

Dear Parents,

TERM 2

We have had another very positive and successful start to the new term at Taradale Primary School with the wonderful autumn weather continuing – lets hope it continues through to Weeks 3 and 4 for our two school camps at Camp Tutira. The children have all returned refreshed and very enthusiastic after a great Easter/April Holiday break.

We have had 10 new children start this term and I would like to extend a warm welcome to them and their families to the Taradale Primary School community. We have started the term with a roll of 420 compared to 416 in 2008, and 387 at the same time in 2007.

Work on our major building development continues with work on Room 3 now completed, work on the new Computer Suite is almost finished, and work on upgrading and extending Rooms 11 and 12 is now underway.

With the school entrance between Rooms 10 and 11 now out of action, we are asking children and parents to enter and exit the school grounds via the southern driveway (that has now been re-opened) or through the School Hall. When the work on Rooms 11 and 12 is completed we are then going to have a wider path entrance way into the school grounds from Church Road. We ask for your support in this matter while the current building programme is underway.

Thanks for your help and support

Allen McMillan
PRINCIPAL

COMMUNICATION CORNER

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Mid-Year Conferences – Early Finishing

Next week – Monday 4 May, Tuesday 5 May, Wednesday 6 May, the school will be finishing at 2.00pm each afternoon to allow the Mid-Year Conference programme to commence at 2.30pm.

Rooms 10 and 11 will also be having Mid-Year Conferences on Thursday 7 May but we will be finishing at the normal time of 3.00pm.



Scholastic Issue 3 closes 13th May. Thank you for your continued support. Could you please make cheques payable to Scholastic NZ Ltd. not Taradale School.

Greendale Swimming Club Fundraiser

Greendale Swimming Club is holding their 2009 fundraiser on Friday 12th 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

Next week all classrooms (except Room 9) will be involved in our Mid-Year Conference Programme.

These Conferences will be a 3-way discussion (child - parents/caregivers - teacher) based on information that will come from the child's Learning Sample Folder. These folders will be able to be taken home after the Conference for parents' comments to be added as well as being signed before being returned to school.

A bell will ring at the end of each fifteen minute period. Please ensure that the conference concludes at the end of your allotted time as other parents will be waiting.

If you are unable to attend at the time given, please contact the School Office (ph. 8442626) so that the teacher concerned can be notified.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS WELCOMED

On behalf of the Taradale Primary School community, I would like to welcome two new members to our school teaching and support team.

Miss Cameron has joined our teaching team in Room 9 while Miss Gray is away on maternity leave.

Mrs Cressey has re-joined our teacher aide team to support Mrs Taylor and her class in Room 4.

Both Mrs Barker (Room 5) and Mrs McKenna (Room 7) have returned for four weeks as part of a 7 week in-school posting that they have to complete as a key component of their teacher training programme.

This term we welcome Matt and Cheryl who have now joined our support staff as our school cleaners.

We have been able to commence the new term fully staffed with both teachers and teacher aides/support staff.



SCHOOL LUNCHROOM COMBO

Cheese Toastie / Popcorn / Orange Juice = \$3.50

New Products: Monty Mince or Monty Spaghetti – no pastry / a light bread base and potato topping \$2.20 each

Now Selling: 'Winter Menu' with large pies

AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER

Do you want to know more about Autistic Spectrum Disorder? Fairhaven School is hosting an 'information day' on Friday 15 May from 9.30am – 2.30pm in Lecture Theatre 2 at EIT.

No charge, but registration is essential as numbers are limited.

Parents and others involved with children and young people on the Autistic Spectrum are invited to join specialist providers, specialist teachers, psychologists, paediatricians and a range of specialists as they share their experiences and knowledge.

For more information and to register please contact Fairhaven School, 8442212 or admin@fairhaven.net.nz



ANZAC DAY

This year Anzac Day fell at the end of the April Holidays, but Taradale Primary School was still represented by a group of our senior children and staff at the Taradale and Districts Anzac Service at the Taradale Clock Tower. As in past years the children and staff marched in the parade representing our school with the children laying a wreath on behalf of the Children, Staff and Parents of Taradale Primary School.



Missing Figurines

At the end of Term 1, a plastic container holding around 30 Littlest Petshop figurines went missing from the Room 8 cloakbay. They have not yet turned up. If your child has brought one or two home, or you have seen any lying around, please contact the school office.

This is probably a good reminder for children to please leave toys and other valuables at home. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- Guitar Lessons with Jordan (Performance Certificate Level) \$15 for half hour. Phone 8445993 and leave a message
- Flatmates Wanted: mature minded working flatmates/students to share large new home with tidy, friendly & considerate female. \$120 pw. Prefer aged 20 years +. Phone Lisa 8449979 or 027 7386667.
- Taradale Dirt Park Official Opening Sunday 3rd May 12.00pm. All welcome to come and watch some of our best riders. Located behind Pettigrew.Green Arena.

