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

The Variety Club Mini Bash was a huge success. All in attendance would agree that the visit by so many cars and celebrities was a major highlight of the year so far. We thank the Variety club of New Zealand for presenting us with a 'Friendship Chair' for use in the school. This chair is the physical embodiment of a skill that our children already possess, that being the ability to look after others. If a child does not have anyone to play with, they will go and sit on the seat. When others in the playground see someone on the seat they will go and invite them to play. There was a lot of learning related to the 'fun' occasion, the major enduring understanding being — That there are ordinary people in our community who give up their time and resources to help others.

We had a great Disco to end the week. It was good to see so many people turn up in the Spring Theme, I really appreciated the humour of those who actually took the mechanical definition of spring, well done! A very big thank you to all those parents who came along and helped with this wonderful event, the children really appreciate your efforts.

At a recent PTA meeting we discussed the school's commitment to fund extra teachers over and above our Ministry entitlement, according to our calculations this equates to approximately \$50 000 per year from our Operations Grant. Your school donations help us to provide for more teachers in the school that are not covered in our staffing allocation. If you have not done so already, we ask that you support this initiative by making your school donation at the office.

I am sure there are a lot of students and parents looking forward to the Centennial Cup Soccer matches this Wednesday. I have been impressed by the level of commitment at the training sessions. We wish all the teams the best of luck in this important event in our calendar. I look forward to seeing as many parents, caregivers and supporters at the game as possible. I am sure that we will get in behind our teams and give them words of encouragement from the sidelines.

Have a great week of learning — try something that you have never tried before!

Stephen Lethbridge

Dates	12 Sept	Auckland Cross Country	Weekly	
	13 Sept	Centennial Cup Soccer	This Friday	School Assembly Room 2 9.00am in the hall – you are welcome!
	14 Sept	Soccer Save Day	Next Friday	School Assembly Room 9
	19 Sept	Junior Production Matinee		
	20 Sept	Junior Production Evening		
	21 Sept	Gymnastics		
	20 Oct	Teacher Only Day		



Creativity

There is a lot of discussion at the moment about the importance of fostering creativity. We have made so many important decisions in the past about what knowledge is important and what knowledge is not so important. This is one of my 'cause' and I can often be heard talking about preserving creativity and passion in learning.

Justine Wheatly sent me a great link to an online presentation by Sir Ken Robinson, a world renown author and educator. It is well worth the download at www.ted.com/tedtalks scroll down to June 27 and just underneath Al Gore there is the presentation by Sir Ken Robinson. What he is talking about hits at the heart of education and where we must head. It is an excellent use of 20 minutes to watch this video.

For those who do not have Broadband, we will have a number of CD's at the office for loan.

News from around the School

Centennial Cup Soccer

Dates for the Centennial Cup Soccer were incorrectly advised on permission slip forms. Games are to be played after school on Wednesday 13th September at the Huapai Domain (Rain day Thursday 14th September). Please return permission slips as soon as possible.

News from the Junior School

Just a few tickets left for the Junior Production (Matinee Only). These are available from the office. Tickets are priced at \$3 Adults and \$1 Children. Seats are limited so please buy your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.

News from the Senior School

We have 10 Year 7 & 8 athletes competing at the Auckland Champions Cross Country Race at Pukekohe on Tuesday. They represent the best runners of the North West cluster schools, good luck for tomorrow, our thoughts are with you.

The Senior School did some weekend catering for a Junior Rugby function on the weekend. It was highly successful, thank you to the many parents that contributed platters of food. A extra big thanks to Lucy Hawkins, Gae Kurte and Maree Larsen, who alongside Gerard and myself spent Sunday laying on a spread which catered for approximately 300 people. Our profits were approx. \$633.00. It is wonderful people such as these who continually volunteer their time and effort to help fundraise for camps, making them more affordable to our students. Thank you to Tina Reed who put our name forward for this excellent venture.

Tackle & Rippa Rugby

We had two Rippa Rugby and one tackle team compete last Thursday at the North Harbour Rippa Rugby Tournament. Our Rippa teams did exceedingly well, each team winning 3/4 games. They competed against teams made up entirely of Year 6 students, many of those from club rugby teams. A huge thank you to Jon Green for his efforts in coaching our Year 3-5 students, your efforts combined with this success are a tribute to the time volunteered to teach this game. Our brilliant Tackle team won 4/4 games, a sign of how well our students compete in our cluster of schools. Thanks Rex Reed for your coaching of this team.

Mobile phone lost on school grounds: If found please hand into school office.

Lost: Nick Solloway lost a pair of black and white NZ tracksuit pants at the rugby on Thursday. If these have turned up in a school bag, please return them to Nick or phone Linda on 8331000.

Bingo Night-Middle School Fundraiser

The Bingo night is on this Saturday 16th September at 7pm. Tickets are available from the office this week-\$5 per ticket (first playing card is free and every card after that is \$1- supper provided). Bring gold and silver coins for extra games during the night. Money raised reduces the cost of the middle school camp. Remember to bring along your friends and family, everyone welcome. Great prizes donated by local businesses. An exciting night with door prizes and spot prizes. This is not your 'run of the mill' Bingo night. If any one is able to help please contact Deidre on 412-6361 or Carole at the office.

