



Newsletter

5/12/2011

CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences to Maureen and Marc Vink and boys. Maureen's mother passed away on Saturday.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

I'm starting to get excited - the lights are in, the mics are on and the children look amazing in their costumes. One or two children have not yet performed in costume as they keep forgetting to bring them!! If there is a problem please let us know and we can help.

We will be walking down to the hall Tuesday morning for a full dress rehearsal and then Wednesday and Thursday mornings for matinee show. Please ensure your child's costume (if they are using their own clothes) is named and stays at school for the entire week.

If your child is feeling particularly tired you are most welcome to take them home at lunchtime for a sleep especially on Wednesday and Thursday when we have an evening show.

If you have indicated that you are available to help with makeup, dressing children etc. for the show, please turn up at the Tauwhare Hall at 9.15am tomorrow morning and 10am Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

END OF YEAR BREAK-UP

On Wednesday 14th December at 7pm we will all come together to celebrate the end of the school year. This is a wonderful night full of prize-giving, musical items and awards. You will get to hear the winning speakers from our speech contest. We also use this night to farewell our leavers - Year 6 students who are moving on to their new schools, and to present the sports awards.

The highlight of the night for most, however, is the arrival of the big man in red!

Do put this night in your diary. We have a combined supper afterwards so each family is encouraged to bring a plate.

CAMBRIDGE ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST

On Friday night Kayla Bradley-Harris and Ella Silvester represented Tauwhare at the Rotary Speech competition in Cambridge. There were 17 speakers from 10 different schools for Year 5 to Year 8 students. As usual the standard was very high and the range of topics was extensive. Our girls spoke extremely well, Ms Quinn and I were so proud of Ella and Kayla and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

ANNUAL PTA FUN DAY

This will be held on Monday 12th December from 11.30am until 2pm. The PTA will be supplying a **FREE** lunch of sausages in bread, followed by an ice block at the end of the day. It will be a fun water play afternoon with a range of activities happening on a rotational basis. Activities included are waterslides, bouncy castles, obstacle courses, sack races, 3 legged races and more! The waterslide, castle and obstacle course have been kindly donated for use by Smile Inflatables. This will be a massively fun day for the children, so a huge thank you must go to Smile Inflatables for helping us out with this.

Children will need to bring their togs.

We will need some helpers to help cook sausages or supervise an activity. If you are able to help with this 11.30-2.30pm, please email Jackie on craigandjackiegriffin@ihug.co.nz

If anyone has the following we could use please bring to the office by Wednesday 7th.

Large rope - tug of war.

Sacks - sack races.

FLOWER SHOW Tuesday 13th December 9-12

It is time for the children to raid your beautiful flower gardens and take part in a wonderful tradition of Country Schools.

For all categories the children may practice at home and cut the veges but bring everything to school to be made and assembled at school on the day.

VEGETABLE ANIMAL OR CREATION

These can be made into any kind of animal or creation using any kind of vegetable, joined together with toothpicks.



FLOWER DISPLAY

Categories are:

Sand Saucer - plates provided by school - a pattern is made using the flowers only
Aqua Jar - a long stemmed flower is placed inside a water tight jar. The flower is attached to the lid with bluetak/plasticine and then floats.

Unusual container - display any flowers or foliage in an unusual container

Miniature Garden - mum's favourite baking tin, sand, tinfoil (lakes, rivers) greenery and flowers, lego houses etc - design and make a miniature garden

Corsage/Buttonhole - design a corsage or buttonhole with a tiny flower and some foliage

KAPA HAKA CONCERT (same day) Tuesday 13th December 1.30-2.30

Come along and view the flower show and then be entertained by the whole school in our kapa haka concert, in the Multi-Purpose Room.

LIBRARY BOOKS AND READERS

Could we please have all readers and library books returned so we can do an end of year stock take. There will be no new books issued and no more readers taken home.

POOL KEYS

Paula is issuing pool keys from Wednesday for the holidays. We cannot send these keys home with the children as a grown - up must read and sign the pool rules contract. Costs are \$ 50 per school or pre-school family and \$70 for non-school families.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

There is Before School Care on the last day **BUT NO** After School Care on the last day of school.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Thursday 15 December - Please note: The bus will not be running on this day.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 14th December. These reports are the same as last year as we strive to follow the demands of National Standards and the Ministry reporting requirements.

There will be a box that looks like this:

Reading: *The shaded area indicates the **national standard expectations** and the teacher's tick indicates the 'best fit' level where your child operates most consistently.*

The shaded area is where a Year 5 child should be at the end of the year. It usually takes a child 2 years to get through each level.

Your child's teacher will put a tick in the box to show where your child is working most often.

Jam Jars Wanted

Please bring along to Room 1. Thanks to those who have already.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FOR CAMP 2012

Keep selling those raffle tickets and return the butts and money to school in a named envelope by Friday please. The winner will be drawn at the End of Year Prizegiving. If you would like

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	Pre-Level 1		Level 1		Level 2			Level 3		Level 4					

more tickets or would like

to take some to your workplace please see Ms Quinn in Room 1.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

This week the PTA are offering, plain mince pies from Coupland's Bakery.

Flavoured milks and fruit drinks will also be available.

Please have orders and money into the office by **Thursday 9am**.

PLEASE NO LATE ORDERS, as the pies will be collected from Couplands Thursday lunchtime.

Name _____ Room _____

Plain mince pie **\$2.00**

Chocolate Milk **\$1.50** Strawberry Milk **\$1.50** Fruit Drink **\$1.50**

Total: _____

CAR PARK FENCE

Aren't we flash!!! Thank you to John MacEwan for his very prompt and very professional work on our new staff car park. It looks lovely and we thank you, John, for being so accommodating!

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