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School Goal – Term 2 2009

We Will Show Honesty and Respect

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 3 JUNE 2009

We welcome Sebastian Eades and Noah Iona-To'omaga to our school. Sebastian is in Mrs Merval's class and Noah is with Miss Douglas. We hope they enjoy their time at our school.

SCHOOL GOAL

We are hard at work pursuing our new school goal - We Will Show Honesty and Respect. We are pleased that a large number of our students are acting in a respectful and honest manner. We have been very impressed with some of the students who have excelled in this area over the last two weeks. The following students were recognized at recent school assemblies for their work in this area.



Losania Wilson-To'omaga, Cian Haenga, Te-Koha Miller, Kealan Arthur-Maka, Julia Sakaria, Paige Enea, Vasaty-Rose Teleaga-Isopo, Eric Lees, Brooklyn Joseph, Melehina Kilino, Rheilli Uluilalata, Elijah Sakaria, Cody Teo, Aaliyah Khan, Tukiwaho Karepa, Lonise Tago, Riley Connolley, Jeremiah Kelemete, Monique Lemafua, Elijah Osman, Anthony Logologo, Paloma Allen, Chedyn Beach, Brandon Phillips, Mohammad Hekmatzadah and Evander Seiuli.
Congratulations and well done to you all !!!!!

ABSENCES

The third round of RAAYS letters are being sent out this week. If you receive one it means we are concerned about your child's attendance levels or their punctuality in the mornings. It is very important that if you do receive a letter, that you contact me either by phone or in person. I will explain the problem and discuss how we can work together to solve it. Our school mission is to achieve the highest possible learning outcomes for all of our students. Obviously this is difficult to achieve for students who are away a lot or late and regularly absent for one particular curriculum area. We are very pleased overall with the response to this initiative and thank all parents for their co-operation. You may have seen the advertisement in the Kapi-Mana newspaper about this scheme that all schools in Porirua East are involved with. If you have any questions about the scheme please do not hesitate to contact me.

RAAYS is a Porirua / Kapiti Youth Offending Team initiative. Mainsponsors of the project are:



RAAYS - Raising Achievement Across our Youth Sector

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 23 June from 3.30pm - 8pm, and Thursday 25 June from 3.30pm - 6.30pm. Interviews are a very important part of our reporting to parents process. They are a chance to discuss your child's written report (which you will receive on Friday 19 June) and set goals for the remainder of the year. It is also an opportunity to see and discuss your child's portfolio and quality workbook. We expect all our parents to attend an interview with their children's teachers.

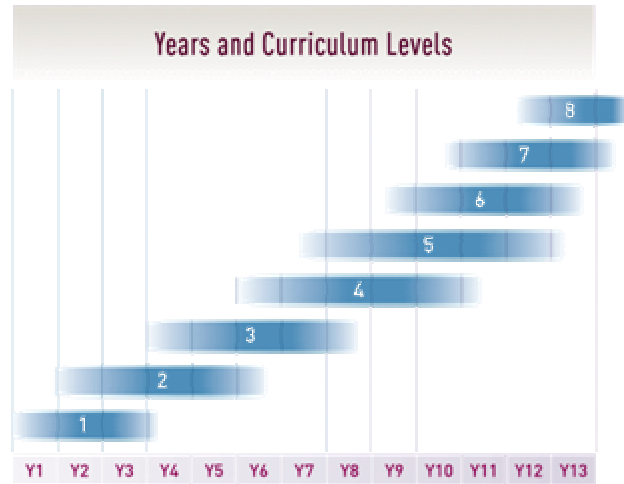
With this newsletter you will find a sheet for you to fill in and send it directly to the office and we will make an appointment time for you. Alternatively you can phone the school and make a time with us. The confirmed time of your interview will be sent out on 19 June with your child's report. We look forward to seeing you at one of the interview afternoon/evenings.

REPORTS

This year's student report will include a level that your child is working on in each curriculum area. These levels relate to the revised NZ Curriculum as shown below.

Years and Curriculum Levels

This diagram shows how curriculum levels typically relate to years at school. Many students do not, however, fit this pattern. They include those with special learning needs, those who are gifted, and those who came from non English speaking backgrounds. Students learning an additional language are also unlikely to follow the suggested progression; level 1 is the entry level for those with no prior knowledge of the language being learned, regardless of their school year.



This will give you an idea of where your child is achieving in relation to the range of expectations contained in the curriculum. The categories: taught / consolidating / mastered, will be filled in for your child for each curriculum area refers to whether your child is achieving below, at, or above our school expectations for their age and year level. The general comment's in the report link to the key competencies in the revised NZ Curriculum. These competencies are: Thinking, Using Language Symbols and Texts, Managing Self, Relating to Others and Participating and Contributing. An explanation of this will also be printed on the back cover of your child's report.

PARENT CONSULTATION - NATIONAL STANDARDS

Thank you very much to the group of parents who attended the Consultation Meeting run by the Ministry of Education about the Government's proposed National Education Standards and initiatives about plain language reporting to parents. Your input was very much appreciated. We realize that a number of you could not make this meeting due to work commitments. I have some forms which you can use to provide your input. If you wish to do this please come up to school for a form. Alternatively you can read the information and send in an online response at www.minedu.govt.nz/nationalstandards

STUDENTS WORK

Here is another example of Quality Writing by Chaye Haywood (Year 6) from Miss Frater's class.

