

**Meet a BOT Members: Rebecca Wichmann:** Hi to all the parents and caregivers of our children at Te Puke Primary School. I have been on the board of trustees for almost 7 years. Being on a board is just as challenging as it is rewarding. Being able to be involved in the way our school is set up and run is really exciting and very rewarding when someone comes up and says what a great school and kids we have. Our passion as a Board is student achievement, everything we do within the school has to come back to what our children are achieving and giving the encouragement and the support to teachers and the families of our children. I have had a great year on the board this year; it's been very exciting being able to put into action plans for the ICT 'E Learning Centre' for 2010 and the IT cabling and networking of the whole school. This is something that we have wanted to do for a long time, and now the opportunity has arisen for all our children to head into the 21<sup>st</sup> century fully equipped with IT knowledge. I hope that you have all had a great year (of which has gone extremely fast!!) and look forward to a great Christmas and New Year. Best wishes and blessings to you all.

**Amazing Animal Fun:** Congratulations to Rooms 11 and 12 on the creation and performance of their class play. The children have been learning about African animals and shared this learning via a vibrant show. They performed this to members of their families as well as the school throughout the week. Thanks to teachers Naomi Jones and Lynda Massey for being wonderful role models for the children by creating the play and the music from scratch!!



**No Mufti Day on Friday December 4.** On December 4, Week 8 there will be no Mufti day as we had an extra day earlier in this term for the Tsunami appeal. Instead, the last 3 days of term can be mufti days. These date are December 14, 15 and 16 with no donation required. A reminder that December 16 is a half day which finishes at lunch time.

**What's Happening?**

- Monday November 23-** BOT meeting. 7.00pm in the Board Room at TPPS
- Tuesday November 24-** Middle School athletics. 9.00am—11.00am
- Wednesday November 25-** Yr 5 and 6 Regional Athletics Finals
- Thursday November 26-** Interschool exchange Room 8 mates visit from Arataki
- Thursday November 26-** Whanau Fun Evening: 5.00pm. Postponement date of December 2
- Friday November 27-** Celebration Assembly led by the Creative Critters. 2.15pm. All welcome
- Monday November 30-** Camp starts for seniors/Unstoppables. 3 days
- Monday November 30-** Cool Bananas performance for students. 9.00am



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**Term 4, Week 6, 2009**

**All TPPS 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.**

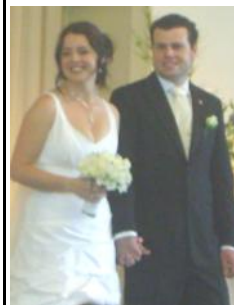
The National Standards have now been published by the Ministry of Education. These are available for viewing at the school office or can be accessed on line at <http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/National-Standards>. From 2010 onwards, the National Standards set clear expectations that students need to meet in reading, writing, and mathematics in the first eight years at school. One of the focuses of the National Standards is to ensure that school provide clear information to parents about their child's learning and next steps. Thanks to those parents that provided us feedback on our schools reports via a survey sent home in term 3. We will continue to review these documents to ensure that you receive clear and specific plain-language reports in 2010 about your child's progress and achievement.

I am excited to announce that in 2010 we will be having a teacher aide in all of our junior classes to support students learning in numeracy and literacy. This will see two educators in the room ensuring that we set our students up for success in their first 2 years of learning here at TPPS. This support will continue in years 3 and 4 where teacher aide support will be available to assist learning for all students in these critical subjects. We also welcome any extra parent support in class. Touch base with your child's teacher if you would like to be a part of the magic and learning that occurs here.

Our enrolments for the first term of 2010 are coming in thick and fast!! If you or a friend are looking to enrol your child here at TPPS in the new year, we recommend that you do so before the Xmas holidays. Call into the office and ask for an enrolment information pack. I am always available to take parents and students on a school tour. Please call and book a visit at least one week in advance. Morning visits can be arranged to view our new entrant class in action. These are held on Wednesday mornings. Call at the office to book a date that suits.

Congratulations to Sarah Paulsen (pictured left) from Room 2 who was married last weekend to Jason Watts. It was a beautiful ceremony and we wish them all the best for a fantastic life together.

