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Newsletter **Week 10** **Term 2**

Monday 26th June 2006

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

I hope you are all looking forward to a well earned rest these holidays. I know that the teachers are eager to re-charge their batteries and prepare for an action-packed, fun-filled term three.

The Trivial Pursuits evening was a great success, everyone had an enjoyable evening. For the record my ancient history swotting was pointless! I am a great advocate for learning from mistakes and by Saturday night's performance I have a lot of learning ahead of me. On behalf of everyone who attended a very big thank you to the organising committee and a special thank you to Carole and Greg Newman-Watt for their effort in question generation and presentation. We raised over \$2000 for the school, a wonderful effort.

We are also indirectly responsible for the New Zealand Warriors record breaking win in the weekend. Steven Price and Jerome Ropati visited the Middle school on Wednesday of last week. The students and teachers were treated to an amazing talk by two of the best players at the club. This was an amazing event for students, one of those inspirational times that they will remember for a long time. Steven Price's message was that of "Work hard, look after yourself and aim high" for our children the world is their oyster and they can do anything they set their minds to.

Remember that assembly is on Thursday this week so that we can farewell Mr Jones, we look forward to as many of you being there as possible. To the students of our great school, have a safe and pleasant break, look after yourselves and be ready for an amazing term three.

Principals Awards for Week Eight 2006

Cammeron Adcock, Sarah Gardiner, Courtney Sammut, Joseph Clarke, Ben de Roode, Lennon Eyles-Bufton, Daniel McCarthy-Veacock, Nina Dyer, Stefan Dyer, Rosanna Buckley.

Stephen Lethbridge

DATES

June 27

Parent Interviews **School closes**
at 2pm

Weekly
This Thurs

School Assembly Room 8
9.00am in the hall – you
are welcome!



Another Brain Fact

Our brain learns in Patterns NOT sequences—Integrate.

The most effective memories are those which integrate with other mental pathways. The more sophisticated the mental pathways become the easier it is for new learning to take place. It is also important to note that multiple sections of the brain may be involved in the learning of any matter.

The reconstruction of memories by the hippocampus requires gathering long term memories and coalescing them in a meaningful way. When learning something new we should seek to connect it with existing related or unrelated knowledge, concepts, ideas or ways of doing things. We should encourage talk like “This is like the time I did...” or “That is similar to this idea” or “I remember feeling... when confronted with a similar problem...”

News from around the School

2 O’CLOCK FINISH—Tuesday 27th June

School finishes tomorrow at 2pm for the Parent/Teacher interviews.

Cake & Lollie Stall-Senior School Fundraiser

There will be a cake and lollie stall this Thursday the 29th June, at the end of the Senior court, afterschool. Please come and support this fundraiser for the Senior Camp.

Thank you, School Council

Class and Individual Photographs

We are expecting the photos to arrive early in term 3. 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.

Tiger Time Campaign

Keep those coins coming in for the Tiger Campaign. The coin trail will now be displayed this Thursday at assembly.

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 commences on Monday 17th July and finishes on Friday 22nd September (10 weeks).

Than you to the following companies for supporting our trivial Pursuits night:

Kumeu River
Miconose Turkish Restaurant
Ashley Rose Beauty Therapy
Soljans Estate
Huapai Golf Club
First Impressions Furnishings
Allely House
Blossoms Café
Aquatic Park/Parakai Hot Pools
Club Physical
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Kumeu Health & Fitness
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Hallertau
Kumeu Village Butchery
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Mitre 10
For Eyes, Kumeu
Kumeu Chainsaw & Mower Services
Kumeu Garden Centre



Middle School Extension Group at the Auckland Zoo

PTA NEWS

Trivial Pursuits Night

Wow, what a great night those at the Trivial Pursuits evening had. We raised approx \$2350. The auctions were fun and the prizes fantastic. Our local businesses that provided all these prizes are listed above. We thank them all and hope that the school community acknowledges their kind donations and supports these businesses in return.

Thank you to Greg and Carole Newman-Watt for putting together the questions.

Thanks to Donna Chapman and Stephen Lethbridge for your parts on the night.

A big thank you goes to Alison Hucke for organising the evening and to Vicki Pratt and Wolf Hucke who helped Alison set up.

Have a Safe and Fun Holiday, from The PTA.

Community Notices

Furniture Wanted: I am looking for furniture particularly bookshelves and drawers. If you can help please phone Wendy on 412-6076. Thank you.

School Holiday Programme: School's Out Holiday Programme based at Huapai School is available to all children aged 5-13 years. Activities include, Drama with Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, Scrape Booking, Talent Show and Mid Winter Xmas. Trips include Movies and McDonalds, Ice Skating and Kids Fair. School's Out is an approved programme and childcare subsidies are available. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office, from After School Care in the hall or for more information contact Sandra 0272260890 or email sjschick@xtra.co.nz.

YMCA Y-Outdoors—School Holiday Camps: For children aged 7-13. Next school holidays in July. Programme could include Sea Kayaking, Campfire, Mud running, Canoeing, Hot Pools, Rock Climbing, Archery, Bush Exploring, Sailing, Mountain Biking, High Ropes, Lots of fun and games. For info call 0800367962. Email waiwera@nzymca.com, shakespear@nzymca.com, or campadair@nzymca.com.

Bubble Dome School Holiday Programme: Learn how the special effects are made in the movies like The Incredibles. 3D computer animation, inventors lab, high-level thinking skills. Epsom Girls' Grammar School, 11th-13th July, 5-15 years. www.bubbledome.co.nz.

Stardome Observatory-DarkStar Adventure: July School holidays, Monday 3rd July to Friday 14th July. Join Sarah Subrah and her robotic friend Sweeps, on a voyage of discovery through space, in this great new animated production in our 360 degree planetarium. Cost for each session is \$15 for 1 adult with child and \$9 for every extra person. For bookings or further information, phone 6241246.

Tasman Rides School Holiday Programme: 3 day fun-filled adventure camps. 1-3 July, 5-7 July and 13-15 July. Horse-back orienteering, demonstrations, games, trip to hot pools, movie nights. For more information contact Tasman Rides on (09) 4208603 or email info@tasmanrides.co.nz.

Incredible Science open day, run by The University of Auckland: Incredible Science will be held on Monday July 3rd. A full programme of interactive activities, displays and 'mini-lectures' will run between 9.30am and 3.30pm. With a line-up that includes magic shows, slimes, tsunamis, asteroids and live encounters with sea creatures, there's something for everyone! All activities on the day are free and there is no need to register to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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