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Newsletter **Week 4** **Term 1**

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We are half way through Term One! Yes it is hard to believe but term one this year is a very short one. We hope that your child has settled into their learning. We hope they are having fun and loving school because, as Gordon Dryden in his book the Learning Revolution says, "School is the best party in town and everyone is invited."

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Meet the Teacher Evening tonight, remember the pool is open from 5.30 with the meeting itself starting at 6.15 in the hall. We want to pack the hall to capacity, so please make the effort to come along. While you are here you might like to stay behind for the PTA meeting at 7.30, this group of people are dedicated to raising money for the children of our school. If you can stay on please do, as the meetings are a lot of fun.

Last Friday I was at a New Zealand Principals' Federation Meeting in Wellington. It was our chance to listen to the Minister of Education, The Secretary of Education and the Acting Chief Review Officer from ERO talk about the direction of education in the coming years. Steve Maharey focused on Personalised Learning as the tool for delivering a "Knowledge Economy Worker." The key message behind this model is that we cannot tolerate failure for any student. He stated that we have to have a curriculum and system that could accommodate students rather than the student adapting to the system. A major influence on his thinking has been Sir Ken Robinson and his TED video on Creativity. We have this on CD at the office if you would like to view it.

With the wind picking up and storm warnings in place I might not be heading out to watch the Year 7&8 students at the Water Wise programme this week. Please keep an ear to the ground as we may have to postpone this event.

BoT nomination forms are available from the 1st of March and nominations close on the 15th of March.

Principals' Awards

Natalia Brashier, Ashlee Tyacke, Rebecca Fraser, Kallum Green, Liam O'Brien, Liam Murphy, John Newman-Watt, Natasha Katavich, Christopher Etherington and Yoni Yahel.

Have a great week.

Stephen Lethbridge

Dates	26 Feb	Meet the Teacher Evening 5.30-7.30pm PTA Meeting 7.30pm	Weekly This Fri	School Assembly Room 9 9.00am in the hall-you are welcome!
	2 Mar	Middle/Senior Swimming Sports	Next Fri	School Assembly Room 5
	6 Mar	Junior Swimming Sports 1pm North West Softball Tournament		
	11 Mar	Krypton Factor		
	13 Mar	Junior School Zoo trip		



When your child gets home...

How many of you have asked your child "What did you do at school today?" only to get a reply of "Nothing much."? If we had \$1 every time we hear that story education coffers would be overflowing and 'donations' would not exist.

The key word we want you to focus on is **learn**. What did you learn today? How are you going to use that in your future? How do you know you succeeded? What would you do differently next time?

These questions may generate different responses as the teachers are sharing Learning Intentions and Success Criteria with students. We want your children to see the point of their learning. You may like to use the word Learning Intention, "What was your Learning Intention in Writing today?"

Remember the goal is self-monitoring, self regulating, self motivated lifelong learners.

News from around the School

Meet the Teacher Evening

See you tonight from 5.30pm — 7.30pm. The grounds and pool will be open from 5.30pm for families to have a picnic. We will meet in the hall at 6.15 and then teachers will be in classes to introduce themselves and give you some information about 'how things work' in their room.

News from the Middle School

The Middle School are currently learning about sea life. We hope that this will lead to students asking themselves what they can do to 'Make a Difference' . We will be exploring just what we can do during the latter part of the term.

Trip notices with information about our visits to Muriwai and Kelly Tarlton's should be going home today.

Postponement of Waterwise

Unfortunately, the senior school Waterwise has been postponed due to the weather forecast of 15-20 knot winds. We are attempting to re-book for Thursday 1st March, Wednesday 7th March and Thursday 8th March. We will keep you informed.

ICAS International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

Computer Skills, Science, Mathematics, Spelling, Writing, English, are once again available this year for year 4-8 students. Extra copies of the flyer are available from the office. Slips and payment must be returned by this Friday.

Egyptian Masks

If anyone still has their Egyptian masks from last year, please bring them to Mrs Fursdon as we would like to make up a display at the Kumeu show.

Wanted

Small jam jars with lids for Food Technology please. See Mrs. Hucke.

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.

Pool Keys

If you still wish to purchase a pool key, these are available from the office for \$30. Keys will be collected several weeks into the 2nd term.

News from around the School

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Sequoia Denz-King for her 1st overall placing at the recent Redhills Dressage series. She was placed 1st in test A, 2nd in test B and 2nd in test D on her horse Sapphire. Well done.

