ditch the packet soup and make this delicious dip from scratch – it will knock your guests for six!

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups extra-light cream cheese
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 spring onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika

Instructions

Step 1 Combine all ingredients and mix well with a fork. Serve chilled or warm, as you prefer!

How they compare

Original dip

Total kJ per serve = 850kJ

Total fat per serve = 18g (12g saturated)

Speedy dip

Total kJ per serve = 300kJ

Total fat per serve = 3g (2g saturated)