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From the Principal

Welcome to our new students in the last couple of weeks ~ Gamin Feng, Tyler Delfin and Lisa Rolinson, as well as Erik Vaclavak & Hazique Jawed who are about to start in the next few days.

Te Reo classes

– would you like your child involved in the Te Reo extension class?

Last week we restarted our Kapa Haka programme, as part of the Friday Arts programme. All children will get some Kapa Haka tuition. For the Year 1- 3's this will be for 2 terms and for the Year 5-8's, this will be all year. We are thrilled to welcome our new tutor, Whaea Parehuia (Parehuia Tutua-Nathan), who also leads the Mana Tiaki group so is known to many of our students.

This week Parehuia will also start our Te Reo classes on Thursday mornings, which will include a small Te Reo extension group. If your child is ready to speak in some full sentences in Maori (i.e. beyond the stage of basic phrases) you are welcome to nominate him/her for the extension class. Just contact the office or the class teacher to let us know that you would like your child included.



ICAS exams

On the reverse this newsletter is a separate notice about the ICAS exams (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools). These are an independent examination system offered by the University of New South Wales and suitable for years 4–8. Details attached.



Board of Trustees elections

The elections for new members of all school Boards of Trustees for the next 3 years take place in early term 2. Separate information will come home about the elections but we would encourage parents to be thinking about standing for the Board. This is a very rewarding way of making a great contribution to your child's school and a way of finding out about schooling that you don't learn in any other way. If you would like to know more, the office can put you in contact with a current Board member for a chat.



Conjunctivitis ~ We have recently had some cases of conjunctivitis at school, which is highly contagious. If you suspect that your child has conjunctivitis, please get them checked by your doctor and they need to stay away from school until all weeping from the eyes has stopped.

Haircuts / Fundraiser

→ \$5

Would you like to get a \$5 haircut and support the school fundraising at the same time ?

Lorshane Carelse (mother of Raylene & Kay-Leigh) is a hairdresser and very kindly offering her services to help families and the school.



On Saturday 13th March, from 9 – 12, Lorshane will offer \$5 haircuts in the school tech room (at the back of the hall), and kindly donate all the proceeds to the school. It will be a basic wet (sprayed) cut and is suitable for both boys & girls, any age group. If you think you might like to take up this offer, we would appreciate you notifying the school office (232-6453) to give Lorshane an idea of numbers coming but you are welcome to just turn up on the day.

Special Education Review

The Government is currently doing an extensive review of Special Education. If you would like to offer your comments, you can go the website www.minedu.govt.nz/theministry/consultation/reviewofspeacialeducation.aspx They are keen to hear from all parts of the community.

WOW moments

If you have any notices about out of school achievements, we would love to hear about them and publicise them.

Assembly - Friday @ 2.15 – taken by Snr classes
Ian Dewar (Principal)

From the Office

PLEASE remember to let us know if any of your details have changed – including work numbers, mobile phone numbers or the numbers for your emergency contacts.

Newsletters ~ If you wish to receive the newsletter by email, please either send an email to office@tawa.school.nz from the email address which you wish to be added to our mailing list or just send a note to the office.

Community Notices :

TRACEY ODELL - SCHOOL OF MODERN DANCE

Enrolments are now being taken for:

Preschool Dance; Beginners Jazz; Tap; Ballet; Contemporary and Hip-Hop; Older Classes and a Mums Get Fit Class. Ph Tracey on 04 232 5840