

Greetings Everyone,

Welcome back to the final school term for 2009. A special welcome is extended to our students and their families who have joined us this week.

We also welcome back Gina Gatman from her year of overseas travel. Gina is teaching in Room 12 for the remainder of this year.

As usual, we have a full and busy term ahead, with many activities planned. Dates of some events are:

October	21	Rippa Rugby tournament at Tikipunga Sports Park for Y 3 – 6 pupils.
	26	Labour Day - School is closed.
November	2	Board of Trustees Meeting
	5	Parent information meetings on Reporting. More details to follow.
	20	Teacher Only Day – “Creative Curriculum” Children do not attend school on this day.
December	3	Athletics Tabloids and Championship
	7	Board of Trustees Meeting
	8	Athletics Postponement day
	14	Presentation Assembly
		End of year reports sent home
	16	Last day of school for 2009

Sun Sense

During the first and fourth terms we strongly encourage all students and staff to wear a hat when outside after 11.00am. We do have plenty of shade areas for children to play, and do provide sunscreen in all classrooms for student use. Wearing a hat will further protect our children from harmful UV rays. Please support us by ensuring your children have a named sunhat at school every day.

Punctuality

School starts every day at 8.55am.

We recommend children arrive no later than 8.45am. This allows them at least ten minutes to prepare for their day at school, greet their teacher and chat or play with their friends. When children arrive late, they have missed this vital opportunity to set themselves up for a successful day. They also disrupt teaching and learning of others because they have missed the important start of the day's instructions. Please ensure your children arrive at school with time to get themselves organised before 8.55 every day.

School Carpark

A reminder to all parents that despite the improvements to our carpark, it is not to be used by parents to drop off or collect children before or after school. This is important for the safety of all our students. There is additional parking for parents available across the park at either the Pipe Band Hall or Soccer Club. We thank you for your cooperation with this important safety issue.

Bandanas

Please note that the office is selling bandanas at a cost of \$4.00.

The proceeds of which will go to Canteen which support young people living with cancer.

Kind Regard
David Prchal
Principal

Community Notices

Whangarei Junior Youth Touch Module (2009)

Start Date: Tuesday 20th October 2009

Time : 4.30 to 6.30pm

Grades : All teams are mixed with even number of girls and boys.

Ages are : under 7yrs, under 9yrs, under 11yrs, under 13yrs

Venue : Fishbone Park Otangarei (off William Jones Drive and opposite Taraire Cres)

Cost : \$120 per team (under 7's free)

Contact : Heta Erueti 021 071 0726 or 470 3854 during work hours or email :

herueti@northtec.ac.nz

NZ Black Sticks Men's Hockey Team in Whangarei

Date : Sunday 25th October

Time : 2.00pm

Venue : Kensington Hockey Stadium – Park Ave - Whangarei

Cost : Adults \$10, School Children \$5.00

Enquiries : Northland Hockey – Ph: 437 3830

Whangarei Museum & Kiwi House at Heritage Park

Is holding a "Best of British" Live Day.

Fun for the whole family with fun rides, games and yummy food.

Date : Sunday 25th October

Time : 10am – 4pm

Cost : Adults \$10, Children FREE

Ruakaka Surf Life Saving Patrol - Registration Day

Monday 26th October 2009

10.00am at the Clubrooms

Ruakaka Beach Road

For more information please contact : Leanne Hulse Ph: 4346 234

Halloween Dance Party

When : Saturday 31st October

Where : Forum North Exhibition Hall

Time : 5.00pm – 7.00pm Primary School Students (Year 0 – 6)

7.30pm – 9.00pm Intermediate School Students (Year 7 – 8)

The Quarry Art Centre

Is running After School Art programmes

From 3.30pm – 5pm starting in November 2009

For more information contact : Kristin Kay Ph: 438 1215

