



TE PUKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Primary Press

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Te Puke Primary School is where we develop young learners who are an...

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Greetings Everyone. Kia Ora Koutou

It has been amazing to see the impact that the new computers and network have had for teaching and learning. Each class has access to laptop and desktop computers in their room along with the E Learning Centre and the Media Learning Centre/Library. Thanks to our teachers and our E Educator Karen Scott, our children are learning from stunning websites and software. Children learning in the 21st Century are currently called "Digital Natives" because they access and use ICT such as computers, phones and portable devices with ease as these have been a fairly natural part of their world since the day they were born. Since providing the children with access here at school in 2010, it has been wonderful to see energy and motivation levels raise within our young A.C.H.I.E.V.E.R's. Do a search under "21st Century Learners" in YouTube to view thought provoking videos about the world that people are living and growing up in. Have you thought about what life will be like in 10 years time for your child and what skills and knowledge they will need to get a job, be a positive member of society and to be a great family member? Do you have a game plan for developing this in your child over the next few years and over the next decade?

Inside this edition of the Primary Press, you read of another wave of 'firsts' that are occurring for both teachers and students here at TPPS. Thanks to the staff, parents and members of our community that make these opportunities available to our young learners. You will read of how some of our talented IT students are being extended in International Exams as well as how a group of students and Satara are National Award Finalists for a Health and Safety movie they made in 2009. Congratulations!!

Have a wonderful long weekend everyone. For those of you that are travelling, please drive safely and make sure that you have plenty of breaks if you are travelling a long distance. Travelling in a car is a wonderful chance for quality family conversations which are needed with today's busy lifestyle. Look to turn off the radio and turn up the talk between yourselves and your children :)

Have a great fortnight of learning... **Brett Larsen-Principal.**
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Unwell Children- If your child is full of the flu and really unwell, we please ask that you don't send them to school. Often children that are sick aren't wired for learning and also infect many other healthy children. Yes, getting coughs and colds from others is a reality of life but if we can minimise the spread of nasties, it would be much appreciated. A reminder that if your child is unwell, please call and inform us on 5737434 or text us on 0273745858 before 9.00am

National Finalists- We are proud to announce that our school film club and Satara are National Finalists for the NZ Health and Safety Promotion Awards. Our students' video made last year for Satara has made it to the top 4 National entries against massive companies of Metrowater, Progressive Enterprises NZ (Woolworths, Countdown and Foodtown) and the Antarctica Centre. Congratulations to all teachers, students and the Satara HR team on a wonderful community needs-based initiative. It is fabulous to see our TPPS ACHIEVER's being offered opportunities that enhance and extend their learning in and out of the school. We will keep you posted as to their success following the Gala Dinner and Awards evening held at Sky City in Auckland on June 15 hosted by TV and media presenter John Campbell.



Enviroschool Collaboration- All teachers from TPPS and Fairhaven met a week ago to look at how we can develop children's understanding of a safe and sustainable present and future. TPPS is looking to become an Enviroschool over the next 2 years. This will see staff and students working alongside staff from Environment BOP, local community groups and the Enviroschools team. For more information on Enviroschools, go to www.enviroschools.org.nz

End of term reports and Mid Year Parent-Teacher Interviews. On July 1, you will be receiving your child's mid year report. After listening to ideas from parents and the BOT, we are pleased to announce that a simple, clear and easy to follow report will be coming your way. It will state how your child is achieving against your expectations as well as indicate the effort they have put in. Term 1 and 2 celebrations will be shared as well as 'Next Steps' for success in Terms 3 and 4. On the back page, there is space for you to write celebrations and goals for your child which you will bring along to the Parent-Teacher interviews early in Term 3. At this meeting, a personalised goal sheet and learning plan will be collaboratively developed by the teacher and parents to ensure optimum learning and achievement for the remainder of 2010.

International Computer Contestants- 2010 is the first year which our children have competed in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) computing exams. The TPPS students that participated were assessed on their skill and knowledge in the following;

- operating systems and computer hardware
- networks and other communications systems
- word processing
- graphics and multimedia
- spreadsheets
- databases
- internet use and email programs



It is great once again seeing our children being challenged and extended here at TPPS. We wish them all the best of luck as they compete against the best in NZ and Australia. For more information on this and other ICAS tests, go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/etc/about_icas

Gymnastic Team Ready to Roll. Thanks to Janet Butler and Monique Cross from Te Puke High School for their work with our students preparing them for our first ever entry into the Regional School Gym sport Festival being held on June 8 for Year 3 and 4, June 22 for Year 5 and 6. In yet another first for our school, our children will be competing against other schools in a variety of programs including beam, mat, vault and floor. In the rhythmic section, the competitors will be doing hoop and/or ball.

Dance- Fresh Moves- A reminder to parents to get your tickets as soon as possible for this event as it sells out quickly indeed!! Please have all parent return slips, sent out earlier this week, back to Ms Milbanke in Room 8 if you have not done so already.