MY CAT RUSTY



“Chaye ah Chaye.” “Yeah” I said. “Get up.” “Why?” “Because I've got something to tell you.” “What?” “Your cat Rusty...Died.” Tears ran down my face. Mum said to me, say good-bye. While I said good-bye my dad made the cross and dug the hole. Dad also put her in the dirt and put the cross on. Mum and I went out and bought some flowers and put them on the grave. Then I went inside my room and while I was there I heard them trying to figure out what killed her. Mum thought it was a dog. My dad agreed. I tried to go to sleep but I started to cry again.
By Chaye.

It is great to be able to celebrate work that is of this very high standard.

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Please keep Tuesday 9 June free. The Home School Partnership focus for this evening will be Discovery Time. This is a new programme for us that is being run in Kowhai and Pohutukawa Syndicates and throughout the school for English Second Language Learners. Come and hear about this programme, how it links with the key competencies in the revised NZ Curriculum and how it benefits children's learning.

6pm - Shared Meal - Soup and buns

6.30 - Evening programme commences

7.30 - Prize draws.



The evening will be held in our new hall, and then some groups will go to Pohutukawa.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

This is tomorrow 4 June. Teachers will be stationed around Ascot Park from 8.25am to collect children to walk to school. Please join us for this occasion.

TOKELAUAN LANGUAGE GUIDELINES LAUNCH

A group of students represented our school wonderfully well at a function to launch the Tokelauan Language Guideline. This function was attended by the Secretary for Education, the Minister of Pacific Island Affairs and the Minister of Education. It was wonderful to be invited to such a prestigious function.

AOTEA COLLEGE

Applications for students who will be Year 9 in 2010 to attend Aotea College need to be at the college by 3 August. Aotea College open evening is on 9 June at 6.30pm.

SUCCESS OF PAST STUDENTS

Congratulations to the ex-Rangikura students involved in the Barbershop Singing Competitions held last weekend. Sophia Vito, Helayna Seiuli, Petrina Siania, Stephanie Pue, Lesieli Tuangalu, Apiseka Pue and Teikuga Pue along with the rest of the girls sang their hearts out to come second in the girls chorus section. These girls are now off to Auckland to compete in the Nationals. They have done extremely well to get this far. We wish them all well.

Congratulations also to Tylah McDermott Ranapia who has been selected for the U16 Wellington Secondary School's Hockey Team.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again we have a lot of lost property here at the office. Some lovely coats and jackets that must belong to somebody. This will be displayed tomorrow and Friday and if it is not claimed it will be disposed of after school on Friday.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4 June Walk to School Day
- 5 June STARS Assembly 12.15pm
- 8-12 June Pohutukawa Swimming
- 9 June Home School Partnership 6pm in hall
- 12 June School Assembly 12noon - Hall
- 17 June Interschool Cross Country
- Next Newsletter
- 19 June Reports Issued - Interview times confirmed
- 23 June Parent Interviews 3.30 - 8pm
- 25 June Parent Interviews 3.30 - 6.30pm
- 3 July End of Term 2 - School finishes at 2pm
- 20 July Term 3 Begins - 8.55am sharp.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Girlguiding Mana District are holding a fundraiser on Tuesday 9th June at 7pm at Ballentynes Porirua. Spot prizes, drinks and nibbles, and a raffle or two. \$10.00 entry fee.

Do you have a Gifted Child? Try out for One Day School. Phone Shirley on 232 3523 for more information.

Curried chicken rice

Curried flavours work well serve chilled.
This curried rice salad makes a satisfying midday meal.



Ingredients

- 3/4 cups brown rice
- 125g low-fat natural yoghurt
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 2 tablespoons mango chutney
- 2 skinless boneless chicken thighs, cooked, diced
- 1/4 punnet cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/4 cup sultanas
- 1 spring onion, finely sliced
- 1/2 cup corn kernels

Instructions

Step 1 Cook rice until tender. Drain and leave to cool.

Step 2 Mix yoghurt with curry powder and mango chutney. Add chicken, sultanas and salad vegetables to rice and mix well.

Step 3 Stir through curry sauce. Transfer to sealed containers. Chill until ready to eat.

Recipe Information
Portions: 2
Time to make: 1 hour (includes time for rice to cool)
Total cost of all ingredients: \$5.60 / \$2.80 per serve

Nutrition Information per serve	
Energy	2290 kJ (553 Cals)
Protein	25g
Fat	10g
- saturated	3g
Carbohydrates	90g
- sugars	27g
Dietary Fibre	5g
Sodium	140mg
Calcium	150mg
Iron	3mg
* NS: Not specified	

**RANGIKURA SCHOOL
PARENT INTERVIEW FORM**

Please list below the times you would like to have an interview with your child/children’s teacher.

Interviews will be held on

TUESDAY 23 June 2009

3.30 p.m.- 5.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m

OR

THURSDAY 25 June 2009

3.30 p.m.- 6.30 p.m.

Teachers are not available from **5.00-6.00 on Tuesday as that is their tea break.**

Please indicate your preferred Parent interview time.

Child’s name	Teacher	Tuesday 23 June	Thursday 25 June

Signed _____ Printed Name _____