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School Goal – Term 1 2009

We will Complete our Tasks

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 11 MARCH 2009

SCHOOL GOAL

Our school goal is 'We will complete our Tasks'. We have had a great start to the year so far with everyone working hard and focused on their tasks. Childrens books and classroom displays show that our students are completing lots of tasks to a high standard. We have all been very pleased with this. The following students have been recognised and rewarded at school assemblies for their efforts in working towards our school goal. Brian Loh, Torren Isaako, Sapphire Wesley, Joe Nicol, Shirley Loh, Phoenix O'Gorman, Caleb Waara, Penny Rangitutia, Nikita Herlihy, Hoki Collier, Rheilli Uluilata, Brooke Huntley, Ngarangi Collier, Aaliyah Khan, Andrew Andrews, Yana Thompson, Nathan Conley, Daniel Griffin, Taliyah Tito-Wyatt, Sophie Phouphayly, Ricki-Lee Raimona-Price, Kaleb Nicol, Kristina Phouphayly, Tyra Komiti, Shaleena Phouphayly and Sunny Singh. Congratulations to you all !!!!!

HOME/SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Many thanks to everyone who came along to Home/School Partnerships last night. We enjoyed sharing a meal and talking about the languages programmes we are offering in the school. If you were unable to make it we teach Te Reo Maori to all classes in the school, with extension classes operating in Pohutukawa and Kahikatea. There are also Cook Island Maori, French and Japanese lessons taught in Kahikatea and Pohutukawa Syndicates. Already the students have taken a great interest in these classes and are learning lots of new things.

The raffle winners last night were: Jasmine Kaa, Anastasia Seiuli, Shayden Lyttle and the Logologo family. Congratulations to you all !!!!!

The next Home/School Partnership is in the middle of Term 2.



SCHOOL DIRECTION AND VISION

Many thanks to all the parents who responded to our questionnaire on school direction and vision. The results are being collated and we will publish these in a forthcoming newsletter. We appreciated all the positive comments about what our school is already doing and also the ideas for the future. These will be amalgamated with ideas that the Board of Trustees and the staff have as we form two or three long term strategic goals to pursue over the next 3-5 years. Then each year we will decide on a number of specific shorter term goals and targets that work towards achieving the broad goals. We anticipate this process to be completed during Term 2. We offered a lucky prize of \$30.00 Pak n Save vouchers for one of the people who responded to the questionnaire. This prize was won by Ao Fasavalu. We congratulate her.

KINDERGARTEN VISITS

We have restarted regular visits from Ascot Park Kindergarten students before they come to school. Kindergarten staff and the students parents visit us along with the children on Tuesday mornings for a number of weeks before children are due to start school. The kindergarten children have been really enjoying working with Mrs Gulliver's class and are benefiting a lot from the visits. The kindergarten are also going to use our school library on a regular basis and our Year 1 children are also going to visit the kindergarten each term. This whole initiative is aimed at improving our transition to school process.

SKATE SHOES AND SKATE BOARDS

Skate shoes are currently very popular with lots of our students. These shoes are not suitable, however, when students do fitness. We have also had a couple of accidents involving students wearing skate shoes, one of them quite serious. We do not recommend these shoes are worn at school. We allow skate boards but they can only be used at the proper times in the designated areas. They must be carried at all other times. Children who have difficulty with these rules have their skateboard taken from them for a time. While we allow skateboards, these are brought at the students own risk. We cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced boards and cannot afford to take up lots of time investigating these losses.

TEACHER ONLY AFTERNOON

Thank you for your patience with us for holding a teacher only afternoon last Friday. This afternoon was spent looking at a school-wide spelling programme. Many teachers are already implementing the learning from this course in their classrooms and your children's learning is benefiting. We have another Teacher Only Day scheduled for Thursday 9 April. This is to allow teachers further time to consider school strategic direction, vision, and the new curriculum. School will be closed that day. The last day of Term 1 for students will be Wednesday 8 April. School will finish at 2pm that day. Again we are asking you to make alternative arrangements for your children for 9 April.

