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Newsletter **Week 1** **Term 2**

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Welcome back to Term Two

I hope you have had a restful holiday with your family. As you return you will notice the new surface on the senior court. The removal of the fence has opened up the playing area and made for a more pleasant outlook. The court will be marked with Basketball and Netball. We received a grant for new goalposts last year and these will be erected in the next few weeks. The school fields have been topped up with sand and we hope that the grass will grow very soon. You will also see freshly painted lines in the car parks and ... no stopping lines in the bus bay!

The Big Picture Context for this term is Footprints. The enduring understandings for this term are...

- ✓ In order to understand our future we must first understand our past
- ✓ Actions always have an impact on something or someone
- ✓ The journey is as important as the destination
- ✓ Ordinary people have extraordinary stories to tell

We welcome Murielle Gill and Harold from the Life Education Caravan. They will be here for the next two weeks and your children will visit the caravan with their class. Murielle is here for a short time after 3pm if parents wanted to have a look inside the caravan.

TEACHER ONLY DAY THIS THURSDAY

That is right, there is a Teacher Only Day on Thursday the 26th of April. This may come as a surprise to some people but I can assure you that we have been advertising it from the start of the year. On Thursday we begin a three year project with Dr John Edwards and Bill Martin, two international consultants. We are part of the Teacher Designed Schools Network – one of 52 schools world-wide with a desire to create world class learning.

We have also won an Extending High Standards across Schools contract from the Ministry of Education. We are in partnership with two other schools, Colwill and Lincoln Heights. This contract supplements our work in Teacher Designed Schools and provides the financial backing for our professional learning over the next four years. This was a rigorous application and selection process and we are delighted with the outcome.

A busy term is ahead of us. Have a great week filled with powerful learning.

Stephen Lethbridge

Dates

25 Apr	ANZAC Day	Weekly This Fri	No Assembly this Friday
26 Apr	Teacher Only Day	Next Fri	School Assembly Rm2



International Confederation of Principals' Conference

I was lucky enough to attend the ICP convention in the exotic location of Auckland during the last week of last term. The highlight of the event was listening to Sir Ken Robinson speak. To those who have listened to his TED conference talk (available at the school office) you would agree that this was an amazing opportunity.

His address, although similar to the TED talk, focussed my attention back to creativity and how we either encourage or destroy it as parents and schools.

Again, the question we must all ask ourselves is – How do we empower the child's natural creativity?

News from around the School

Lost Property

The lost property from Term 1 is on display in the office foyer. Please check during this week to see if any of the clothing or footwear belongs to your child. Any lost property left this Friday will be donated to the Salvation Army.

School Pool Closure

The school pool is now closed. Please return all pool keys to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Congratulations

If anyone would like to celebrate student achievements outside of school, please email details to us at reception@taupaki.school.nz and we will include them in a newsletter supplement at the end of each term.

Notice Board

We have recently put the School notice board on the wall between the office and room 2. We will display school and community notices on the board along with a copy of the school newsletter.

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 or if you wish to pay the school donation monthly by Direct Credit or automatic payment please speak to Carole in the office for the school bank account details.

COMMUNITY NOTICES CONTINUED.....

Liston College Open Evening: Monday 7th May from 7pm to 9pm. This an opportunity for parents and prospective students to view Liston College's facilities and displays and to learn of the opportunities they offer young men in Years 7-13. The evening will commence with a presentation by the Principal in the gymnasium at 7pm. For further information contact Lyanne Evans on 8389350

Kumeu Children's Art Club: Sessions Wednesday or Thursday, 3.30 to 6.30pm at the Waimauku Hall. Term 2 Topic—"Odd bods and characters" from recycled materials. Also mixed media drawing and painting. Bookings phone Libby on 4118323 or Paul on 027-4075849 or contact through PO Box 342 Kumeu.

Lunches: Because of the short week, the lunch room will not be opened this Friday. Lunches will commence this term on Friday 4th May.

Entertainment Books: Please return payment or books to school as soon as possible.

Marquee Hire: The PTA marquee (6m x 8m) is available for hire at a cost of \$100 per day. Please contact Tina Reed on 412-8409 for bookings or information.

Community Notices

Missing Cat: Lost from 296 Amriens Road on 11th April. Neutered male grey Burmese cross wearing a silver reflective collar with a bell on it. 3years old, may be trying to make his way home to Massey. Please phone Shona on 8328535 or 0211099667 or Kirsty on 8108391 if you think you have seen him.

Drum Lessons: Popular rock drumming, no reading or kit required. Individual tuition, \$20 per half hour lesson. Held after school at Taupaki School hall. Phone Brig on 8107-218

Pilates: A great way to stay in shape! Improve your strength, flexibility and posture. Come and join our class at the Kumeu Community Centre. Expert Instruction. Wednesday mornings 9:30-10:30. \$50 for 5 weeks. Please call to book your space -Helena Cox 416 9190

Rose Dance Academy: New branch of Dance Studio opening locally. Jazz, Tap, Ballet and Hip Hop. Classes available for beginners, school age children and adults, located at Huapai Soccer Club. For more information, enquiries and bookings please phone Mrs Rose on 8339640 or Alana on 412-9838.

Parent Aid Kaipara Inc. is a charitable organisation that has been running for 5 years. This organisation offers free in-home emergency childcare and domestic help given in times of accident, illness, stress or exhaustion to persons who have the everyday care of children. We will be holding our AGM on Thursday, 10 May 2007 at 51 Commerical Rd (cnr Porter Cres and Commercial Rd - the old medical centre), Helensville at 7pm. We would welcome all interested people who wish to become part of this organisation or are just interested to see who we are and what we can offer.

Whoever said books and boys mix like oil and water hadn't encountered Brian Falkner, Leon Davidson and Ted Dawe's skills in luring young males on literary adventures. Find out what's involved in transforming boys from reluctant to rapturous readers, with event chair, and children's book writer and reviewer, Kate De Goldi. Mark your calendars for a very entertaining evening. Entitled "**Boy Zone**" this is organised by the New Zealand Book Council.

Tickets available at www.bookcouncil.org.nz. 2 Dates to choose from: Tue 8th May, 6:30pm - 7:30pm at the Rose Centre, School Road, Belmont, Auckland or Wed 9th May, 6:30pm - 7:30pm at The St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby.

Best selling UK children's author, **Jacqueline Wilson** will be in NZ in May. Jacqueline writes for children aged 7-15 years, her books include The Story of Tracy Beaker, Love Lessons and Dustbin. She will be in NZ to promote the story of her childhood Jacky Daydream. For further information about Jacqueline see www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk.

SATURDAY 19 MAY, 4PM - Auckland, 1 hr presentation by Jacqueline Wilson. Followed by signing session. Location: Rosmini College Auditorium, Dominion St, Takapuna. Tickets: \$7 (children aged 15 years and under); \$12 (adults) Available from Ticketek, www.ticketek.co.nz; ph 0800 tickets

SUNDAY 20 MAY, 3.30PM - Auckland, 1 hr presentation by Jacqueline Wilson. Followed by signing session. Location: The Adams Hall, Epsom Girls Grammar School, Silver Road, Epsom Tickets: \$5 pp, ph Jaberwocky Children's Bookshop, ph 630 6827

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