

THE TAWHAI TIMES

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Naumai e te whanau o te kura Tawhai
Tena koutou katoa

A very warm welcome to all our new families who have recently joined the Tawhai School community.

The term is just whizzing by and teachers have been extremely busy checking in with children's progress and writing reports. It is so exciting to hear the buzz in the staffroom where teachers are sharing how much progress children have made throughout the year.

I am aware that at this time of the year parents are beginning to think about the year ahead. We are currently working through the staffing structure for 2017 and we will be in a position to share some exciting news in regards to this with you in the next newsletter.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In light of recent earthquake and flooding events it is a timely reminder to ensure all emergency contact details are up to date. If you are unsure please communicate with Kelly in the office. Students will not be released to go home after a major incident until they are signed out by a caregiver and this caregiver **MUST** be on our contact list. Thank you for your support over the last couple of days. Ensuring the safety of the children is paramount.



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MR YIPADEE



Tawhai School was very privileged to have a visit, all be it a day early, from Mr Yipadee. There was lots of handclapping, foot stomping entertainment as we all were



treated to lots of singing, dancing and some great comedy.

We got to have a fun read/singalong of Jungle Bells, Rudolph Smells and the new book, Nee Naw, the Little Fire Engine. The children were also very happy to see the very much loved Rudolph who dropped in for a visit.

Thank you for being so entertaining Mr Yipadee!

TO CLARIFY...

School donations and costs for activities related to the curriculum are voluntary contributions from parents. It is really important however, that parents understand if the school, as an example, had to pay for every child to participate in the swimming programme (approximately \$8700) This is money that we then cannot use in other curriculum areas e.g. reading books, iPads, maths equipment. At Tawhai School we also like to offer extra-curricular activities, e.g. after school sports, Goodtime Music Academy bus, etc which **is optional** and payment **is required**. We really do appreciate the on-going support the majority of parents provide - all contributions make a difference.



On that note, from the Board of Trustees, Parent Voluntary Donations are going out by the end of next week. This is a friendly reminder to those who have not made a contribution this year. Receipts will also be handed out at the same time for any payment received from June this year. "The winner of the \$150 New World voucher will be drawn by the end of next week.

DISCO – THIS FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER!

What a positive way to end such an eventful week by having the PTSG school disco! Tickets are on sale now. The cost of the tickets are \$2, please send the money along to school with your child. Years 1-3 are at 5:30pm-7pm, and Years 4-6 is from 7:30pm-9pm. Due to the lack of space, as a safety issue, we are encouraging **only new entrant's** parents to stay at the disco, if your child is a little concerned. Snacks and glow items will be for sale. This will be a fun night for the kids!



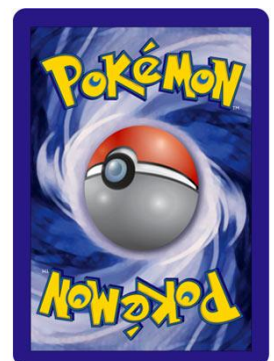
SUNBLOCK

After our wonderfully successful athletics day, we were really sorry to hear that a few children suffered from sunburn. In response to this our PTSG have kindly purchased a large container of sunscreen for each classroom and as is stated in our school policy, children will be encouraged to apply the sunscreen prior to outside activities. We are aware that we have several children in the school who have certain allergies and need a particular kind of sunscreen. Please contact your child's teacher if this is the case and send along a supply that can be used at school.



POKEMON CARDS AND STUDENT VOICE

Last term we were experiencing some very unacceptable behaviour related to the trading of the Pokémon cards, which led to a ban on them coming to school. Last week I received a very thoughtful proposal for allowing them to return to school from a student, Heath Tuifao of Room 1. Heath wrote some great reasons, supported by a set of rules. The management team discussed the proposal and decided to have trial run on Fridays only. The rules will be circulated around the classrooms and there will be a specified "trading place". We appreciate your support by allowing your child to bring Pokémon cards to school on Friday only.



VISTAB

If your child arrives late to school or leaves school early they need to be electronically signed in/out on our new VisTab. If there was an emergency this ensures we know exactly who is on site. If you are unsure how to use VisTab - Kelly or I are happy to show you.



SPORTS RESULTS

Touch Results

Thursday 3 November

Tawhai Titans 18 v Belmont Cheetahs 0

Friday 4 November

Tawhai Pocket Rockets 3 v OLR Titans 6

Tawhai Terminators 3 v Hutt Central Falcons 2

Tawhai Dynamos 0 v SH Meteors 8

Tawhai Thunderbolts 1 v Normandale
Tornadoes 7

Tawhai Eagles 5 v Lightning Bolts 9

Tawhai Tigers 10 v SH Storm 5

Tawhai Twisters 0 v SPP Lions 2

Tawhai Eels 6 v Silly Sunday 2

Tawhai Tuis 8 v EHS Diamonds 0

IMPORTANT DATES

[Please keep checking our school website for the most up to date events calendar]

- 18 November – PTSG School Disco
- 22 November – Interzone Athletics – (22 November postponement date)
- 29 November – Board of Trustees meeting – 7pm in the staffroom
- 1 December – Parent helper morning tea – (further details to follow)
- 3 December – Stokes Valley Christmas Parade (Saturday)
- 5 December – Reports sent home
- 6 December – Senior Syndicate trip to Days Bay (12 December postponement date)
- 7 December – Parent interviews for those who require them (bookings available from 1 December)
- 8 December - Road Patrol Pool Party
- 13 December – Peer Mentors Party (further details to follow)
- 13 December – Year 6 Leavers' Dinner 6pm – 8.30pm (further details to follow)
- 14 December – Middle Syndicate fun day at Stokes Valley Pool
- **15 December – Last day of term (1pm finish)**
- **30 January 2017 – Term one.**

2017 term dates;

- Term 1: 30 January - 13 April
- Term 2: 1 May - 7 July
- Term 3: 24 July - 29 September
- Term 4: 16 October - 14 December (1 pm finish)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kia pai tō rā

Kia ora

Karen Poole
Principal