

Board of Trustees Elections: Seeking Nominations- In the mail you will soon be receiving information about the 2010 elections. From Canterbury Education Services (CES) who are managing elections for TPPS and are acting the Returning Officer. One of the first parts of the process is a seeking of nominations. The form being sent to you for nominating candidates is a standard form used throughout New Zealand and sets out the eligibility for becoming a Trustee, the rights of a candidate, and instructions. CES return address is printed on the form. The information also asks candidates to submit with their nominations form a candidate's statement of up to 400 words (preferably via email). These should be submitted through their website www.cessl.org.nz (Look on the right of the screen for the Blue Button with "school board of trustee Elections Candidate 2010 statement form" on it. For information on being a BOT member, feel free to contact any of our current BOT (Phone numbers available via our last newsletter) or our Principal Brett Larsen. You are more than welcome to attend our next Board meeting on Monday 22 March at 7.00pm. Alternatively, you can look at information on the NZ School Trustees Association website at www.nzsta.org.nz



3 of our young ACHIEVER's enjoying their online learning using the new Apple Mac Books in the ELC.

**REMINDER
PARENT TEACHER
INTERVIEWS TO SET
LEARNING GOALS AND
ACTION PLANS TO SEE
YOUR CHILD BE AN
ACHIEVER @ TPPS**

**WED 11 and THURS 12
MARCH**

Message from Wendy our Health Nurse- This time of year sees students out and about with the great weather. With more outdoor sport, there come knocks and bumps. These need to be tended to quickly as often, scratches and grazes that aren't being properly cared for can become readily infected. With the warmer weather, you need to regularly check your child's hair for head lice and look to remedy this as soon as possible should you find eggs or lice. Also inform your child's teacher so they can get notices out to the class as head lice are easily passed from person to person. If you have any queries please contact Wendy Thompson on 5773383.



If you started TPHS in 1982 Yr invited

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Easter Sunday 2010

**Drinks/Dinner
Molly O'Connors...6pm**



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Term 1, Week 5, 2010

**All students
will be an..**

**Active
Confident
Holistic
Innovative
Excel
Values
E-Learner
Responsible**

School Mission

Te Puke Primary School exists to provide learning environments of excellence that maximise the potential of all students.

School Vision

Students will be active learners who strive for excellence through the development and application of skills, strategies, knowledge and values.

Dear parents, caregivers and whanau.

Thanks to all of those families that have provided us with preferred times for the parent-teacher interviews next Wednesday and Thursday. Our teachers will be finalising times and sending these to you today. We will be allocating a time for those families that haven't provided us with a time. I look forward to seeing you all here working alongside teachers to co-develop a clear and concise learning game plan for your child based on identified needs. The plan will identify the 'next steps' and programme for both home and school learning that will see your child reaching their potential in 2010.



Our learning theme for Term 1 is a "Celebration of Culture". Here at TPPS we celebrate the varying cultures and ethnicities that are in our community. Our children are fortunate to be members in a multicultural town and learning in our wonderful school which reflects the real world which our children will be living and working in when they become teenagers/adults. Take the time to talk to your child about their learning and the questions they have of other people, languages, countries, cultures, traditions, etc. I encourage you to provide a variety of learning experiences at home and in our community where children can learn and celebrate about their own and others cultures.

Kind Regards and have a great fortnight of learning everyone
Brett Larsen- Principal



Swimming sports- Come along and join in the fun of our syndicate end of season swimming sports.

- The *Creative Critters from Rooms 15, 13, 12 and 11* hold their fun day at school on Wednesday the 10th of March in the TPPS pool starting at 11.00am.

- The *Future Force of Rooms 8, 7, 6 and 5* swim at the school pool on Thursday 11 March starting at 9.30am

- The *Unstoppables from Rooms 4, 3 and 2* are being hosted at Pongakawa Pool on Friday the 12th of March from 9.30—12.00pm. Our thanks to the Board of Trustees, community, staff and students of Pongakawa who have accommodated our school following the closing of the Te Puke Memorial pools.