LATENESS

On average since the last newsletter 10 students have signed in late each day. This is lots fewer than last year which is a pleasing trend. Thank you all for your efforts in getting your children to school on time. We all appreciate it very much. Keep up the good work.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Our Board is holding a planning day this Saturday, 14 March. The Board will use this time to have its input into the school vision and strategic goals. Time will also be spent to develop a governance manual for the Board. The next full meeting of the Board is Tuesday 24 March in the library at 6pm. Included at the meeting will be a report on PE/Health in the school. Observers are very welcome to attend our Board meetings.

Fru Egan - Chairperson.



Tomorrow, Thursday, is Walk to School Day. We encourage everyone to walk to school. If you live out of Ascot Park and it is too far to walk all the way we suggest you drop your children either at the bottom of Conclusion Street or at the corner by the kindergarten so they can walk some of the way. Teachers will be waiting in Doncaster Heights, Almora View, by the kindergarten, at the bottom of Sasanof View and in Beauzami Crescent to walk to school with the children. We look forward to seeing you all out there.

HEALTHY RECIPE

Our recipe this week is for "Forgotten Cookies" - sounds interesting !!!

They are easy to make and also very tasty. This recipe comes from www.healthyfood.co.nz

If you wish to visit their website you can sign up for a newsletter and receive lots more recipes, all free.

Forgotten cookies

This is an old, traditional American Christmas recipe that has been handed down through the generations. They're called 'forgotten' because of the way they're cooked in the turned-off oven overnight.

Ingredients

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| - 2 egg whites, at room temperature | - pinch salt |
| - 120g (1/2 cup) castor sugar | - 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| - 120g (3/4 cup) roughly chopped almonds | - 150g (3/4 cup) chocolate chips or chocolate chunks |

Instructions

Step 1 Preheat oven to 180°C. Beat egg whites and salt until foamy.

Step 2 Gradually add sugar and continue beating until they hold stiff peaks and make a glossy, stiff meringue. Add vanilla, almonds and chocolate chips.

Step 3 Cover baking tray with baking paper. Drop teaspoonfuls of the mixture on the paper. Put in the oven, then turn oven off. Leave overnight in oven (or for at least 3 hours, until oven is cold) with the door closed.

JUICY SALES

As part of Pohutukawa Block fundraising for Young Leader's Day there will be frozen juicies for sale tomorrow Thursday, at morning tea time. They are \$1.00 each.

BLUE LIGHT CHALLENGE - PCT.

At the challenge held last week our two teams done very well. They came 1st and 3rd. Well done to you all !!!!. Our team who won are now competing in the Police Fitness Course Nationals to be held in two weeks. The team consists of Braydon McMahon, Herangi Williams, Rheilli Uluilata and Briar Barnsley.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of lost property here at school at the moment. Please either come up and have a look or ask your children to come over to the office and look through the large pile.



Kind Regards,
Paul Nees

Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

12 March	Walk to School Day Juicies available
13 March	Rimu to Capital E Festival Stars Assembly 10.15am
17 March	Interschool Ripa Rugby
18 March	Pohutukawa to Capital E Festival
19 March	Kahikatea - Careers Expo - Rec Centre
20 March	Kahikatea to Capital E Festival Assembly 10am
24 March	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm - Library
25 March	Interschool Athletics Day Next Newsletter
26 March	Healthy Eating Day
8 April	Last Day of Term 1 - 2pm finish
9 April	Teacher Only Day
10 April	Good Friday
27 April	School begins for Term 2 - 8.55am sharp.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Victim Support need more volunteers. Are you looking for an opportunity to give back to your community? For more information phone 238-1437 and speak to Lil or Bridget.

The Raroa Music Centre still has places free in composition (9-10am) and theory (12-1pm) classes. Lots of other classes as well. For more information please visit www.raroamusic.org.nz



After School Care at Tairangi School.

Monday to Friday (term dates) 2.45pm to 6pm. \$11 per day per child (WINZ subsidy available).
For more information phone Liana on 0800-548 003.