



## Coming Events

### JUNE

- 3 Year 7 Vaccinations
- 4 Inter-Int Ultimate Frisbee
- 7 Queens Birthday Weekend
- 9 'Fresh Moves' at Baycourt
- 15 Gymsport Comp at Argos
- 18 Inter-Int Rockwall Climbing
- 22-24 Artfest
- 28 Mid year testing week
- 30 Tai Mitchell Disco

### JULY

- 2 Last day of Term 2
- 19 First day of Term 3

## Young Leaders Trip to Wellington

*Last week our leaders had a brilliant time down in windy, wet Wellington experiencing events and attractions not seen by many students from the North. Let's not forget it was pretty wet here as well though our temperature remained sub tropical compared with our Capital.*

*When I asked the students, they all had varying high points and 'best' moments but it seems that visiting Parliament, the NZ Rugby Headquarters, Capital E and the Pulse netball game were common highlights. The Young Leaders Conference had some excellent speakers with a variety of messages and values shared with our students.*

*A really big thanks to Mrs June Gourlay for all the organisation and hard work preparing for this trip. Thanks to Nicky Bird for travelling as chef for the hungry crew and to Sarah Martin and all the parent helpers who supported the staff in making this a very successful trip.*



Vance, Hayden and Casey at the Netball



TPI Young Leaders at NZRFU Headquarters



Maia, Mereana and Joelle at the Police College

## House Points

Te Mana  
471.0

Te Wehi  
486.9

Te Ihi  
444.0

Te Mauri  
484.0

NZ AIMS GAMES – 5-10 Sept 2010



Entries for the AIMS Games 2010 have closed and we have 99 schools entered to bring athletes to the Games this year! It continues to grow in popularity and the level of competition is getting more elite each year. The introduction of Rugby Sevens has attracted even more Auckland schools. The number of competitors has risen from 3200 in 2009 to 3600 in 2010. Add in the 800 coaches and managers and we have an influx of 4400 people to the Bay of Plenty for the week of the Games. The website holds the current entry and competition information – check out it out at [www.nzaimsport.co.nz](http://www.nzaimsport.co.nz)

As a school, we help out travelling schools by billeting their students and this year we are delighted to be able to support Cobham Intermediate from Christchurch and Glenfield Intermediate from the North Shore.

Last year our school families were extremely generous with their offers to billet students in pairs for the week of the Games. Our School Leaders and our own AIMS athletes will be approached in the first instance but other families wishing to be a host family are invited to contact the office and let us know.

This is a wonderful opportunity to build life long friendships with students from another part of NZ and share a little bit of BOP hospitality.

## National Volunteer Week

*Last week was Volunteer Awareness Week and we unfortunately did not have a newsletter going out for me to recognise our volunteers. Schools survive on the generosity of the parents and caregivers who give of their time for the benefit of the school and students.*

*Our school is able to offer so many opportunities and activities for students because both parents and staff give of their own time willingly.*

*“Thank you to everyone who helps us out in a voluntary capacity. We really appreciate and value your input into our school.”*

*We did put the following message across the radio in our weekly ‘rap-up’ last week but we wanted to say it here also.*

**Te Puke Intermediate would like to thank all our volunteers who work within all our different programmes to provide greater opportunities for our students. The school is incredibly appreciative of your time and support and we wish to acknowledge your hard work. From working with our sports teams, reading with students, baking cakes for cake stalls to sewing costumes for our arts department, thank you from Te Puke Intermediate.**

## TPI surrogate parent to ‘Biscuit’

Last week we had a ginger kitten appear at school and despite contacting the radio, paper and the vets we have been unable to establish who he belongs to.

He is rather gorgeous, clearly very comfortable with people and therefore a pre-loved kitten. We have named him ‘Biscuit’ after much deliberation and PC consideration as he was with us on ‘hug a ginga day’ and we did not want him to feel in any way bullied.

Many students have begged to be able to take him home but we rather like the idea of a school cat – you can see by the photos he is quite at home in our office!

Today we have taken him to the vet to ensure he is healthy, vaccinated and vermin free! However if you know anyone who is missing their wee baby – please let us know.



*Biscuit “Chillin’ out”*

*Abby and “Biscuit”*



## **Congratulations to :**

There was an **E-J Grade Squash** Tournament at Te Puke Squash Club on Saturday. The tournament had 80 players in it which demonstrates why Te Puke is one of NZ's strongest junior clubs. Abby Wotten went into the tournament as 7th seed won Division 1 in a tight five game battle. In the 5th game it was 16-16 but Abby maintained her composure to go on to win! Well done Abby.

Other great results were:

- 1. Jared Taylor won Division 3**
- 2. Rachel Schultz won Division 3**
- 3. Hayden Horscroft won Division 4**
- 4. Daniel Hintz won the Plate in Division 4**
- 5. Jayden Edwards won the Special Plate in Division 5.**

A huge congratulations to all our players, many of whom played their winter sport in the morning and then played their squash!

### **Cross Country**

Jessica Bitcheno won the Girls U14 Macriene Pakuranga Cross Country on Saturday 29th May. Samantha Bitcheno finished 8th in the Girls U12 race.

### **Good Luck**

To Nick Chalmers and Jamie Kawiti who will compete in the Tae Kwon Do Nationals this weekend in Tauranga.

### **Queens Birthday Weekend**

Reminder – no school on Monday 7th June. Enjoy the long weekend.

## **TECT Voting**

All Trustpower customers will have received their voting papers in the mail. You might recall that last year we encouraged our parents to vote – 'status quo' ensuring that TECT profits were split between shareholder cheques and applications for funding by organisations such as ourselves on an 80/20 split.

Again, I ask you to carefully consider your vote – please choose people who represent stable and committed community involvement.

We received \$12,000.00 from TECT this year towards laptops and we hope to be able to apply again in the near future.

In my personal opinion the current Chairperson – Michael Cooney has done an exceptional job of steering the Executive through a difficult year financially.

Please use your vote to help ensure the status quo.

## Board of Trustees Uniform Survey

The BOT have asked me to survey the school parent community with regards to the winter shoes. Currently the wearing of winter shoes is optional, students can choose to wear Roman sandals all year. The BOT would like feedback from the school parent community about whether it is time to make the wearing of winter uniform shoes compulsory.

The two options for you to consider are :

**Option One : *Status quo. Either Roman sandals or Winter shoes.***

**Option Two : *Compulsory Winter uniform shoes and socks for boys or tights/socks for the girls during the winter terms.***

There is a change planned for the socks and tights regardless.  
Socks for the boys will be a grey school sock with a blue stripe.  
The socks for the girls will remain white.  
Tights for the girls will change from navy blue to black from next year.

Please have your say on the return slip – your voice will count.  
Should winter uniform shoes be compulsory during the winter months?

## *Uniform Survey*

### **BOT Uniform Survey**

**Please complete and sign the return slip and tick one of the options.**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Option One :  Status quo. Either Roman sandals or Winter shoes.**

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*Regards:*

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