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October

31 Ngatuhua 2 Camp

November

- 1 Ohope Camp
- 6 OPC Great Barrier Camp
- 7 Assessment Week
- 14 Life Education begins
- 15 TPI Athletics Day
- 16 Inter-Int Gisborne Triathlon

December

- 1 Ra Whakangahau Kapa Haka Festival
- 5 Japanese Group arrives
- 7 Social Dance
- 9 End of Year Reports issued
- 10 Jacobs School of Guitar Concert
- 12 Awesome Award Trips
- 13 Battle of the Houses
- 13 Japanese Group departs
- 14 Prizegiving 10am
School finishes at 12pm

BLACK IS GOLD AGAIN AT LAST!

What an exciting (and stressful) time we had over the holidays - a fantastic result for the All Blacks and the whole country. This is something our students won't forget in a hurry and given that New Zealand probably won't get to host again until approximately 2035 (when our students will possibly be parents themselves) the RWC win is a treasured moment in NZ history. It was very disappointing that the Silver Ferns couldn't hold onto the leads they have had in both the last two tests - that would have capped it all off for me!



ASSESSMENT WEEK

Next week is an important week for assessments with testing occurring across all curriculum areas. This will enable us to track the progress made by your child since the last assessments. Testing results will be combined with the teacher's internal evaluations, observations and discussion with your child to make an overall teacher judgement about how your child is achieving against the National Standards.

House Points

Te Mana

1310

Te Ihi

1420

Te Wehi

1415

Te Mauri

1400



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Some students are being too casual about the wearing of correct uniform. The wearing of correct uniform sets the tone for student behaviour generally and this includes piercings. The following is a reminder of what was in the school newsletter at the beginning of the year.

At Te Puke Intermediate we place high value on students wearing their uniform with pride as a way of showing they belong to our school community. This includes on the way to and from school.

Thank you for the tremendous support given to us in this regard, your children look fantastic in correct uniform.

If you are having difficulty getting a uniform item for your child please ring us and let us know and we will help you attire your child in correct uniform, we have items of uniform that we loan for this purpose.

The school has a withdrawal system for those students incorrectly dressed. Each syndicate is operating this system and mufti items will be confiscated by staff. These items can be collected on Fridays only at 3pm.

A note from a parent or caregiver excusing incorrect uniform is valid for 1 day after which it is necessary to remedy the situation.

A medical certificate is required for any extended period of time for items of non uniform such as special shoes.

The first detention is given as a warning to the student to fix the incorrect uniform.

On the second detention parents/caregivers will be called to inform them of the continued uniform violation.

The third detention will become an After School Detention and Senior Management will be involved due to the continued breach of school rules.

The vast majority of students will never receive a withdrawal for uniform but we do have some students who continue to wear items that are not part of our uniform.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

WARMER WEATHER SUNSMART

This is a reminder that as per our Sunsmart and school policy, it is **compulsory to wear the school sunhat** in Terms 1 and 4. Last week we had students get sunburnt at lunchtime because they did not have their hat on and were not in shade.

Students have been reminded that if they do not have their hat on they have to be in the food court area in shade supervised by senior management. This has started this week and will continue for the remainder of the term.

There are some indoor lunch activities that do not require a hat – library, chess club, computer room, social dance etc.

OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

This a reminder that there are still many families who owe money to the school which makes balancing the books very difficult. The overdue amounts are in the form of school fees, sports trips, lost library books or sports uniforms. **Your child will not participate in any end of year activities unless your account is paid in full** prior to these happening. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



VANUATU TRIP

The diaries of the students and evaluations from parents all indicate that this trip was once again a massive hit with everyone. The experience is something that our students will remember for the rest of their lives and the students in Vanuatu schools will no doubt remember their friends from Te Puke NZ.

Thank you to all the parents who accompanied Mrs Gourlay and Mrs Crone this year, they have told me many wonderful stories about you all.



KYOTO SANGYO UNIVERSITY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

A group of students will once again be hosted by us from 5-13 December. Thank you to those families who are hosting a student in their home over this week. Last year our host families thoroughly enjoyed having these students and formed friendships that could last years. As a school it was a valuable experience for us to host a group of English second language students in our school with everyone enjoying the experience of communicating and sharing NZ culture with them.

We look forward to them being here and contributing to our end of year experiences. Unfortunately they depart on the morning of our Battle of the Houses but they will experience our Social Dance.



NEXT LEARNING STUDIO UNDERWAY

The demolition and modernisation of the next syndicate is well underway. Kapua classes moved out of their rooms at the end of last term and the builders moved in.

Since then, the inside has been gutted, new steel beams have come in, the roof is currently being replaced and it is a hive of activity. It already looks incredible and we are all very excited about it being finished ready for 2012.



SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

Tuesday 15 November is our annual school Athletics Day. Parents and Caregivers are invited to come along, bring a picnic lunch and join us for the day at Litt Park starting at 9.15am with the long distance races.

Students will need a good packed lunch as there will be no canteen, plenty to drink, their school sunhat & sunblock, house uniform and plenty of voice for cheering each other on. Students are busily preparing in PE lessons and lunchtimes for the various running and field events.

Any parents who would like to be involved with helping on the day can contact Mr Cam Black at cblack@tepukeint.school.nz

SOCIAL DANCE - Wednesday 7 December

Our annual Social Dance is an end of the year highlight with students coming along and dancing the old time dances. Students are learning the dances at lunchtimes this term and really getting excited about the night.

It has been explained to the students that they do not need a partner to come along, they can come by themselves or with their friends. They have also been advised that while they are required to come to the dance in tidy clothes (Sunday best) they do not need to rush out and buy a new outfit! This is a debate/discussion you should have with your own children.

Parents are welcome to come along on the night to watch if your child invites you to do so. Some students will not be issued an invitation to attend the dance due to inconsistent behaviour throughout the year.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Think Water BOP & Fairhaven School's Annual Fireworks Gala- 5 November. Gates open at 5pm. \$4 per child, \$5 per adult. A great family night with lots of activities for the children, great entertainment and a wide range of food. Approx. \$12,000 worth of fireworks! Fairhaven School, 120 Boucher Ave, Te Puke. Come and enjoy the fun.

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