

4 March 2010

SPORTING

HIGHLIGHTS



Maungaraki students at the Rippa Rugby tournament last week

PAID UNION MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 2

I recently informed you that the NZEI Te Riu Roa would be holding a Paid Union Meeting for teachers on Friday 26th March. Accordingly, I advised you that the majority of the school's teaching staff would be unavailable after 1 pm on that date.

NZEI Te Riu Roa has now informed the school that it is postponing these meetings until Term 2. **This means that 26th March will revert to being a normal school day.**

NZEI has apologised to the school for any inconvenience caused and has advised that the round of meetings for teachers will now be held between 26 April and 13 May.

NZEI has indicated that they will notify us of the actual date and time of the meeting in the near future. As soon as the school has details of when

the actual meeting will occur, I will send that information on to parents, along with advice about arrangements at school for the day in question.

I would like to apologise to parents for the inconvenience this may have caused.

Weather station

Further to our message (which was sent home to families on 24 February 2010), we still need volunteers to help us with monitoring the weather station over the weekends and school holiday periods. It only takes a few short minutes to record the results each day and is an activity that children enjoy helping with. Please return the form that was attached to the "Weather Station" newsletter or alternatively drop into the school office and we will print you another copy to fill out. We appreciate your help.



Welcome to Chizuru Mitsuyama who arrived in Wellington after a long flight on Sunday. Chizuru was an elementary school teacher in Japan and has worked as an international exchange coordinator. Now retired she enjoys representing Japan in foreign countries and exciting students with her knowledge of Japanese culture and language. She intends sharing with our students a tea ceremony, origami, some Japanese cooking, calligraphy and how to wear a kimono. Our students benefit greatly from these cultural exchanges. I am sure that your children will come home sharing their Japanese experiences with you.

RIIPPA RUGBY



Rippa Rugby

Thank you to the wonderful parents who supported this fantastic event last week. Our students had a great deal of fun competing with other schools, jumping on the bouncy castle supplied by the Wellington Rugby Union.

REMINDERS:

Portfolios

Several children have yet to return their 2009 portfolios. Although we will not be using portfolios this year there is information in portfolios which we need to keep for our school records, like the school reports and enrolment forms. Please return your child's portfolio.

New Building

Fantastic news!! The building work is nearly complete. We hope to move Room 11 into their new classroom within the next few weeks.

ICT Agreements

Students in Years 5 - 8 are asked to return their ICT agreements annually so that our students understand the importance of using computers safely while at school. Please return these as soon as possible.

Student detail forms

Thank you for returning these to school so quickly. The details have been entered into our computer system. If you have not returned your form please do so immediately. Several families have overlooked adding parent occupations so a form will be sent home again requesting this information for our records.

Three Way Conferences

Have you booked your three way conferences on line yet? Be in quick to get your preferred time slot. We are expecting students to join their parents and teacher for the three way interview as they are an integral member in setting and achieving their individual goals.

Before each child's interview we recommend that parents take time to read their child's exercise books so as to be familiar with the level and quality of your child's work. Teachers will put these out for parents prior to each interview. To book your interview time please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Our school code is **5XUTJ**. If you do not have access to the Internet please ask for assistance at the school office.

The Power of One

Have you paid the office for this anti-bullying show? All students attended the show as we feel it is important that all our students get the same anti-bullying messages. Teachers are also following up key points with their classes.

There are still some parents who owe the \$4 for Life Education as all children attended these sessions as part of their class health programme.

Voluntary Donations

Thank you to those parents who have paid their school donations for 2010. We greatly appreciate this support. Payments can be made through internet banking to the following account:

Maungaraki School Board of Trustees, ASB Queensgate
Account No: 123142-0281104-00

Timetable:

15 March Grasshopper Tennis (R4-7) 7pm H & S meeting	16 March HRSA Athletics (pp 18/3) 2.00pm Assembly 3 way conferences 3.15pm – 8pm	17 March Grasshopper Tennis (R1 & 2)	18 March 9.00 – 11.00 Western zone swimming sports Early close 3 way conferences 1.30pm – 6pm	19 March
22 March Year 7 & 8 camp	23 March	24 March	25 March	26 March Chizuru Mituyama, Japanese teacher leaves

Character Description

By William Foster

Demon Headmaster Loses His Temper

The Headmaster was typing away. I stepped away heading for the door then it happened. Thump! The Headmaster smacked his chair down and it snapped in half. His face was redder than blood, steam was coming out his ears and he was heading straight for me.

Then suddenly, the door opened. (He took off his glasses and his blood red eyes looked straight at me). I took another step towards the door.



He was right in front of me. I looked up. There he was towering over me. He opened up his wings and lots of little bugs and spiders started crawling all over the floor. His eyes were getting wider and wider and his hair was puffing up. It looked like a mohawk. He was so angry he snorted and it sounded like a bull grunting. He clutched onto my wrist. I did not know what to do. Finally I escaped and got out of the room.



Our Y7 & 8s in a shared reading session with Mr Pampalone

SOCCER



Soccer Coaching

Our students have been very fortunate to once again have some magnificent coaching from Louis and James from the Soccer Academy. There was no charge for this wonderful opportunity as it is paid for from sponsorship. All our classes have had sessions.



Room 10 have been looking at Kiwi icons as part of their unit "Knowing me, Knowing you." Right is Miah with her iced paua shell, below her is Jak with his L & P teddy, left is Claire with her variation on the ANZAC biscuit, and below her is Joshua with his kiwi shaped pavlova and in the lower centre is Emily's pineapple lump kiwi.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Highly Recommended

No Sweat Parenting
 'Become a Parent Coach'
 Join Pio and his mate John for an evening of laughs, fun and choice ideas for raising our kids

Entry
 bring a can for the Lower Hutt Food Bank

Lower Hutt Town Hall
 Laings Road, Lower Hutt
 Thursday 25 March 2010
 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 Kai available for purchase from 6pm
 Parent Expo

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