New TPPS BOT- Our new BOT had their first meeting last week. We congratulate Rebecca Wichmann on her appointment as voted Chair Person and Shelley Monk on her appointment as voted Vice Chair. As a team, the BOT represent parents and the community. Information on the role of the Board can be found on our school website at www.tepukeprimary.school.nz/BOT.htm Meetings are held each month so should you want to attend or if you want to chat with a Board member about any matter, feel free to contact them on the following details

Rebecca Wichmann	5735711
Shelley Monk	5736813
Steve Butler	5734447
Bronwyn Loynes	5738474
George Pepperell	5733943
Rachel Walling	5734140
Karen Scott	5737434
Brett Larsen	5737434



From the BOT Chair: *Hello to all of our families at Te Puke Primary School. My name is Rebecca Wichmann and I have been appointed the role of Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. I have taken over this role as Eunice has decided to step down from the board after ten years. Her fantastic leadership will be a loss for all of us but she has left us with a great model to follow. We have a very passionate board that is dedicated to seeing our school, staff and students achieve to their highest potential. I would like to offer a very warm welcome to our two new trustees Bronwyn and George. The Board and I represent the community and ensure that the school is meeting all of its requirements in providing quality teaching, learning and working environments for staff and students. I have a real passion for our school and I think that we have the potential to achieve great things. We have a fantastic culture within our school and when you walk around it, you can see on the faces of our children, a real pride that they belong to such a great school. Should you want to chat with me about any matters pertaining to the school or about the vision and direction of the school, please contact me on 5735711*

Wacky Hair Day- Thanks to all of those children and their families who donated to the Westpac Trust Helicopter appeal for our Mufti Day today. We raised close to \$500 which we proudly presented to the Westpac team. We have some stunning photos from the day. Click on the link “What’s Happening?” on the main page of our school website and look on the right hand side of the page for “Wacky Friday”. We have another Mufti Day on the last day of Term 2.



School X Country- Come and cheer for our kids-Friday June 4 Come along for a great afternoon of fitness and fun with the Juniors at 1.15pm, Middles at 1.40pm and Seniors at 2.10pm. Bring along a chair, sit back and cheer for your child and their mates. If it rains, the event will be postponed to Friday June 11 at the same times. All children participate unless a note is received by their teacher. The PTA and Whanau Roopu will have the BBQ fired up for both adults and children from 12.15pm onwards. All purchasers simply bring their money on the day. All money from the day goes to the Kapahaka group and their new uniforms. Prices are as follows....



Sausages \$1.50
Drinks-\$1.00
Popcorn-\$1.00
Toffee Apples-\$1.50



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Stunning Turn Out: What a sensation it was to see so many people once again tuning out all in the name of quality family time, reading, learning and fun. At the Gals, Girls and a Good Read' and the 'Blokes and Boys' nights, we had over 110 people attend. This is a wonderful development to see when in 2009, we had 20 turn up at our first event. On the nights, the children spent time showing their parents and family members all of the cool learning they get to do on our new IMacs and the internet. The school has selected specific learning sites for the children in Numeracy and Literacy. Everyone then shared a meal before heading off into the Library/Media Learning Centre to read to and with each other. On the boys night, both the ELC and the MLC were full to the brim full of happy and proud readers and family members. We will be holding this event again in Term 3 so book it into your diary early.



Time To Sort Out Those Cupboards- We are looking for donations of any cooking or kitchen utensils, bowls, mixers, blenders, appliances, oven trays etc that you may have floating around at the back of your cupboards that are in clean and good working order. Please call in at the office should you have any goodies our students could benefit from.

Community Involvement- Our kids love learning from members of our community. Last year we had people come and read to and with our learners, complete art work with them, help them in writing, take PE classes, teach them photography skills, show them how to knit, help them bake, etc. If you have a skill or some time that you feel our children could benefit from, touch base with your child's teacher or call us on 5737434. Schools are always on the lookout for any deals which will benefit the children as well. If you have any skills, services or resources which we could benefit from, or could put us in contact with people that could, please contact Brett Larsen.



Uniform Reminder- A reminder that school shoes are meant to be simple black. We have some shoes coming in which don't fit in with the uniform policy. Socks are to be simple red, black or white. Please look to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform items. Contact the school office if you would like clarification. Many thanks.



Thank You- We would like to thank all of the parent helpers who have come along to all of our school trips recently. Our classes have recently been going out on trips to Tauranga to develop their art skills and knowledge of history in the area. Children love learning by experience and these trips are a lot of fun at the same time. Keep your eyes open for further opportunities to come along and support your child's learning by out of school trips.

Happenings over the next 2 Weeks at TPPS

Monday June 7. Public Holiday, School closed

Tuesday June 8: Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics- Inter school competition

Wednesday June 9- Fresh Moves practice during day and performance at night

Wednesday June 9- Whanau Roopu meeting. 6.00pm in the staff room

Friday June 11- Back Up afternoon for Cross Country if rained off.

Wed/Thur June 16 and 17- Reuben the Safety Bear Road Show- Junior and Middle School

Thursday June 17- Cross Country Inter school champs

Friday June 18- Sergeant Jacko Safety Rd Show