



Taupaki School

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Newsletter **Week 3** **Term 2**

Monday 7 May 2007

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of Taupaki School

The life education caravan left us last week. Muriel and Harold will be working in another school this week. Our children always look forward to Harold and his messages. The programme offered and the learning that happens in the caravan is incredibly valuable. We thank Muriel Gill and Harold for being with us and for their continued effort in health promotion in our wider community.

The school has been advised by the NZEI Te Riu Roa that it is holding a Paid Union Meetings for teachers at 1.30pm on 18th May 2007. Accordingly, the majority of the school's teaching staff will be unavailable after 1 pm on that date.

NZEI is the union that represents primary teachers, primary principals and support staff. Under the Employment Relations Act, paid union meetings are a legal entitlement to discuss union business, in this case the *proposed claims for the renewal of the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement*. In our experience, NZEI calls paid union meetings infrequently and only when it believes that there is urgent and important business to discuss with its members.

I encourage you to either collect and keep your child at home or make some other arrangements for the duration of the meeting. However, if you cannot collect your child at 1pm an alternative programme will be provided for her / him for the duration of the meeting. We apologise for any potential disruption to you and your child's routine on the day of the meeting. In the interest of safety and to allow me some planning time I would ask that you complete the return slip on page 2 of this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible.

Congratulations to our Year 7&8 girls' soccer team who took part in the North West Zone event last week. The team narrowly missed out on a play off place. There were some fantastic goals. Well done girls. We wish the boys luck as they play this week.

More congratulations this time to Rebecca, Amber and Miriam who have won for the school library a Seashore Ecology book. This was for a poster competition run by the Sealab Environmental Education Trust.

Stephen Lethbridge

Dates

May 7	BoT Meeting 7pm	Weekly This Fri	School Assembly Rm6 9am, All Welcome.
May 9	PTA Meeting 7pm		
May 18	NZEI Union Meeting teachers unavailable from at 1pm	Next Fri	School Assembly Rm9



Return Me ASAP

NZEI Union Meeting 18th May. Teachers unavailable from 1.00pm

Dear Taupaki School

My Child/ren _____ of Room _____

_____ of Room _____

_____ of Room _____

Will be collected at 1pm / Will not be collected at 1pm (delete one)

Signed _____ Name _____

Please Return to your child's class teacher

News from around the School

Principals Awards—Week 2

Courtney Fox, Coco Janssen, Cammeron Adcock, Sam Baker, Rebecca Clarke, Katana Cawley, Alana Oxley, Liam Clarke, Karim Abedrabbo and Terry Shaw.

Basketball Hoop Bidding — A Mistake

Yes the Principal made another mistake! We do not have any Basketball hoops free, we are going to reposition the old ones at other locations around the school. Sorry for the confusion.

Helen O'Grady Drama Classes at Taupaki School

We have managed to secure the services of Joy Thomson from the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy. She can provide drama classes to students and like the Music tuition this can be done during the school day. The likely day will be a Tuesday afternoon. Parent interest will determine whether these classes will go ahead and indeed when they will start. This is a user pays opportunity and term fees are \$130, although the fee will be adjusted according to the start date of the course. To secure your child's place please complete and return the form opposite along with a deposit for \$30. This deposit is refundable if the course does not go ahead. Priority will be given to those who have their deposits in first.

Year 3 and 4 – Centennial Soccer tournament

Our annual tournament against Huapai is set to be played in September. Joan Western and Pippa Baker are having the first get together of all those boys and girls in year 3 or 4 who are interested in trying out for this team. This will require an ongoing commitment to weekly practice sessions.

When: Wednesday May 9th

Time: Ready to go at 8.30am

Where: School field or hall if wet

Bring: Soccer boots/shin pads and socks

Scholastic Book Fair

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair at the end of June this term. If there are any parents who are interested in helping out before or after school please let Miss Coleman in Rm 2 know. Thank you.