For all of the above events, we would love to see you there. We will be grabbing a hold of parents to give us a hand on the day with the fun events.

Junior Learners Celebrating Cultures- The Creative Critters had a wonderful visit to the Te Puke Sikh temple last Friday. We were made to feel very welcome by the local Sikh community and enjoyed observing and experiencing some of their customs. After seeing how they worshipped and asking our questions we were all given Prasad to eat. Later in the dining area we were all served chapattis and yoghurt sauce and a special sweet treat and observed how everyone was helping to prepare food for their big weekend of celebrations. We would like to thank our community for assisting our children in learning.



National Maths week. Once again, Week 5 of term 1 has been a blast with our students being involved in a variety of creative and innovative maths lessons. Ask your child what they have learned and loved about this week and look to continue the fun at home by taking the time to do maths on most school nights. At next weeks parent-teacher interviews, you can discuss how you can help with your child's learning at home. Once again, have a look at our school website for "Links for Learning at Home"

Enviro Group- Ms Milbanke and 10 of our students have started off 2010 with a hiss and a roar with the establishment of our Enviroschool group. As a school, we are committed to improving the world of our children for today and the future. The TPPS Enviro Group of students are responsible for developing a plan to introduce environmental issues and learning to all students and parents at TPPS. It is vital that all students and their families are aware of our local, regional, national and global environments. For more information see Debbie Milbanke and look at www.enviroschools.org.nz

Container Furniture Sale- We have 2 containers of furniture which is being sold onsite by our PTA on Saturday 20th March. Come along from 8.30am-10.30am out the back by the sandpit and junior classes. There is a mix of large and small desks for students and adults, chairs, tables, storage units etc which will be great for kids rooms, office, spare rooms, garages, flats, the bach, etc. There are some bargains here to be had so be in quick!! All items must be taken on the day. All items left will be donated to charities.

Reminder: School Photos- This Monday 8 March. Any last orders need to be in to the office by 9.00am on this day.

Literacy Family Fun. What a ball we had at this weeks "Gals, Girls and a Good Read" as well as the "Blokes, Boys and Books". 2009 was a success but 2010 appears to be even better!! Both nights saw parents/caregivers playing sports, sharing a meal and reading to/with children here at school. Research clearly shows that when children have a reading role model who loves literature, children are more likely to succeed in reading themselves. In next weeks parent-teacher interviews, your child's teacher will discuss with you your child's strengths, needs and programme to ensure they succeed in term 1 and 2 of 2010. Makes sure that you clarify what you can do at home to enhance your child's achievement. Have a look at photos of the nights by going to our website and clicking on "What's happening" on the home page

Unstoppable Term One Update 2010- We have had a very exciting start to the new term. It was wonderful to see so many parents come to our meet the teacher evenings recently. We found it very helpful for us to share our focus on learning basic facts in Mathematics and also on fostering reading at home. Another special focus for the Unstoppables this year is our programme to enable the children to be able to express what they are learning and why. They also learn how to reflect on how they know if they have learnt something and what their next learning step is. This process has been proven to be extremely powerful in advancing students learning. We look forward to seeing you next week for parent/teacher interviews.



What's Happening in the Future Force?- The Future Force is up and running and the students are showing that they are well on track to becoming ACHIEVER's. The classes are creating their own Waka which resembles the focus on team work, culture, commitment and individuality. Through this focus, the students have identified what they will need to do to have a great year. Discussions have been had about the very first New Zealanders who travelled across the oceans in their Waka, how they would have had to work as a team, demonstrate their core values of respect, cooperation etc and how these attributes would have helped them on their voyage to achieve their goals.

A Special Learning Space at Home. *Are you setting your child up for success by having a set place for learning at home? Do you have a mix of resources which they can access to help them eg: dictionary, thesaurus, calculator, art resources, paper, scissors, sellotape, ruler, etc. Do you have routines for learning times? Do you work with your child in this space? Clear routines and expectations mixed with support of learning at home are a superb mix to see children ACHIEVE.*