**Happy learning everyone..... Brett Larsen- Principal**



**Room 1 Amazing Animations:** Room 1 are being creative this term by being digital animators.



Following in the footsteps of the creators of Wallace and Gromet, the students are producing their own claymation movies using innovative software and hardware in our MLC. The students have analysed footage from You Tube of how the worlds leading animators manipulate characters to ensure they are as life like as possible. At the end of the term, the class will have a red carpet movie premier where parents and students will come together to celebrate their learning.



**TPPS Book Fair:** You may have noticed that your children suddenly got all those jobs done around the house 2 weeks ago? Maybe you heard the sound of piggy banks being turned upside down? Your children



must have been saving up for that special book they had seen at our Scholastic Book Fair! The children's wish lists quickly became too short and it was amazing to see and hear the excitement of children, parents and teachers. Mrs. Van Nijlen has kept her eyes and ears wide open so thanks to your purchases she has been able to add 33 of your children's favourite books to our school library! We would like to thank all parents and PTA members for their wonderful support. This was our very first Scholastic Book Fair and what a great success it sure was! In case you have missed out on this wonderful event you can rest assured that the Book Fair will be back again next year with more books, bells and whistles!



**Developing Educators of the Future:** TPPS is currently hosting 2 University of Waikato students who are in their first year of training. Jodie Fly and Andrew Hawthorne are being ably mentored by Debbie Milbanke and Naomi Jones. Both Jodie and Andrew are shaping up to be superb educators of the future. As a school it is a privilege to assist in ensuring that the teaching profession maintains its high standard of quality educators for current and future learners here in the BOP and NZ.



**New Staff Member for 2010:** It is our pleasure to announce that Aimee Stewart will be joining us here at TPPS as a teacher in our Future Force (Year 3 and 4) team for 2010. Aimee is an innovative, passionate and motivated teacher who has a proven track record in NZ and overseas of making a difference in the lives of her learners. Below is an introductory message from Aimee.

*I am delighted to be joining the Te Puke Primary team! I have recently returned from Tokyo, Japan where I have been living for the past two years, previous to that my husband and I were living in London, England. I love to travel and will have many stories and photos from around the world to share with my new students. I am very excited to be living and teaching back in the sunny Bay of Plenty. I love the beach, the outdoors and all aspects of the arts. In the weekends you will often find me taking photographs or visiting art exhibitions. I look forward to meeting you all in 2010.*

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**Celebration of Creative Learning With Our Community**

As you all know, our video crew have been busy creating an educational and marketing video for Satara employees. Last week they presented their draft video to the Satara's team. Below is an excerpt from a letter by Candy Gray to Karen Scott following this presentation which celebrates the teaching and learning here at TPPS and the work that our ACHIEVERS are doing.



*Hi Karen*

*I wanted to tell you how thrilled we all were at the wonderful results the kids are producing. The kids have worked so hard and it is great to see them so proud of their results. I also wanted to acknowledge the enormous amount of work that you and the other staff have put in. It is clear that without such incredible support from you, the kids wouldn't have produced such a fantastic product accompanied by all the life skills such as manners that you are teaching them. I admire your work and commitment to these kids and this project and thank you for your enthusiasm to such a big piece of work.*

*Kind regards and many thanks*

*Candy Gray Human Resource Manager Satara Co-operative Group Limited*

**Blokes, Boys and Books a Resounding Success**

What a superb event this was for fun and learning. Here are a few photos from the evening. Since starting B,B and B night, we have had a lot of queries from Mothers as to when it will be the girls chance for a night of fun. With this in mind, we will be starting up our "Gals, Girls and a Good Read" in term 1 of 2010. Keep you eyes open in February newsletters for details.



**Future Force Fundraiser: Saturday 21 November**

Come along and support the students of our Middle School (Rooms 6, 7 and 8) who are having a fun day and raising money for their end of year trip to Rotorua. Pop down and see them this Saturday, 8.00am—1.00pm for a \$5 car wash outside Tyre Doctor close to a TPPS supporter, Mackie Signs. While your car is being washed, sit back and enjoy a delectable sausage fresh off the BBQ. Yummy!!!



**End of Year Assessments and Reports:** We have started our end of year assessments. Keep up the hard work at home on reading and on basic facts as these are our two key areas for targeted improvement in all learners in 2010. On Friday December 11 you will receive your child's end of year report. You are more than welcome to book an appointment to chat with your child's class teacher at any time during the school year to talk about their learning and their next steps.