

TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010

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## From the Principal

This will be the final newsletter of the first term. With it being only a 9 week term it has flown by. Term 2 will be 11 weeks, from 19<sup>th</sup> April to July 2<sup>nd</sup>. I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Easter break.

### Homework discussion evening

Reminder that tonight (Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>) from 7 – 7.45 we will have a presentation and discussion on where we are heading with homework at Tawa School. This will be your chance to express your views and to ask questions.



To be followed by

**Home & School AGM, tonight @ 7.45**

### Board of Trustees ~ thank you

I would like to thank the current Board of Trustees on behalf of the whole community for their effort and support of the school over the last 3 years. Marian Campbell and Dean Fleming are standing down as they no longer have children in the school. Sharon Bailey is standing down to commit to the Home & School group instead. I would like to thank them personally for their wonderful support of me and the school, particularly to Dean Fleming who has been on the Board for 6 years, including as the Board chair for the last 3 years. They have made a great contribution to our school in a very important role.

I would also like to thank Rachel Dawson who has not only been on the Board for several years but is also standing again, as well as leading the Montessori Trust. Her huge contribution to our school is very much appreciated.

### Board of Trustees elections 2010

**Have you considered standing for the Board. We need new members!**

The elections for new members of all school Boards of Trustees for the next 3 years take place in early term 2. Separate information about the elections has been sent home 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 or the returning officer for a chat.



**Laughton King** – Laughton is a renowned speaker on Dyslexia and reading problems. He is speaking at Newlands Intermediate this Thursday evening (25<sup>th</sup> @ 7 – 8.30 p.m.) and I would encourage any families whose children are having any dyslexic type reading difficulties and would like some strategies to use at home, to attend. There is a donation required at the door.

### Wacky Hair day ~ Tues 30<sup>th</sup> March

As part of our celebration at the end of the term 1 inquiry unit, we will be having a Wacky Hair Day next Tuesday and we will all visit each others classes to see what they have learnt about inquiry this term.



### More reading tutors urgently needed

**Parents needed to help with Reading programmes.  
Full training offered!**

Our programme to support children who need extra assistance with reading, by using parents as tutors, has been a great success. We urgently require some

more parents as tutors for the programme. Tutors spend 1½ hours, one morning per week listening to children read. No experience required - we train parents to be reading tutors.



Parents find this very rewarding and gain information & skills useful with their own children. If you or another adult (i.e. grandparents) are interested, please leave your number at the school office and either Jan Treeby or Margaret Robertson will ring you.

**You can make a difference!**

### Haircuts / Fundraiser

→ **\$5**

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



Lorshane Carelse's recent haircut offer was a great success and will be offered again next term – after school on some Thursdays as well as some Saturday mornings. More information to follow.

**Ian Dewar  
Principal**