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School Goal – Term 3 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 29 JULY 2009

Welcome back for Term 3. It will be another very busy but highly successful term for our school. We welcome Croshan Skipper-Lepou, Taylah Wiki-Hohua, Patrick Pickering, Ioana Ponita and Beyonce Patafilo to our school. It is great to have them all here. We hope they will all have a highly successful time with us.

ENROLMENT ZONE

Rangikura School no longer has an enrolment scheme. Enrolment is open to anyone who seeks it, no matter where they live.

SCHOOL GOAL

We are continuing with our current goal - "We will show honesty and respect" - for the first few weeks of the term. While this has been a highly successful goal and school focus for us, we did start it part way into Term 2 and we want to ensure it runs for a full term.

The following students have been acknowledged and rewarded at school assemblies this term for their work towards achieving this goal: Sarah Heberley, Regan Huntley, Jasiah Baker, Lee-Roy Simi, Paris Hinton, Joshua Tagaloa, Leah Baker, Angel-Lee Pickering, Aliyah Luapo, Nathan Luapo, Uri Puia, Tane Tanu, Emily Reeves, Alex Lopa, Taylah Wiki-Hohua, Ioana Ponita-Tusiga, Breeze Fao, Aria Samia, Kepara Renau, Aaron Tyler Osman, Lex Beach, Tama Puia-Lobb, Kaylum Calcott, Kaleb Nicol, Jahnesta Cable, Andrew Poutasi, Sunny Singh, Tristan Davis. Congratulations and well done to you all.



We are currently considering a new school goal for implementation later in the term. We will let you know what this is in the next newsletter.

FLU

It seems that the holidays came at the right time and lots of people have now recovered from the nasty flu bug we experienced at the end of Term 2. It is great to see most people back at school. To prevent flu from recurring please emphasise the importance of washing hands before eating and covering mouths when coughing.



ERO VISIT AND THE CONCERT

As notified in the last newsletter the Education Review Office will be visiting our school for two weeks from 14 September. These are the last two weeks of the term.

Our focus for the review will be numeracy programmes in the classrooms and school-wide review practices. The exact wording of the focus area has yet to be negotiated finally with ERO.

We would normally have a school concert in Term 3. However, with the ERO review and the need to focus our energies on this, we have decided that this will not go ahead this term. Instead we are having a "mini concert" in Term 4 in our hall. This will be a chance for our school community to get together to see some of the results of our arts programmes and activities this year. We will hold this in our school hall. Full details will be advised later but as is usual for our concerts and events, this show will be of a very high standard.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

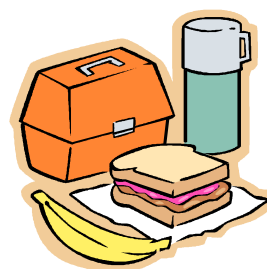
At the present time we are focusing on the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme across the school. This is being delivered by teachers with the assistance of Police Education Officer, Amanda Parsons. The Year 7/8 classes will also incorporate aspects of DARE (a drug education programme) in their work for the term. These programmes are being delivered at the end of the 2 year health programme cycle. Teachers deliver the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme using a very structured and detailed programme prepared by the NZ Police alongside educators. It is a programme 100% endorsed by the Police. Instead of offering an information evening about the content of this programme we are asking that, if you are interested in viewing this content, please contact your child's teacher who will be only too happy to share this material with you.

Both these topics were seen as being very important parts of the school Health Curriculum when we last consulted with you all at the end of 2007. There has also been an opportunity for you to contribute ideas for Health programmes in our school earlier this year, when we asked for input into our unique Rangikura Curriculum. The development of this curriculum has been ongoing. The next consultation process will occur next term as we look to develop programmes for 2010 and 2011.

LUNCHES

From next week we are offering the following lunch specials

Fridays only:	Chop Suey (hot)	\$2.50
Every day:	Rangikura Combo	
	- bacon & egg sandwich	
	- drink (milk or water)	
	- piece of fruit	\$3.50
	Egg sandwich	\$1.50
	Tuna sandwich	\$2.00



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Board of Trustees has accepted the resignation of Melissa Seiuli with great regret. Melissa has been an extremely effective board member for our school over a number of years. She has made a significant contribution to the governance and direction of our school. She has shown interest in the growing student achievement, in the rich tapestry of activities the school offers students and she has also been a huge supporter and advocate for our school. She will definitely be missed. We understand the reasons behind her resignation and completely agree that family comes first. The Board has decided to replace Melissa by co-opting a member until the triennial elections in March 2010.

