



**Is Your Child Sun Smart?** Term 4 sees temperatures and UV factors on the up. Is your child sunsmart? Do they come to school everyday with their school hat and a tube of sunscreen in a sealed plastic bag? Do they know when to put sunscreen and on and why it is important to slip, slop, slap? Have you and your family sat down and looked at [www.sunsmart.org.nz](http://www.sunsmart.org.nz) recently? Has your child had fun learning and joined up at [www.undercovercody.co.nz](http://www.undercovercody.co.nz)?



**Bay Steamers Visit**– Thanks to Phil Gower from Waste Management ([www.wastemanagement.co.nz](http://www.wastemanagement.co.nz)) who as a key sponsor of the Steamers and parent of the school, has arranged for players from the team to come and visit the school next Tuesday. The Bay team have had a fantastic year in this years NPC competition. Visit them on their website at [www.boprugby.co.nz](http://www.boprugby.co.nz)

**SPECIAL MUFTI DAY– THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 TO RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF THE SAMOAN TSUNAMI.**



**\$2 DONATION– CHILDREN COME DRESSED IN A PACIFICA THEME**

**Kapahaka in Term 4**– Every Thursday 4.30–5.30 in Room 10 by the hall. Whanau and community members are welcome to come and support/teach the children in development of te reo, waiata, poi, haka, etc. Contact Anna Mc Alpine here at school if you can help.

**Class Make Ups for 2010**– Last year we merged 2 of our 3 streamed classes at each syndicate level with a view to enhancing student achievement and for developing social skills in children. We have seen many benefits from this change and are looking at merging all classes together in 2010. This would see the blending of the 'enrichment' class students with all other students. The purpose for merging all classes is to again see further improvements in our school wide success with all students being ACHIEVERS. It is also to ensure that the makeup of our classes reflect our community and aspects of our school vision and inclusive culture. We would love to hear your views on the merging of all classes in 2010 prior to making a final decision. We will be holding a consultation meeting on Wednesday October 21 at 5.30 pm in the staffroom. If you can't make the meeting, feel free to contact Brett Larsen.

**Hip Hop Dance Team**– Year 3 –6 students will soon be holding trials to join our new Hip Hop Dancing Team. This is being organised by Anna Mc Alpine. Trials start this week with a maximum of 15 students for the group. This is an extra curricular activity led by external experts so there will be a cost involved for those students wishing to participate. Notices will come home in the near future so keep your eyes open for your child being involved in this exciting opportunity



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**Term 4, Week 1, 2009**

**All TPPS students will be an...**

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- C**onfident
- H**olistic
- I**nnovative
- E**xcel
- V**alues
- E**-Learner
- R**esponsible



**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.**

As you can see by our attached calendar, Term 4 is going to be a busy and positive term of learning. Children are going to be active in and out of school across a variety of academic, sporting, cultural and social activities.

This Friday, you will all receive your class newsletters from your child's teacher. Read these carefully as they will provide you with an outline of learning that will take place over the next 10 weeks while celebrating learning from Term 3. Teachers welcome feedback on their newsletters so feel free to drop them a line. Their email addresses are available at [www.tepukeprimary.school.nz](http://www.tepukeprimary.school.nz). A reminder that you can contact your teacher to make an appointment at any time during the term to discuss your child's progress in 2009 and their 'next steps' in learning. Our teaching team values their partnership with parents so your communication is always welcome.

Our value for this term is CREATIVITY. We want to develop students that are innovative and 'think outside the square'. We want our students to be calculated risk takers who make a difference in their own and others lives. We want them to go out of their comfort zones so as to improve themselves not only in 'what' they learn, but also 'how' they learn.

We ask that you keep up the focus at home on basic facts in Numeracy and improving reading in your child. As you know, these are key areas for focus for all our students in 2009 and we ask that you simply spend 5-10 minutes each night on each of these areas with your child to ensure your child reaches their potential. If you need ideas and guidance of how to best do this at home, contact your child's teacher and make a booking for a 1:1 conversation.