Shop for your School — Yes that is US, your school! IT ALL ENDS THIS SUNDAY

The business end is upon us. Thanks to all of you who are supporting us, the information from Westfield suggests that there are not that many of us compared to other similar sized schools—but what we lack in numbers we are making up for in spending!

We are still in: 6th place on 460.92 points per child — *The schools above us are well ahead and we have our work cut out in order to keep hold of 6th. We still have a 111 ppc lead over 7th place and are still in the laptop zone, we need to hold 6th in order to get a laptop. Check out our progress on <http://westfield.com/nzcentres/news/SchoolTally.html>*

Congratulations to Chantelle Cullen for her Fathers day picture, she won a movie pass for her entry.

This is a big week and we really want to hold onto 6th for that laptop! So if you needed an excuse to spend, go and do it! Hunt through all your friends, workmates and relatives receipts and get them all into Westfield or drop them into us and we will drop them in for you.

Remember if you fill in the online survey you get 50 points.

Thanks for your help and support—Mr L.

Community Notices Continued.....

After School Care-Week o f the 11th - 15th of September: After the roll, we start each day except Friday with homework and/or a quiet activity, followed with afternoon tea outside in the sun if possible. This week's special activities are; Craft: Plaster of Paris Moulds, Cooking: Marshmallow cookie balls, Team Sport: Giant sized softball, can be played indoors if necessary, Playstation: New game coming this week kids. And usual range of activities, chosen by us day to day in the junior and senior playgrounds, the tennis and basketball courts. By 5.00pm a drink or a snack, and planned activities can continue Or other activities can be started inside. ALL children must be picked up by 6pm by their designated person and signed out. **Sandra Schick Manager 027 226 0890 or Adelia Shaw Daily Supervisor 021 41 8296**

PTA NEWS

It's Calendar time again: A reminder that theses orders must be in by Wednesday 20th September. These make great Christmas presents for your relatives. This year you can order the calendars for \$10 each or a pack of 8 greeting cards for \$11. Your children's artwork along with samples of each product are on display in the office. Any queries phone Fleur on 8107499.

Kiwi Quiz: We have placed a second order and have just a few Kiwi Quiz games available for sale for \$30. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase the game.

Disco: Thank you to Louise Dibble and Judy Lister for organising a great disco on Friday.

Community Notices

Pony Riding: Come along and learn to ride the fun way! Everything taught from games and basic skills to cantering jumping and more advanced skills. Good rates and flexible hours. For more information please call Dominique on 8109060.

Summer Netball: Junior Grade - years 5 and 6. From Tues 31st Oct to Tues 12th Dec. 2006 (7 games), played from 4.30pm - 5.30pm at Te Pai Pl., Henderson. Limited to 7 players. Contact Yvonne Cullen, 8108959, BYCullen@xtra.co.nz

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.

Riverhead Athletics Club: Registration night Wed 20th Sept, 4-6pm at Riverhead Domain
Season starts Term 4, Wednesdays at 5.30pm. Ages 2-14 years.

Garage Sale: Sunday 17th September at 25 Oraha Road, Kumeu from 7am.

Waitakere Kindergarten Annual Gala/Obstacle-a-thon: Sunday 17th September, 11am-2pm. Bouncy castle, Sausage sizzle, mystery envelopes, fire engine rides, cake stall, raffles, coconut shy, face painting and more.

Senior Netball Referees Required: Monday Night Women's Social League Netball require the services of Senior Netball Referees. Starting on the 2nd October 2006, from 6pm-8.45pm at the Huapai Netball courts (next to the soccer club). Join in on the fun and earn pocket money at the same time. Please phone Harriet Watson on 412-6416 or Cindy Burnside on 412-7950.

MOTAT—Sensational Senses: September 25th to October 8th. Your senses will go into overdrive with MOTAT's amazing 'Sensational Senses' interactive programme. Engage in gooey craft activities programme and play with robots and discover more about each of your 5 main senses during the live National Science Roadshow demonstrations. All inclusive admission: \$30 Family Pass (2 adults and up to 4 children), \$14 Adults, \$7 children/seniors/students. For more information phone Shelley Osborne on 815-5808 or email bookings@motat.org.nz.

School holiday programme -'Living in space' with Stardome Observatory : Monday September 25th - Friday October 6th. Take a space walk these holidays as we celebrate 'World Space Week' over our two week programme. Follow in the footsteps of the space explorers from the galactic heights of the International Space Station to the foothills of One Tree Hill. 3 sessions run daily and all include our brand new show DarkStar Adventure in the planetarium. 10am & 1pm can your shuttle rendezvous with the space station? Build and launch a space shuttle, then try to dock it as close to the space station as you can. 11am How would a 'Stardome Space Station' look? Bring your imaginations and empty cereal boxes, then help us create an original 'Stardome Space Station' along with other World Space Week crafts. Cost \$15 adult + 1 child additional children/adults \$9 each Phone 624 1246 www.stardome.org.nz <<http://www.stardome.org.nz>>One Tree Hill Domain Auckland.

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