

NEWSLETTER

Thursday
2nd February 2012

What's coming up in February

Monday 6th

Waitangi Day. No School

Tuesday 7th

Y7/8 swimming at Aquatic Centre

Transport required-see Pat

Thursday 9th

Year 7/8 Technology starts
Bus leaves 8:45am

Tuesday 14th

Parent Information Evening
and BBQ 5:30-7:30pm

Wednesday 15th

R1/6 Rocky Shore visit
10:30-12:30pm

Thursday 16th

R3/4 Rocky Shore visit
11:00-1:00pm

Friday 17th

R2/5 Rocky Shore visit
12:00-2:00pm

Thursday 23rd

Y5-8 Camp Out

Wednesday 29th

R6 Swimming Displays

7th March

Rooms 1-5 swimming
displays

Staff Meetings

Monday after school is when staff hold their meetings so we appreciate children being collected quickly after school.
Thank you

Pool Users

To keep the pool warm and save on chemicals, please replace the cover after you have finished your swim.

Friday Lunch

No lunches this week
If you are able to take a turn on the baking roster for the term please let Bronnie know.

Office Hours

Bronnie is available in the office until
2:30pm Mon-Thurs and
12pm on Fridays



Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new children and families.

R4: Rata Roebuck, Emily Parkinson and Kyarne Broughton-Pratt

R2: Cole Hull R6: Samuel Megaw and Jared O'Keeffe

Education Review Office Report

Attached is the school's ERO report which was carried out at the end of 2011. We hope you take the time to read this and become better acquainted with how well we are educating students.

Newsletters are issued every Wednesday (except this week when we need to get stationery lists and contact updates home quickly).

Stationery lists go home today. Thank you to those parents who took the opportunity the last few days to pop in and get this sorted early. Children will start using their books on Monday so you have time to purchase, cover, name and get them back. If you send the money along with the list we will issue them during the day for students to take home for covering and naming.

Please return the attached contact details, medical and transport permission sheet to the office tomorrow. Many thanks

The school donation assists us in meeting the growing demands of resources needed for the school. Because we are a decile 8 school we get considerably less funding from the government than lower decile schools. Therefore we really appreciate the tremendous support we get from our families in paying the school donation. Rather than increasing the cost, we have decided to have a graduated scale for the school donation. You can either pay \$80 or \$100 or \$120 for each pupil. We hope this range of choice, rather than a straight increase, will assist the individual needs of families.

Hats and Sunscreen: We are a 'Sunsmart' school and require that all children wear brimmed or legionnaire style hats during terms 1 and 4 during play, lunch and for lessons outside.

Please make sure your child has a hat **that can be kept at school**. Hats are available at the office for \$10. Sunscreen is supplied by our Home and School for every class.

Swimming Pool

All students will have class swims each day. Due to the heavy toll to the water chemical balance, on school days the pool will be closed until 4.30pm.

Parent Help

We welcome parents who may be able to help in classrooms throughout the year. Please see teachers to offer your help. Parent help begins in March. We value your assistance and appreciate your understanding during the first few weeks letting students settle and teachers develop rapport and routines. When you collect children after school from the junior classes please be as inconspicuous as possible, as children are easily distracted in these first few weeks.

Cricket: Please contact Stuart if your child would like to play Saturday Cricket this term.

Skatepark: Year 1-4 children are allowed to bring bikes to ride on Wednesdays. Scooters, skateboards and rollerblades are welcome at any time by all children. Helmet and shoes are required for all skatepark users.

Weetbix Kids Tryathlon will be held on 28th March at Ngamotu Beach. Omata has entered as a school, so if your child is 7 years and older and would like to be involved please pick up an entry form from the office and return to Stuart by the 14th March. \$35 per entry

Parent Information Evening and Family BBQ

You are all invited along to school on Tuesday evening (14th) for a BBQ from 5:30 - 7:30pm. During the evening each teacher will take 20 minutes to talk to you in their classrooms about the year.

Thank you to Home and School who will be running the BBQ and selling sausages and calci yums; BYO 'special' meat, drinks, utensils, plates etc with a salad to share. This is a great chance for families to meet and have a nice evening together. If wet, there will be no BBQ but the class meetings will still go ahead at the following times:

Room 4 - 5:30	Mrs Norris	Room 5 - 5:50	Miss Hood
Room 1 - 6:10	Mrs Barleyman	Room 3 - 6:30	Ms Aylward
Room 2 - 6:50	Mr Bennett	Room 6 - 7:10	Mr Murphy

Community Notices (see Foyer Noticeboard for more details)

Inline Hockey: East End Rink, Open Day February 12th 1pm to 4pm.

NP Gymnastics: 3 years and up. Phone Bryan 0273 414 200

Kids4Drama: Start Thursday 9th 6:15-7:15pm at Westown School. Ph 7533 236