

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I was able to attend a seminar last week on the implementation of the soon to be released NZ Curriculum document. This single document replaces the many separate subject specific documents currently in use. As such, it provides a framework on which schools may develop their own curriculum, subject to some legal constraints. An emphasis on numeracy and literacy remains, as does overall subject content and the eight levels of learning. Changes include the teaching of 'Key Competencies' of managing self; relating to others; using language, symbols and text; participating and contributing; and thinking. 'Values' are an integral part of the new curriculum. Our implementation of the 'Cornerstone Values' is very much in keeping with the direction of the new document.

Next Wednesday night's Year 12 Graduation Dinner promises to be an enjoyable and significant event as we celebrate the success of our senior students. Many of these young people have only ever attended this school. We will acknowledge the tremendous contributions they have made to the school in their time here.

Senior students finish school their school year very soon, the last day for Year 12 and 13 is next Thursday (November 8) while Year 11s finish classes on Wednesday November 14. Revision classes for senior students will continue after these dates students are strongly urged to take advantage of the help on offer.

I am looking forward to this week's 'Country Day'. I know many students, parents and teachers have worked hard to ensure its success. A separate information sheet is included with this newsletter to keep you informed with all that is happening.

Naku noa,

Grant Burns

Notices

COUNTRY DAY REMINDERS

A reminder that classes will run as normal until mid-day for students not directly involved in showing animals or assisting with food stalls. Students not showing animals are to wear normal school uniform. Buses will depart at the usual time.

Country Day Animal and Handler Dress Up Competition Following the main judging, a 'dress up' section is being held. Students are invited to dress up themselves and their animals for the main parade, after the other judging has been completed

Cheap Books Lots of ex-library books will be for sale in the library all day. Extremely cheap! Students' artwork will also be on display in the library

2008 School Jubilee Meeting There will be a meeting on Country Day, in Room 12 on Friday November 2, starting 12ish. The aim is to form a jubilee committee - all those who are interested are most welcome. Any queries please contact the school or email maria.quin@tauraroa.school.nz

Bus Notes Please note that if you are going home with parents instead of the bus you MUST bring a bus note to the office

Make a Scarecrow Competition Families or individuals or pairs may enter. House points and prizes. Please bring the completed scarecrow to Mrs Guest on Thursday.

SCHOOL HATS will be available in the next couple of weeks. Students at all year levels will be encouraged to purchase and wear these. They will be compulsory for students in Years 0 to 6 from the start of next term. Wide brim and 'bucket' styles are available. Cost will be approx. \$12.

SCHOOL POOL KEYS are now available from the school office. Cost \$50 plus \$20 deposit. A pool use agreement will need to be signed before a key is issued.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION All parents and friends of the school are invited to participate in our PTA. In addition to organising special events and fundraising, the PTA is an important consultative group, giving parents a voice in the development of school policies and practices. The next meeting will be held in the staff room at 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 13. If you are unable to attend meetings, but would like to receive meeting minutes by email, please let the school office know.



Cornerstone Value - Responsibility

"To be trustworthy and accountable for your own actions"

Taking responsibility for one's own actions or assigned roles is an important part of growing up. It is easy to see the growth in self esteem and confidence in children when they 'step up to the plate' and complete a task. At school we actively seek ways for our students to develop their sense of responsibility. At a basic level, this means being in class on time, in uniform (from Year 7), with the correct equipment and homework completed. Students take on extra responsibilities when they commit to a sports team (or music/drama group, etc). Students at Area Schools become role models and leaders for younger students to look up to. Some students take on leadership roles as prefects or student council members.

Children who have responsibility for household chores not only help families function better (and take pressure of parents!), but develop more positive attitudes towards their own self worth. Children need to feel they are making a meaningful contribution to their families and communities if they are going to accept increasing levels of responsibilities as they get older.

Caring for pets is an excellent way of giving young people responsibility. I look forward to seeing the results of the hard work that has gone into rearing and training animals at Country Day.

Parents are encouraged to look for opportunities at home to reinforce the 'responsibility' message in age appropriate ways.

"A new position of responsibility will usually show a person to be a far stronger creature than was supposed." William James



Notice Board and Classifieds



CONGRATULATIONS
to Natasha Cotton who was named the ASB Northland Sports Awards Area School Sportswoman of the Year!

THANK YOU A big thank you to Peter Drake and his team at HIREQUIP Whangarei who have made a donation of several boxes of Bic pens to the Senior Maths Department. Often students don't bring the most basic of gear to lessons and this donation eliminates another

barrier to maximizing quality learning time. Of course if you are looking for equipment for that home project I can heartily recommend HIREQUIP (0800 727 727) as your hire company of choice. J K Hill, HOD Sen Maths.

WORD OF THE WEEK (sponsored by the PTA) Before the holidays the word was SPLASH and as we had so many interesting entries a prize was awarded for every year. Well done to all of you. It would take too much space to write all the names and entries out.

Our Cornerstone Value this term is RESPONSIBILITY and so this is the word we started the term with. It was marked by Mrs Anderson and Mrs Moore both members of the Cornerstone Values team. Shaun R1 "I am responsible because I sit nicely in assembly." Luke Simpkin R3 "My friends are very responsible about our friendship because we really want to keep our friendship tight." Jodeci Campbell R5 "I was very responsible at tech because I was not talking in tech but everyone was shouting." Courtney Speedy R5 "I am very responsible for looking after my calf Sassy..I feel very responsible for Sassy when I am leading because she might run away." (Courtney wrote quite a lot more.) Stella Matthews 8DJ "A responsible and honest person will own up to their own mistakes." Terry Robinson "If you're responsible people will trust you with important tasks."

