



# Taupaki School

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# Newsletter **Week 1** **Term 3**

**Monday 17th July 2006**

Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers, Friends and Supporters of Taupaki School.

Welcome back to another term. It is great to see everyone has returned to school with smiles on their faces.

Thank you to all of you who attended the parent interviews in the last week of last term. I hope that you received valuable information about what your child can do and what they need to do next. As a result of these interviews students should be setting goals for the next half-year. It is also an important half-year for our year 8 students, their last 6 months at Taupaki, I encourage them to make the most of the numerous opportunities available to them at Taupaki School.

Well done to the Under 9 miniball team, coming second in their grade, I enjoyed watching the game on the last day of term, they played valiantly and we look forward to more success in the future. Be on the lookout for the Junior School Production towards the end of this term, auditions occurred late last term and the children are raring to go.

Finally our thoughts are with Strathmore School, Tokoroa as they deal with a horrific event this past weekend. By the time you read this newsletter the victim of this crime will have been identified and we as a staff and community will share the nation's disbelief that this can happen in our country. It is also a timely message to the teaching profession about keeping safe when working 'out of hours' at school. Our thoughts are with the victim's family, the teachers and staff, parents and friends of the school and most of all with the students who have had their teacher taken from them.

## **Principals Awards for Week Ten, Term 2 2006**

Aimee MacDonald, Emma Jamieson, Tyler Lonergan, Molly Philip, Alana Oxley, Katie O'Connell, Kaitlyn Beaumont, Natasha Mitchell, Aleysha Standen and Adam Powell.

**Stephen Lethbridge**

## **DATES**

<b>July 18</b>	Yr3-6 Ripa Rugby	<b>Weekly This Friday</b>	School Assembly Room 5 9.00am in the hall – you are welcome!
<b>July 24</b>	Science Quiz at Massey High 6-7pm	<b>Next Friday</b>	School Assembly Room 1
<b>July 26</b>	Y7/8 Norwest Netball		
<b>Week 4</b>	Y4-8 Speech Competition		



Another Brain Fact

## **Stimulation Fuels the Brain**

Sounds simple... the greater the level of stimulation the brain receives the greater the level of learning that takes place. Stimulation is defined as the excitement created by the emotional engagement of all 5 senses or many of the senses as possible. Sensory stimulation is critical for learning to occur.

Our goal should be to develop intrinsically motivated students because these students energise themselves to learn. The more "ah ha" moments that they have the more they will aspire to achieve their goals. Extrinsic motivation usually distracts from the learning process, the reward rather than the learning becomes the purpose of the exercise.

How do you encourage your children to seek motivation from within? What do you think about using rewards as a carrot to entice a desired result?

# News from around the School

## **Shop for your School — Yes that is US, your school!**

As you read this newsletter we hope that you have registered as Taupaki School shopper at Westfield West City. There are fantastic prizes up for grabs, APPLE COMPUTERS!

As yet we haven't had any responses to the flyer that was sent out in the last week of term two. If you can help in this promotion in any way please contact us. One way we can all help is to sign up, collect your receipts and validate them for Taupaki School.

This promotion closes on the 17th of September so please register and help us to win those computers.

***We are currently in: 8th place on 4.15 points per child***

## **Sausage Sizzle**

There will be no sausage sizzle this week but it will begin again next Tuesday

## **Wanted - Guitarist for Senior Band**

A committed guitarist is needed for the Senior Band. They must be prepared to take guitar lessons.

Please see Chris Manins if interested.

Thanks, Chris Manins.

## **Class and Individual Photographs**

We are expecting the photos to arrive early this term. We will let you know when they can be purchased from the office.

## **Parking**

Could parents please avoid parking on grassed areas during the wet season as the ground is very soft. Thankyou.

## **Waitakere Dental Clinic**

Waitakere Dental Clinic is now closed. Two therapists will return in September. For emergencies please contact Jeanette at Colwill Primary School Dental Clinic— phone 8321353.

## **Term 3 Dates**

Term 3 finishes on Friday 22nd September (10 weeks).



Leticia Jones & Courtney Manktelow of Room8 making Felt at the end of Term 2.



Year 7 and 8 students ready to participate in their Treetops Activities at Woodhill Forest

# Community Notices

## Who wants to Play Basketball for Terms 3 & 4?

The second half year season for Basketball is due to start the week of July 31<sup>st</sup>. Would all those who want to play for Terms 3 & 4 please **phone Deborah on 810-9069 by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**, so we can organise the teams. Our teams focus on having a good time and learning lots of good basketball skills (and if we win a few along the way then that's pretty good too!). In the first half of the year we had 5 teams and hope to have as many again.

The age groups are as follows:

Under 9 – Can not turn 9 in 2006      Play Monday  
Under 11– Can not turn 11 in 2006    Play Monday  
Under 13 – Can not turn 13 in 2006   Play Tuesday

All games are held at the Massey Leisure Centre, Westgate and are 15 mins each half – so 30 mins in total. Times vary from 4- 6pm. A draw for all games will be in out after the first 3 grading games. Fees are approx \$50 per child for both terms.

As most of our teams have no separate practice some of you may be interested in the Coaching sessions that the Massey Leisure Centre run on Mondays at 3.30pm. They will be covering the rules, lay-ups, passing, shooting, dribbling and referee signals. This is a great step into the Under 9 or 11 grades in the Miniball League. Please book early as these fun sessions fill up very fast.

Phone Deborah 810-9069 with any queries.



**Kumeu Children's Art Club:** For children aged 6 to 12 yrs who love art. Sessions: Wed or Thurs 3.30 to 6.30 pm at The Waimauku War Memorial Hall. Bookings or enquiries for term 3 contact Libby on [lib-patterson@hotmail.com](mailto:lib-patterson@hotmail.com) 411 8323 or Paul on 027 407 5849.

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