

Dear Parents,

## **PRINCIPAL'S RESIGNATION**

This week I informed the Board of Trustees of my decision to formally resign from the position of Principal of Taradale Primary School, effective from the end of Term 3 2009. This was not a hasty decision on my part. It's something I've been considering for the last few months and it is something I also feel very positive and excited about. I feel that the school is at a very important stage in its development with our major building programme to be completed in the next few months and the extensive upgrade of our ICT programme to start coming on stream at about the same time.

I am now in my 20<sup>th</sup> year as Principal of the school, having begun in this position in February 1990. At that time we had a roll of about 280 (10 classrooms) and a Teaching Staff of 11 with four Support Staff. Today we have a climbing roll of 420 (18 classrooms) and a total Teaching Staff of 24 and 14 Support Staff.

The highs for the school during the last 20 years, as well as for me personally, have been many, and I consider myself so fortunate and privileged to have been involved as Principal in the life of our fantastic school during this time.

I believe that through the efforts of a committed teaching and support staff, together with effective and wise governance from Board of Trustees members, strong support from the PTA, and ongoing support and commitment from you all as parents and caregivers, we are a school very well positioned to respond to the various challenges and changes facing all schools in New Zealand today and in the short to longer term future.

In conclusion I'd like to add that the Board of Trustees has already begun the process of finding my replacement and I am confident that they will find the best possible person for the position. I ask for your continued support and patience during this very important process.

Thanks again for all your ongoing support and commitment.

**Allen McMillan  
PRINCIPAL**

### **COMMUNICATION CORNER**

#### **PTA**

#### **HELP!!!**

We are desperately seeking a couple of people to co-ordinate stalls for the Gala. If you can help, PLEASE phone Ronda Edwards on 8441828. Remember to mark the 8<sup>th</sup> November on your calendar now!!! We need your support.

Scholastic Book Orders - Issue 3 closes  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Greendale Swimming Club Fundraiser**

Greendale Swimming Club is holding their 2009 fundraiser on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

They are running an auction at Ormlie Lodge at 7pm. Tickets are \$50 pp which includes a fantastic 3 course meal.

Past and present club members and the community are invited to support Taradale's local club. Why not make it your Mid-Winter Function with a group of family and friends?

Tickets are available at the Club or please phone Caroline on 021 986147.

## Mid-Year Conferences

This week, our **Mid-Year Conferences** have been held throughout the school with all children being allocated a 15 minute slot during one of the four days that conferences have been held. This year for the first time, all conferences have involved the children as well as the parents/caregivers and the class teacher, and feedback that we have received so far from parents and staff is that this new school-wide format has been very successful. The final conferences will be held this afternoon (Rooms 10 and 11 only) concluding at 5.30pm.

I would like to sincerely thank all parents and caregivers for coming along at some stage during the four days of the conferences to hear about, share and discuss your children's progress with their class teachers.

The opportunity to have a conference such as this at the mid-year stage of 2009, allows teachers, parents and the children themselves to carefully review progress made in class up until now (feedback) and then to look ahead to what could be achieved during the rest of 2009 (feed forward). Parents and caregivers should also note that at any other time during the year, you can make an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss any matters regarding their academic progress and achievements or any other school related matters.

Finally I would like to thank parents and caregivers for supporting our conference programme by collecting your children at 2.00pm on each of the first three days, to allow the actual interview programme to start at 2.30pm.

## SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

With winter coming upon us, there is a demand for second hand winter uniforms.

If your child has outgrown their uniform, we are happy to **sell on your behalf** if you would like. Simply drop your second-hand uniforms into the school office with a suggested price, and we will endeavour to sell it for you. Of course, we are happy to accept donated items.

Everyday we come across unnamed uniforms - most get returned to their owners, but please check lost property if you are missing an article. Please ensure that all uniforms are NAMED.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PUPILS

A special welcome to the following children who have commenced at Taradale Primary School since the beginning of Term 2.

Brooke	Year 2
Isaac	Year 6
Levi	Year 2
Tyler	Year 1
Caitlin	Year 1
Hannah	Year 1
Fraser	Year 1
Boston	Year 1
Addison	Year 1
Hamish	Year 1
Holly	Year 1



Currently we have a total school roll of 421. So far this year we have enrolled 49 new children.



### CAMP TUTIRA: ROOMS 10 & 9

Next week (Monday 11 May – Friday 15 May) Rooms 10 & 9 (Year 6's) students will be away on their School Camp up at Lake Tutira, north of Napier on the road to Wairoa. I know that Mr Jenyns and Miss Cameron have a very full and exciting programme planned ahead of them and I hope that the weather allows them to complete all of their planned camp activities.

Thanks very much to all of those parents who have offered to join the camp as parent helpers. Your help and support is going to be greatly appreciated by Miss Cameron, Mr Jenyns and the students. All the very best to you all for a successful and enjoyable week at Camp Tutira.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Sacred Hill Wines Off Road Duathlon Series:** Eskdale Park, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July. Start time 10am. Entry Fee: \$15 Non-members, \$10 members, \$5 per person (team). 3 distances to choose from.
- **City Fitness: Junior Groove** - A fun, high energy dance class for ages 6-14. 6-10yrs 3.30 - 4.15pm, 10-14yrs 4.15-5pm. Starts Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> May with Talia \$55 (8 week term).
- **Fun Ferns Netball:** 5 - 7 year old girls and boys skills programme at Centennial Hall - Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm. \$25 for 5 weeks. Registration: phone Napier Netball 8432071.

