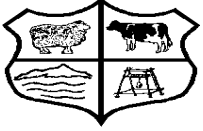


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Te Pahu School Times

Wednesday 17th February 2010

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We have a busy term planned all within its eight and a half weeks from camps to assessment. It is pleasing to note how quickly our students have settled in to their school routines.

Last week we had problems with our photocopier just as we were set to print the community newsletter. Apart from the inconvenience and unfulfilled expectations we realise the need to have a variety of ways to communicate the same information. We will be using our school website more often to place copies of importance and to communicate if there is a problem. We realise not all homes have access to the internet; it is simply another option for those who do.

We have started our testing schedule to identify areas to develop and areas of strength for individuals and across classes. It is a critical time for all children to be at school so they do not need to catch up on their return and miss further learning.

Parent conferences will be on Tuesday 16 March starting at 3.15pm until 8.00pm and Wednesday 17 March 3.15 until 6.00pm in fifteen minute slots. This is an opportunity for you to see and hear how your child has started the year, set goals for the future and for you to pass on valuable information that would assist the learning process. An interview request letter will be sent home closer to the time. If these dates do not suit please make an appointment for a convenient time. Our aim is to have 100% parent contact within a week of the conferences.

Bible in Schools will start week 5, it is a nondenominational values based programme that is presented by trained tutors. If you do not want your child to participate in this programme please write a note or contact the school preferably by Monday 22 March and we will organise an alternative programme for them.

Monday Fun day is on Monday 1 March. This is an opportunity for the Te Pahu community to participate in some entertaining activities and a chance to meet your child's teacher in an informal setting, the event will start at 6pm with a picnic dinner, followed by an hour of games and activities at approximately 6.30, games are flexible to allow you to join in at any time.

Music Tutoring. Last year we had three groups learning to play the guitar and a number of students learning the piano. If you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument in an "out of school" music programme please complete the return slip below. Some tutoring of specific instruments is government subsidised, there would still be a fee to cover the tutors' costs. We will still be offering some music to our students as part of their class activities or through special programmes.

Bus reminder; if you are picking your child/ren up from school please remember to fill out the black folder in the school foyer or ring the school before 2.45pm so we aren't looking for children who have already gone. If you have a regular day/s you pick up your child/ren please let the office know and we can put a permanent note in the bus roll. You may have noticed that we have a replacement bus that is more suited to our needs, hooray.

Thank you to those whom have paid the school donation it is greatly appreciated and is directly fed back into supporting your child. All donations are tax deductible. The office will send a receipt with donation clearly written on it allowing you to claim this amount on your tax returns.

ENERGIZE: WEEK 3 TIP

Aaron West - Principal

PTA News

The Te Pahu School PTA AGM will be **Monday 22nd February 7pm** in the School Staff Room.

Dates to Remember:

19th February: Photolife visiting (Class Photos)

1st Mar: Monday Funday



3rd Mar: Rm 4-7 School Swimming Sports

5th Mar: Rm 1 & 3 Swimming Sports

FOR SALE: Horse for sale. Please phone Paula on 825-9962.

Keep cool with water!

Wonderful Water Facts!

- The human body is about **75% water**
- Your **brain** is approximately 85% water and your **bones** are around 33% water.
- When water warms up it turns into a gas called **water vapour**
- The water that we drink has circled around the world for years and years! So long in fact that the water we drink now was around when the **dinosaurs** were on earth!
- Humans drink an average of **75,000 litres** of water throughout their life.
- Water regulates the **temperature** of the human body and helps to **filter waste** from the body.

I am interested in my child/ren _____ of room _____ to learn to play the _____ I do / do not have access to my own instrument.
I am / am not interested in hiring an instrument.