Have a great week everyone and we trust that you will enjoy Term 4 as much as your child.....**Brett Larsen– Principal**



**Film Club @ Satara-** In week 9 last term, the film club travelled to Satara Packhouse to film a series of Health and Safety movie clips. These movies will be used by Satara when inducting new staff for the packing season by showing what facilities are available, how to be safe on site and what is not allowed on site during working hours. The film makers had spent weeks preparing for the trip, meeting at lunchtimes and on Friday mornings. This involved scriptwriting, storyboarding, rehearsing their acting, learning how to direct a short movie as well as all aspects of using a video camera. We also had to collect a range of props – from an ipod to a jar of fake blood! At the site, each team of 3 was assisted by some fantastic Satara staff who helped set up each location to ensure our filming was realistic. Our kids can be really proud of their efforts. Each one was a natural in front of and behind the camera and being so organised, they managed to get most of the filming done in one afternoon. Now armed with all this raw footage, the kids will be learning film editing skills in Term 4 as they put together their movies with titles, sound and voiceovers.



**Blokes, Boys and Books a Success!!!!-** What a superb night it was in the last week of term. If you didn't see last weeks Te Puke Times, here is the article that celebrated this event.

*"It is fantastic to see blokes and boys spending time together even with our busy lifestyles that we all lead today". These are the words that Principal Brett Larsen shared when talking of the 'Blokes, Boys and Books' evening recently held at Te Puke Primary School. "As a part of our literacy programme, we want to see boys even more passionate than they are about life and learning. Research clearly shows that a male role model or 'hero' has a major impact on boys success and achievement both in and out of school". With this in mind, the school has implemented an exciting initiative where boys and their hero spend time together playing and learning. "As a school, we want to do everything that we can to see our students succeed" shares Brett. "By being a catalyst for boys and blokes to spend time with each other, we can see positive benefits for their learning and their lives". During the evening, school staff spent time with the 'blokes' passing on some tips and techniques of how to be a motivating and supporting teacher at home. Teacher's role modeled reading aloud to boys to make words turn into pictures in the listeners mind. "The quality of time and learning at home has a critical influence on how well children of any age learn. If we can help to educate and support parents, we will see all of our students become achievers who excel". Te Puke Primary School plans to hold Blokes, Boys and Book evenings at least once a term.*



—REMINDER-SCHOOL HATS COMPULSORY IN TERM 4—

**All the Best Anna McAlpine-** It is with much regret that I inform you that Anna McAlpine is looking to move over to the King Country in 2010. As a result, Anna won't be teaching here at TPPS as of term 1 next year. We wish her all the best in her venture as she will be greatly missed. We will inform you of the new staff member for 2010 who will be appointed over the coming months.

**Room 8 Mates'...some thoughts on our day:** As we all know, Room 8 has embarked on an exciting year of distance learning with children from Room 8 at Arataki School. Last term, they went and visited their distance learning buddies for the first time. Here are some of the students thoughts on the day and the visit.

*When we first arrived we crossed the road and we saw our penpals. They were holding big signs with our names on them. My penpal's name is Shara and she was funny. We got to Room 8 and made a party hat because we were going to have a party. We played pass the parcel. The whole day was awesome. **Shauntal Paikea Year 4***

*We were all so excited to meet our penpals. My penpal is Breana. Breana is in year three. After lunch we had a piñata with an eight on it. Some kids got to hit with a wand extra hard. Lollies came out. My favourite part was our shared lunch. **Jessie MacDonald Year 3***

*My penpal is Tukiri he is a boy. My best part of the day was eating and playing. My favourite games were the board games that Room 8 had made for us. I did the Karakia for lunch. It made me feel nervous, but I felt much more confident when I had finished. **Linda Clarke Year 4***



Angelique, Shara and Nova (Arakaki) teaching our Room 8 how to play their game.



Room 8 collaboration dance celebration! Thanks to Stephen and Brayden for teaching us all their hip hop moves!



Jessie with her penpal Breana.

**Property Upgrade-** Over the break, the school had a \$60,000 upgrade undertaken on security. A new intruder alarm system has been installed in the school's that all areas are now monitored after school hours. Our aged fire safety system has now been replaced with a state of the art system. Further works over the Xmas break will see all classrooms transformed and modernised in readiness for 2010. Watch this space for details.