ABSENCES - RAAY'S

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

RAAYS - Raising Achievement Across our Youth Sector

The Term 2 absence figures show we achieved a 10% absence rate for the whole of Term 2. Term 1 and Term 2's combined absence rate is 8%. This means we are not currently meeting our annual absence target of 6%. However in Term 2 we were heavily hit by the flu with over 33% absent during the last week of term. We now look to improve the overall absence rate over the rest of the year. Next week we will be sending our more RAAY'S letters in cases where we are concerned about non-attendance and lateness. The pattern of having lots of students arrive late is slipping back this term and the lists are growing. This is not acceptable to the school. Students and families need to commit to being on time so that we can work with your child throughout the whole school day and improve achievement levels. We really need everyone's cooperation with this please.

PHONE CALLS TO THE SCHOOL

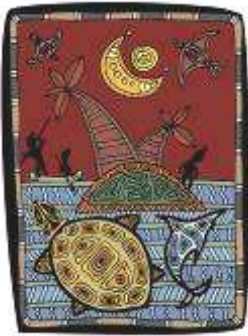


We have been getting a large number of calls where parents ask us to pass messages on to their children. The vast majority of these messages are not urgent and they take office staff away from their work. We are happy to pass on messages of an emergency nature but respectfully ask that your do not ask us to pass on general messages. Thank you for your co-operation.

JUMP JAM

We are extremely proud of the Jump Jam boys who have been selected to compete in the national jump jam competition in Auckland in November. We are planning to take these boys to Auckland where we are sure they will represent our school well. We are the only school from the Wellington region involved in this competition.

MALAGA - THE JOURNEY



An extravaganza of Polynesian song and dance! Already this show has had great success in Auckland, Christchurch and Fiji, now it is here in Porirua with some of our own ex Rangikura pupils performing. Great to see their dedication in participating in something like this.

There are five shows:

Tuesday 4 & Wednesday 5 August - matinee & evening performances

Thursday 6 August - evening only

Cost: Adults - \$12.00 Student - \$7.00

Book at Te Rauparaha Arena or online at www.ticketdirect.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 30 July School Spelling Bee 10:50-12:30
- 31 July Duffy Theatre 11:00am in our hall, parents welcome
This will be followed by our STARS assembly
- 5 August Year 7 vision testing 9:00am
- 7 August Pohutukawa assembly 12:00
- 10 August Dancesplash 5:30pm - Michael Fowler Centre
- 11 August Artsplash 8:00pm - Michael Fowler Centre
- 12 August Next newsletter
- 13 August Healthy Eating Day
- 14 September ERO team visit begins
- 25 September Last day of Term 3

Kind Regards,

Paul Nees
Principal

This week's healthy recipe:



Shepherd's Pie

This version isn't a lot lower in energy (kJ) than the traditional dish, but it is much more nutritious and it tastes yummy

Recipe Information	
Portions: 4	
Time to make: 1 hour 40 minutes	

Nutrition Information per serve	
Energy	1785 kJ (431 Cals)
Fat - saturated	21.7g 9.6g
Dietary Fibre	7.2g

Ingredients

- 400g lean beef mince
- 1/2 cup green lentils
- 1 cup beef stock
- 1 cup water
- 400g can whole tomatoes
- 2 1/2 cups chopped field mushrooms
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon Worcester sauce
- 1/4 cup wine
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 large carrot, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- olive oil spray (1 teaspoon)

Topping:

- 3 large floury potatoes
- 75g soft cheese (eg chevre, feta)

Instructions

Heat the olive oil in a large, heavy-based pan over moderate heat. Add onion, garlic, celery and carrot and cook gently until onions are soft but not brown.

Add beef to pan and brown for about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, stock, water, lentils mushrooms and sauces. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer gently for around 1 hour, adding more liquid if you need to.

Add wine about 40 minutes into cooking time. You should end up with a richly-coloured, deeply-flavoured mixture without too much liquid.

Preheat oven to 180°C. While the meat is simmering, cook the potatoes. Peel and chop potatoes into even-sized pieces, cover with cold water and bring to the boil in a large pot. Cook until tender, then drain and mash.

Chop cheese into small chunks and beat into the mash with a fork, blending well.

Spread meat mixture in the bottom of a large oval casserole dish, and spread mash over the top. Place in oven and cook until top has crisped and browned a little. Remove from oven and let stand for 5 minutes before serving with a side of green vegetables.