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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 30 JUNE 2010**

We welcome Tainui Kopa-Emery and Chedyn and Lex Beach to our school. Work hard, make the most of all the opportunities that are offered and succeed well.

**SCHOOL GOAL**

We are still working at the whole school goal: - 'We will show care and consideration for property and our environment'. Many students are achieving this very well, but we have experienced a few challenges recently with a few students not respecting the property of their classmates or school property in the weekend. We are proud, though, of all the great students who work hard to look after their own belongings and respect others property and the school environment. They are all awesome. The following students have been recognized and rewarded at recent assemblies for their work towards the school goal. Daniel Nicol, Shayden Lyttle, Kalais Pahina-Edwards, Joshua Teo, Ricki-Lee Raimona-Price, Leah Baker, Jaden Van Zeyl Dawson, Arndrea Toa-Temarama Wikitoa, Brooke Huntley, Daisy Connolly, Asha O'Gorman, Malama Aiono, Kaylah Keating-Hewitt, Rosalia Doughty, Blaize O'Gorman, Swayde Brightwell, Lemani Hingano, Montoya Niko, Harmony Hunter, Bailey-Rose Down and Joyce Soudachanh. Well done and congratulations to you all !!!!



**RAAYS ATTENDANCE**

Since the last newsletter we have sent out 19 RAAYS letters, where we were concerned about lateness or attendance of students. Many thanks to those parents who have come up to see me about this. Together we have worked to ensure the attendance of their children is timely and regular. We will continue to monitor attendance and where we have ongoing concerns will act. We know that there is a direct link between timely attendance and student achievement. We are committed to improving the achievement of our students so are equally committed to doing all that we can to ensure students attend.

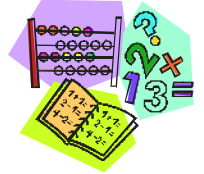
RAAYS is a Porirua / Kapiti Youth Offending Team initiative. Main sponsors of the project are



**RAAYS - Raising Achievement Across our Youth Sector**

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

We have been very fortunate to have been chosen as one of a very few schools to participate in a special project next term to work with students to enhance their achievement in mathematics. This is a nation wide programme involving just a handful of schools, so we are very honoured to be chosen. The programme involves having a teacher work intensively with a group of children over the term to improve their maths understanding and ability. We are being provided with additional staffing to make this happen. Katrina Day will deliver the programme and will be specially trained in Auckland at the beginning of the term to do so. Ondine Souter will release Katrina so that the high standard of programme in the classroom will be maintained. Some less critical components of Ondine's role and job will be taken up by relieving teachers. We are looking forward to seeing great results from this programme. In another school initiative we are employing additional teacher aides to support student learning in classrooms. Teachers have been invited to present proposals to have an intensive focus with some students to raise their achievement. The teacher aides will work in the classroom under the direction and close supervision of teachers. This initiative will run for Terms 3 and Term 4 this year.



## EXCELLENCE STATEMENT

Many thanks to those parents who provided feedback regarding the excellence statement from the last newsletter. We will take this into account as we finalise this statement early next term.

## SCHOOL CELLPHONE – 022 0259 630

We now have a school cellphone which you can text re absences. When you text please include your child's name and the reason they are away. Hopefully this makes it easier for you to notify us of absences. Thank you to the parents who have been texting us.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Our Board of Trustees met last night. The Board discussed student achievement results in writing and learned some more about the assessment tools the school uses and how the assessment information is analysed.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

We have decided to rename our Senior Staff team 'The School Leadership Team'. This team comprises myself, Eddie Uluilalata (Deputy Principal) and Amanda Frater, Katrina Day, Paulette Holland and Debbie Gulliver (all joint Assistant Principals). Having four joint Assistant Principals is an innovative approach that not many schools have taken up. The Leadership Team will jointly and collaboratively run the school with the interests of the children uppermost when making decisions.