**Do you want your newsletter emailed to you? Simply email us at [tpsps.office@enternet.co.nz](mailto:tpsps.office@enternet.co.nz)**

## ENROLMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2009 and 2010

The following notice has been sent to all parents of 4 year old children at our contributing kindergartens, playcentres, etc. Please read this if you have a 4 year old and inform us within the next 2 weeks if you have a child turning 5 who will be starting here in the next 6 months.

October 2009

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are currently having rapid roll growth with new enrolments here at Te Puke Primary school and **we require information of any future enrolments for the remainder of 2009 as well as enrolments for February and March of 2010.** We are touching base with all of our contributing early childhood centres asking parents to indicate if their child will be enrolling at Te Puke Primary School. From this information that you provide, I can employ the appropriate number of new entrant teachers to ensure class sizes remain small so as to maximize your child's learning.

Attached is an information booklet which provides you with a snapshot of our school and the educational opportunities that we offer all of our learners. Alternatively, you can view our school website which provides information and celebrates learning. [www.tepukeprimary.school.nz](http://www.tepukeprimary.school.nz) As you all well know, Te Puke Primary school has a tradition of success in education. This excellence is being built on with a new curriculum, school wide innovations and a new vision for 2009 and beyond. Our professional team of teachers is excited about the current changes in the school and the future of education at Te Puke Primary. 2009 and 2010 sees a ½ million dollar upgrade to the classrooms and property, the opening of a new e learning centre and information communication technologies/computers being integrated into all classrooms.

I welcome all parents and caregivers to come and have a tour of the school, seeing the quality of teaching and learning in action when we visit classrooms. We have a fantastic and caring school culture which you will experience firsthand. I can answer any queries that you have about education and in particular, the transition period when moving from preschool into a primary school.

We welcome all new students to Te Puke Primary school. Please take the time to contact the school or drop in to confirm your child's enrolment at Te Puke Primary school by the end of October. Our office administrator Karen Struiksma can assist you with any queries you have with regards to the school enrolment process.

Kind Regards—Brett Larsen. Principal.



**Free Reading Training**— Do you have a spare 30 minutes in your day to come along and help our juniors read? Would you like to learn how to be a great reader with children? Come along to the staffroom this Wednesday at 1.30pm and this Friday morning, 9.00am and we will provide you with a free workshop. Contact Suzanne Hartley here at school for queries or details.

**Fun Fundraiser**— Tupperware Party. 3.30 pm in the school staffroom. This Wednesday October 14. Come and relax over a cup of coffee while the kids enjoy playing outside

## Reasons Why 2009 has Been So Great This Year to Date. Some thoughts from our students and staff.....

New books and resources purchased	Manners and maturity of students in and out of class
Learning outside the classroom	Fantastic students who make the most of opportunities
Leadership opportunities for students	Positive playground pupils
Teachers with energy plus!!!	Kapahaka
Celebration assemblies	Singing at assembly
Parent helpers	New professional development opportunities for teachers
Mufti day and Disco's	Mrs Scott as our ICT teacher
Fantastic teacher aides	Plans for new resources and modernisation of classrooms
The MLC is an exciting learning place	Duffy books and visitors to the school
Positive classroom cultures	Senior students working with juniors
A school wide sense of pride	A safe and fun place to learn
Supportive BOT and PTA	Lunch time activities
ACHIEVER model alive and kicking	Olympiad
Improved school uniform	Swimming Sports
New staff and students are a part of our TPPS family	Buddy Classes
Exciting curriculum developments	Students from over 17 different cultures in our school
Mr Williams is a superb caretaker	New and improved school web site and newsletters
Exciting plans for an E Learning Centre and more computers on the horizon	Mrs Struiksma and Mrs Van Nijlen are always smiling and helpful
Collaboratively revised school mission, vision and culture	
Sports teams success	

**Return of School Trophies:** In preparation for our end of year prize giving, we are looking for the return of all our school trophies. Please pass these on to Karen at the office over the next fortnight