Last week's word was BEHAVIOUR and was marked by 11HT. Matthew Howse R6 "I am bringing a lamb named Rose to Country Day and she needs to work on her behaviour when she eats because she dribbles on my boots." Hamish Pilcher 7JE "The teacher said to behave in class or go to Mr Payne." Cameron Tor 9BC "Behaviour is a funny thing: some people are good, some bad and some just annoying."

This week's word is PRECIOUS so have a go at writing a really interesting sentence (just one for each entry, please)

EQUESTRIAN TEAM Anyone interested in supporting the establishment of a TAS equestrian team is asked to leave their name at the school office. There are a number of potential inter-school events we could compete in if we had enough horses, riders, supportive parents and horse floats/trucks available. Treks and other social riding activities could be organised. Get involved!

MID- WESTERN SWIMMING CLUB

Stroke Improvement and Endurance Training- beginning Thurs.8th Nov 3.30pm-5pm Tauraroa School Pool. For those children who can swim 1 length of T.A.S pool. This is a great way for kids to stay fit during the summer months.Ph.4322593 Ann-Marie for more info.

Club Nights-beginning Fri 9th Nov 4.30pm to approx 6pm for children who can swim 1 length of T.A.S pool.Ph. Sue 4329883 for more info.

We are also planning to run January Holiday Lessons for children who are not so confident in the pool. Dates 7th Jan- 18th Jan 08. Newsletter to follow with costs and enrolment forms.

SILVER FERNS coming to a Town near you!! Come and meet the Silver Ferns at: Hubands Appliance Store Whangarei from 9.30am to 11.00am on Wednesday 7th November and Barrells 100% Electrical Whangarei from 12.00 noon to 1.30pm. Support the Silver Ferns by going on to their Website www.silverfans.co.nz, enter the competitions for awesome supporters packs to be won.

TAI TOKERAU Maori Netball Trials, premiers, u19s, u17s, u15s, u13s, Whangarei Sunday 11th November 10.00am to 2.00pm. for any information ph Carol McClintock 021 213 1427.

RIISING STARZ DRAMA SCHOOL presents - Alice in Wonderland on Saturday 3 Nov at 1.30pm and 7pm. Please book at Forum North \$17 adults and \$11 children.

RELIEF CLEANERS are required from time to time at the school. Hours are 3:15 to 6:15pm. Please contact our Executive Officer, Debby Keay, if you are available for this work.

BARRY'S NEWSLETTER SERVICE is in the process of producing the next newsletter cover for Tauraroa Area School & Community. This newsletter will be sent home weekly to 340 school families. The cost to sponsor for the entire year is \$169+GST This is a great opportunity to support your school. Please phone

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GOLF TOURNAMENT Saturday 10th November KEEP THIS DATE FREE!! Waiotira Golf Club Ambrose Teams \$40 per team of four. Food, lots of great prizes. Come along for a day of fun!! Waiotira School Fundraiser - we are fundraising for shade cloth to protect our children.

TIDE OUT Bream Bay Kindergarten 5km, 10km Fun Run and Walk on 4th November. Download an entry form from Sport North website. www.sportnorthland.co.nz or at your local Orrs Pharmacy.

PRECIOUS METAL CLAY CLASSES Create Fine Jewellery and Gifts! A possibility has opened to offer further classes with Community Ed, in this amazing form of Silver Precious Metal Clay (PMC)is ground pure fine silver mixed with an organic binder to allow you to work with it like clay. The binder is then fired out in a kiln and you are left with 99.9% Fine Silver,able to be hallmarked! Expressions of interest are invited to determine if we have sufficient people to be able to offer the chance to learn further aspects such as creating hollow pieces, filigree work, and possibly using cubic zirconia stones! In some of these classes it may be desirable to prepare some aspects in an earlier class, so the course will be designed to allow this- or generic pieces can be supplied as a base. Price will be notified once we have determined interest. Contact Avril in the office if you are interested.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Have a look at this web site for up to date information on classes being held PRE Christmas and during January 08

<http://www.freewebs.com/starshinechildrensstudio>

Kowhai Awards

10 Merits

Hadlee Matson, Grayson Thyne,

20 Merits

Kyla Frost, Shaun Jeffrey, Tarran Jepsen, Jayden Kemp, Anna McKenzie, Max Tor, Sean White,

40 Merits

Tommy Berridge, Holly Robson, Jordan Torkington

80 Merits

Logan Andrews



Diary

Thursday 1 Nov: Flower Show
Yr 9/10 Touch Okaihau

Friday 2 Nov: Country Day

Wednesday 7th: Graduation dinner

Thursday 8th: Central Day

Last day Yr 12/13

Nov 12-14 Yr 9-10 exams

Tuesday 13th: PTA meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday 14th: Last day Yr 11

Friday 16th: School disco

Monday 19th: NCEA exams commence

Thursday 22nd: Performance at Maungakaramea
(Lions Club luncheon)

Nov 19-23 Yr 5-6 Camp Lonsdale (Kaeo)

Wednesday 28th: Whanau Liaison Group meeting

Dec 6th: Junior School Wheels'n'Squeals

Friday 7th: BOT meeting

Thursday 13th: Prizegivings