## STAFFING CHANGE

Kiri Weir will be away on maternity leave for the next twelve months. She is about to have her first baby. We wish her well for the birth and for her and Ollie's journey into parenthood. We have employed Maria Breuss-McBride as the teacher to take Kiri's place for the next year. Maria is familiar with the school as she has taught as a student teacher in Debbie Gulliver's class last year. We welcome Maria to our staff and look forward to her contribution to our school.

## LOST PROPERTY

We have lots and lots of lost property in the admin block at the moment. Lots of coats, sweatshirts and some swimming gear – towels and togs. Please come up and see if any of it belongs to your child. It will all be donated to charity in the holidays.



## 30 Minutes in 30 days

Throughout term 2 a dedicated group of year 5 and 6 students have been working hard with their literacy in a before school reading programme. For thirty days the students have received extra support to give them a boost to get closer to or over the national standard required at their level. The lessons have included reading subtitles of movies (the AVAILLL reading programme), listening to Paul Jennings short stories and developing their own vocabulary.

Next term I will be starting a spelling support group aimed at students who could do with some extra help with spelling. There will be a year 7 and 8 group on Monday and Tuesday mornings and on Thursday and Friday mornings a year 5 and 6 group.

Ondine Souter – Learning Academy Teacher.



## HEALTHY RECIPE

### Baked bean pizza

Whether they are fresh, frozen or canned, beans are the perfect ingredient for an easy, healthy meal.



### Instructions

**Step 1** Heat grill to medium. Place tortillas on a baking tray. Spray with oil. Grill, bottom side up, for 2 minutes or until brown. Remove from grill, flip tortillas over and top with beans. Sprinkle with cheese. Place under grill until cheese is melted and golden.

**Step 2** Transfer tortillas to plates. If you like, top each tortilla with some sour cream, quarter of the avocado, red onion and coriander. Eat with a knife and fork, or eat slices with your hands!

### Portions: 4

- cooking oil spray
- 420g can baked beans
- 1/2 cup grated Edam cheese
- 4 tablespoons reduced-fat sour cream
- 1/2 avocado, cubed
- 1 red onion, sliced (optional)
- 1 cup chopped fresh coriander

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### **NEWSLETTER PRIZE DRAW**

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

### **EXCELLENCE STATEMENT FEEDBACK**

The prize of a \$10 Pak n Save voucher for returning your feedback goes to Charmaine Reihana.

Well done Charmaine. Your voucher is on the way.

Kind Regards  
Paul Nees  
Principal

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 July .....Duffy Asembly 10am – Guest is Jenny Brash, Mayor of Porirua
- 2 July .....Last day of Term. School finishes at 2pm
- .....STARS Assembly 10.15
- 19 July .....Term 3 Begins 8.55am sharp



# Rangikura School Community News June 2010

*Here are a few awesome things we have going on at Rangikura School that you might be interested in helping with, being part of or joining in! All part of our "TAMAITI MUA" initiative of working collaboratively with our community.*

☺ **Breakfast club. Open every morning from 8am.**

Parents welcome to come and help out or have breakfast with your kids. In Kowhai Block.

☺ **Homework club - open lunchtimes; Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

If you have some time and would like to help your child with their homework, the library is available to you.

☺ **"Cup 'o' Tea playgroup" Tuesdays 8:30 - 10:30am**

Parents of our community - come share a cuppa and catch up with old school mates/ex staff and their little ones, in our chat and kids play-group. In the Hall/Gym (if you have any puzzles, books, toys you could donate to the group we will gladly accept them).

☺ **Ms Gulliver's Dance class. Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:30pm**

Due to the terrible weather we have been having these have been postponed until further notice. They will be starting up again and we will advise you of this.

☺ **Mr U's Boxing groups - Hall. Thurs; Kids 3:30 - 4:15pm / Adults 4:30 - 5:30pm. Fri; Anyone 6:30am - 8:30am.**

Come use the equipment and the circuit. Eddie is always available should you want specific boxing training. Hall/Gym. \*\*

*All open during term time.*

*\*\* NB: Dance/Boxing - Due to staff meetings, courses, sports etc, please check with the office during the day of these classes that they have not been cancelled. Ph 2359143*

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

**Name..... Child/children'sName.....**