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Newsletter **Week 3** **Term 3**

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

What a wet and dreary start to the week! We can only hope that this improves as the week continues. This sort of weather can have a negative impact of people's demeanour. One way to solve this is to take some time and wander around our wonderful school witnessing the joy of our profession... watching children 'get it', seeing the light in the eyes as a child makes a connection and learns something new is enough to brighten any dull day.

Congratulations to The Reed family who have won a \$100 voucher for Blossoms Café in the School Donation Draw. We thank all those parents who have submitted their school donations to the school, this money is used for teaching and learning.

The school council is in full swing and I congratulate them on rising to the challenge of Leadership. I am impressed by the quality of the projects that the council has devised. Casia Dunning is the Chairperson for the rest of the year, assisted by Aleysha Standen as the Deputy Chair. Keep an eye out for their project updates in the next 5 newsletters.

Finally this week, spare a thought for the members of our community who are going through difficult times, some we know about and others we will not. It is nice to know that there are people out there who are thinking about you and who are there to help if you need it. Our condolences to the Fursdon family, Mrs Fursdon's father passed away this morning in Napier.

Principals Awards for Week Two, Term 3 2006

Lilliana Stewart, Michaela Jeffries, Kirk Patterson, Jemma Atherleigh, Flinn Medemblik, Gabrielle Kerridge-Temm, Jessica Hall, Jessie Brown, Tuiteva Feu'u-Marsh and Max Longdill.

Stephen Lethbridge

DATES

4 Aug	Chess Championships Vision & Hearing Testing	Weekly This Friday	School Assembly Room 3 9.00am in the hall – you are welcome!
17 Aug	Rippa Rugby Y3-6		
18 Aug	Cross Country	Next Friday	School Assembly Room 8
13 Sept	Centennial Cup Soccer		
14 Sept	Soccer Save Day		
21 Sept	Gymnastics Day		



Brain Fact — Novelty Enraptures the Brain

Novelty causes the brain to be captivated by the 'newness'. The 'mystery', the intriguing nature of the event'.

Novelty gives the brain an opportunity to focus and at the same time, receive a 'shot of energy' to help firm up old pathways or to form new ones.

There is also the Primacy and Recency effect where the brain remembers the first thing and the last thing that is taught.

The key for teaching is to maximise the novelty factor so as to make the learning interesting for the brain and then maximising upon the primacy and recency effect in order to maximise the brain's ability to convert what is learnt to long term memory.

News from around the School

Middle School

This week we will be presenting speeches in class which are now ready to be presented after polishing and practice. These will be taped and put in students digital portfolios. There will be two finalists from each class to represent and participate in the inter-school speech competition and finally a finalist will be selected to represent the school at North-West Speech competition on the 22 August. So best of luck to everyone!

Senior School

Senior School students had fun at the Science Quiz evening hosted by Massey High School on Monday night. They participated in a variety of events; question worksheets, problem solving activities and experimenting with ways to improve a task. Two teams of four students were chosen, 10 schools competed. Team 1 came 4th, Team 2 came 7th.

The Year 7/8 Netball tournament was held on Wednesday. We entered 4 teams; a Year 7 boys team, a Year 7 girls team, a Year 8 boys team and a Year 8 girls team. Thank you to Lesley Stanford and Gail Tudor for coaching the students. The Year 7 Boys team came third in the tournament.

Class speech competitions will be held this week.

Technology Centre - Focus on Soft Materials.

This week has seen our new Year 7's starting their journey into the creative land of sewing, in preparation for working on their design. The students learn to identify all parts of the machine and how to thread up the whole of the machine. Then comes the exciting parts – learning how to sew a straight line, turning a corner, reversing and sewing around the round-a-bout. Once they have mastered this, then comes the ultimate challenge. Sitting their Drivers Licence ! I am please to say all have passed and their have been no boy – racers.

Class and Individual Photographs

The class and individual photographs can be viewed and purchased at the school office. Class photographs (including Librarians, Peer Mediators and Council) cost \$11 and the individual and family packs are \$20. The final day for purchasing photos will be Friday 11th August.

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.

Headlice

We have had a number of cases of Headlice reported lately, so please check your children regularly and treat if necessary. If you require any information please contact the office and we will put you in touch with the District Health Nurse.

Library News

Did you know that if you live in one Council area but your child goes to school in another council area, your child can belong to both council libraries for free. For example if you live in the Rodney area and an older child goes to Massey High School (in the Waitakere Council area) the student can also belong to the Waitakere Libraries. This is very handy if you are looking for a particular book that one council library has but not the other.

Taupaki Library Committee



Year 7 Boys Netball Team



Year 8 Girls Netball Team

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!

Do we have a parent or group of parents who could help drive this? Please contact the school office.

Watch out for a receipt collection box in the office, if you can't get to West City we will do it for you, bring in those receipts and place them in the box.

We are currently in: 9th place on 31.14 points per child — an improvement on last week's figure but a slip of 2 places in the standings... BUT we are only 2 points per child off 7th place.

Any ideas how we can improve this?

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

PTA NEWS

Reminder

Get those Kiwi Quiz card game orders in. This is a great way to increase your own General Knowledge on New Zealand and your children's while having fun. All questions support the NZ School Curriculum, and are suited for ages 5 -105. Inform all your friends, relatives and work colleges who have children and fill out the order form and return to school office with payment by 11 August.

A game is on view in the school office, as well as extra order forms. Pop in and check it out, the questions are very good.

PTA Meeting

Tomorrow night (Tuesday 1st August) 7:30pm in the Staffroom. All Welcome.

Community Notices

Waimauku Playcentre-Positive Negative Photos: Waimauku Playcentre are holding a Positive/Negative photo sitting on Sunday the 17th September at the playcentre, Bethells Road Waimauku. No obligation to buy. Phone Deirdre on 4126361 for a sitting time or any queries.

Jireh School Monster Garage Sale: Saturday 5th August, 7am until 1 pm, Kumeu Baptist Church, Access Road Kumeu. Any queries phone Justine on 8109431 or 021 0463567.

Norwest United Soccer Club - Ladies Curry Night: Friday 4 August, \$15 (includes dinner and a movie). Ladies, come along have a curry on us and watch a chick flick on the big screen, cash bar open. Men welcome after 10:30pm. Phone Michele (411 7307) or Rosemary (412 8858) to reserve your seat.

Norwest United Soccer Club - Junior Disco: Saturday 5 August, \$5 (includes free glow stick) Come along and dance to the DJ. Kindy to U8s 5:00 - 7:15pm. U9s to U13s 7:30 - 10:00pm. Parents welcome to stay, however a guardian is required for all children under 6. The bar will be open as well as there will be softdrinks, chips and glow sticks on sale for the kids. Disco open to Norwest Soccer players as well as their family and friends.



Year 7 Girls Netball Team



Boys from the Y7&8 Netball Teams

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