Bicycle safety

For those of you with eagle eyes you would have noticed in the Information Booklet that there is a change to the procedures for riding bikes to school. If your child wishes to ride their bike to school you need to write a letter to the Principal. Upon receipt Mr Lethbridge will check the bike, helmet and the driver to see if they are safe. If all three pass then the child will be allowed to ride to school.

Student Artwork

The school wishes to display student artwork at the Kumeu Show. If you have any suitable artwork at home that would look great in a display, please bring to the office with students name and age on it. Artwork will be returned after the show. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES CONTINUED

Scarecrow Building Workshop: Sat 3rd & Sun 4th March at Kumeu Arts Centre-10.30am to 3.30pm, 14 Oraha Road, Kumeu. Do you have any clean used clothes, straw hats, gumboots, flannel shirts etc that would be suitable for scarecrows, bring to workshop or leave in the bin provided at the Rodney District Council offices at Huapai.

Girl Guide Biscuits – Yummy!



Plain - \$2.50 /pkt or \$37/ box of 15

Chocolate \$2.80/pkt or \$50.40/box of 18

Minis \$2.80/pkt or \$44.80/ box of 16

Phone Leanne Martin 4122358 – cash on delivery
Or see Alison Hucke

PTA NEWS

AGM and General Meeting tonight (26th February) @ 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Everybody is welcome. Please come along and get involved with a great team. This is an opportunity to meet people in the school community. Have your say, contribute ideas for resources. Help raise money (as they say “many hands make light work”) and work together with the Board of Trustees to achieve the best outcomes for our school.

American Hotdogs-Every Tuesday this term: American hot-dogs will be selling for \$2 each from the lunch room starting this Tuesday. We will also be selling drinks and ice-blocks for \$1 each.

School Lunches: Lunch menu available from classroom or office.

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

Childrens Day at Stardome Observatory: Sunday March 4th-The Sun will be out at Stardome on Children's Day as we celebrate this special day with activities all themed around our closest star, the Sun. All children get in **free** on their special day when accompanied by an adult. 1pm – 4pm. No bookings required. Ph 624 1246 (www.stardome.org.nz).

Drum Lessons: Popular rock drumming, no reading or kit required. Individual tuition, \$20 per half hour lesson. Held after school at Taupaki School hall. 4 vacancies left.

Pilates: A gentle and effective way to stay in shape. All welcome! New class starting 28 Feb in Kumeu. Wednesday mornings 9:30-10:30. \$10 per class. Numbers are limited so please call to secure your place. Helena Cox 416 9190

Norwest United Soccer Registration: For Kindy, Midget, Junior, Youth and Seniors at the club rooms Saturday 17 Feb 10am - 2pm & Saturday 24 Feb 10am-2pm, alternatively you can register online at www.norwestsoccer.org.nz. All players who have registered and paid by 24th February will go into a draw to win a prize pack of a pair of boots, shin pads and a football courtesy of Stirling Sports Westgate.

Kitten Found: Abandoned kitten looking for a kind home. Black & white, sweet nature. Phone Linda on 8109376.

Western United Netball Club: Year 1-13, registration at Huapai Reserve Cricket clubrooms on Tues 27th Feb and Wed 28th Feb, 3.30-5:00pm. Open college Trials at Huapai Reserve Courts on Mon 19th Feb 4-6pm, Sun 25th Feb 2-4pm and Mon 26th Feb 4-6pm. Enquiries to Leanne Clark (Sec) 412-7915 or Dianne McIntosh (Trials) 412-5511.

Hobsonville Hustlers Netball Club: Year 7 and Year 8 players. 2007 Season Muster - Tuesday February 27th at Te Pai Courts, Lincoln Road from 6:00-8:00pm. New players are most welcome. Registration day: 3 March 2006 at Te Pai Courts between 10.00 a.m. and 12. p.m. Enquiries to Tania on 838 9996 or Terri on 411-7134.

Kumeu Junior Badminton: Access Rd, Season commences Monday 5th March, Year 4-7 3.30 – 5.00, Year 8-13 5.00 – 6.30pm .Come along & have some fun, learn new skills. Beginners welcome. Enquires Ph Sharon 411 8900 or Jondy 411 7506

Te Atatu Roosters Rugby League Club: Calling all interested under 6 to under 16 players. Registrations will be held at our club rooms, Jack Colvin Park, Titoki Street, Te Atatu Peninsula Wednesday 28th February 2007, 6:30-8:00pm. Please bring your birth certificate or passport with you. For more information please contact Donna (Schoolboy Secretary) on 832 7167.

Support our School Sponsors



<p>Newpark Financial Services, ph 412-5801 14 Shamrock Drive, Kumeu <i>"A good broker is the best insurance you can have."</i></p>