School Donations and Activity Fees

The School Donation and activity fee will remain the same as last year i.e. \$150 School Donation and \$40 activity Fee. Payments can be made at the school office throughout the year. If you are unsure whether you have paid your activity fee or school donation, please speak to Carole in the office.

Drama Class

Helen O'Grady Drama Class

Dear Taupaki School

My Child/ren _____ of Room _____
_____ of Room _____
_____ of Room _____

Would like to take part in the drama classes. Please find attached a deposit of \$30 per child

Signed _____ Name _____

Please Return to the school office.



Taupaki Tornados and Titans at the Rippa Rugby tournament last Thursday



PTA News

Tuesday Lunches: Those students who have ordered Sushi can pick it up at lunchtime in the hall. Order forms for the rest of the term are available at the office. Sausages, drinks and iceblocks will also be on sale on Tuesdays for the remainder of the term—\$1 each.

Entertainment Books: Please return payment or books to school as soon as possible, there are just a few to go.

PTA Meeting: This Wednesday, the 9th May at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome, we'd love to see some new faces.

Community Notices

Looking for the perfect tenant?: Local lady (60), non smoker, no pets, impeccable payment record and references seeks economically priced and quiet 2 bedroom cottage to rent, long term preferred. Phone Lynda on 8108-030 or email on largelyhappy@gmail.com.

St Dominics College Enrolments 2008: We are currently taking enrolments for Year 7 and 9 with limited vacancies at other levels for 2008. Buses are available from Bethells, Waitakere, Muriwai and Taupaki. For a college prospectus please phone 8390380 or email tina@stdoms.ac.nz 29 Rathgar Road, Henderson.

T.S. Bellona Sea Cadet Corps: If you are interested in sailing, kayaking, Regatta's, shooting, camping, teamwork, leadership skills and discipline, T.S. Bellona may be for you. We are a dynamic Sea Cadet Unit based in the Hobsonville Airforce base. We are looking for new recruits –Youths (boys & girls) from 13 years of age. Meetings held every Thursday night 6.45pm to 9.15pm on the Hobsonville Air force Base. If you are interested in visiting the unit or want to know more about Sea Cadets please contact 0800 SEA CADET or 417 8414 and ask for information on TS Bellona Unit. Website- www.cadetforces@mil.nz.

Kotare Brownie Unit: We are inviting girls aged 7 to 10 years to come and enjoy heaps of stuff you've never done before. Lots of cool stuff and adventure. Check out the choices at www.girlguides.org.nz Brownies meet in St. Chads Church every Tuesday from 5.30pm to 7pm. If you enjoy a challenge and want to have lots of fun with your friends, phone Hoa 4125821 for more information.

Meridian Energy Kids' Bike Jam: May 20th, Woodhill Forest Mountain Bike Park. Everyone that completes the course will get a medal and certificate. Spot prizes including an Avanti Black Thunder bike. It's all about giving it a go and participating. For more details go to www.kidsbikejams.co.nz or email info@kidsbikejams.co.nz.

Mother's Day at Stardome Observatory: Sunday 13th May noon – 4pm, all mums and grandmothers will get in free at our 'Cosmic Day Out' on this special day when accompanied by their children. No bookings required. www.stardome.org.nz

Roller Skating: Tuesday Evenings (During school term) 5.30pm-6.30pm beginners classes, 6.30pm-7.30pm Advanced class. The Kelston Deaf Education Center Gymnasium on Archibald Road. \$5.00 per class includes skate hire or bring your own skates or blades. some sizes may not be available. For more information Call Jane 836-5276- a wonderful way to keep fit and have fun.

Clothing collection for North Shore hospital: If you have baby and children's clothing in good used condition, then the following is what is needed:

- + Prem and newborn clothing and cuddle rugs
- + 0 - 5 year clothing

These clothes will be given to new Mums who are in need in the North Shore and Rodney area. The need for this becomes even greater as we head into the Winter months.

Please call Christine 09 4242426 or Yvonne 810 8120

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