

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME

After 13 weeks of class swimming (6 weeks in 2008, and 7 weeks in 2009) our class swimming/aquatics programme for the 2008-09 season will conclude tomorrow Friday 20 March. This season's programme has been an excellent one with all children making great progress at their respective class levels. Thanks very much for ensuring that your children came to school with their togs and towels ready for swimming during the last 13 weeks.

To conclude the school swimming programme:

- Team 2 Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 18 March
- Team 3 Swimming Sports is taking place on Friday 20 March commencing at 9am

It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school along at the swimming pool yesterday morning for the Team 2 Swimming Carnival. The children really enjoyed having you all along to see the wonderful progress that they had all made as part of the 2008-09 swimming programme at school.

I know that tomorrow morning's programme for the Team 3 Swimming Sports is also going to be very well supported by parents and friends of the school.

On behalf of the children and staff, I would like to give a special thanks to Lynda Manning and Maria Cressey who have both been employed as Teacher Aides (Swimming) and have provided great support for our Junior classes swimming programme this year.

Lost Property: If you are looking for any lost togs, towels, goggles and other items of clothing after our swimming programme concludes, please go and have a look in the plastic 'Lost Property' baskets in each classroom's cloakbay.

**Allen McMillan
PRINCIPAL**

COMMUNICATION CORNER

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School Uniforms

The Uniform Committee have added and excluded some articles of clothing from our range of school uniforms. This new range will be available in a few weeks, ready for the winter months. More details will be available shortly regarding our winter wear. Our second hand clothing shop is always after second-hand uniforms, especially smaller sizes. If you wish to donate your child's out-grown uniform, we would appreciate any donations. These can be popped into the school office.

PTA

Gala Meeting

The first planning meeting for our 2009 School Gala is planned for Monday 30 March at 7pm in the Staffroom. PTA and non-PTA members are invited along to this meeting to start co-ordinating and developing a plan for our bi-annual School Gala that will be held on Sunday 8 November. This date is still some way off, but it is essential that we commence our planning now - growing plants, gardening items, booking equipment etc. - to ensure we have another successful event.

The focus of fundraising for the PTA in 2009 is on the construction of an extension to the existing Junior Adventure Playground.

Scholastic Bookclub closes tomorrow Friday 20th March. Thank you for your support

CRICKET

Draw:

Kiwi Cricket Yr3/4: Friday 3.30pm

Taradale 1 v Port Ahuriri A Nelson Pk 1

Taradale 2 v Tamatea Primary Nelson Pk 5

Yr 5/6 Div. 1: 9am

Taradale v Bye

Year 5/6 Div. 2: 9am

Taradale v Reignier Reignier School



Taradale A v St Pats Cricket

After dismissing St Pats easily for only 53 runs, Taradale scored the total in the 10th over, winning the game by 7 wickets. Batting out their 25 overs, Taradale amassed 127 runs for 5 wickets. Bowler of the day was Lauren with 2 for 6 off 3 overs, and batter of the day was Jack with a solid 11 not out (retired). A marked improvement in the fielding effort was the backbone of the win. Well done.

TARADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL BLOG

Currently we are developing some blogs at school. Two blogs are currently active.

Please check these out and post a comment. Links to these blogs will soon be added to our school website:

www.taraprim.school.nz

<http://taradaleroom16.blogspot.com>

<http://icttaradale.blogspot.com>

More blogs will be created soon.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- The Amazing Car Boot Sale - Sunday 22 March, (postponement date 29 March) at The Amazing Maze Car Park, 157 Longlands Rd, 10am - 1pm. Costs: \$15 per car boot, \$20 per trailer.



SCHOOL LUNCHROOM

COMBO DEAL

Pizza / Cookie / Juicy = \$3.50

Now Selling:

Cool Sips 600ml bottled water \$1.00



Congratulations to

- the following children who participated in the Friendly Dental Ironkids Triathlon (part of the Tremains Triathlon) over the weekend. These children completed all three legs (100m swim, 2km bike, 1km run).

• Zayne	14min 44sec
• Bradley	15min 16sec
• Charlie	16min 28sec
• Michael	17min 16sec
• Thomas	17min 36sec
• Daniel	18min 43sec



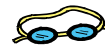
- All of our ex-pupils (our leavers of 2002/03) who have been appointed to Senior Leadership positions at their respective secondary schools for 2009.

In the Leaders in their School: 2009 supplement from yesterday's edition of Hawkes Bay Today, I found that 19 of our ex-pupils had been appointed to such a position in 7 different secondary schools.

In fact 9 of them have been appointed to a leadership position at Taradale High School. Congratulations to you all - best of luck for a successful year.

LOST PROPERTY PARADE

Our first one for 2009 will be held outside Rooms 1 - 3 next Tuesday morning 24th March. Please make a point of checking through our collection of 'lost' clothing especially from our class swimming programmes.



Here is a wonderful story from RYAN Room 11 on yesterday's Swimming Carnival. Yesterday it was Team 2's swimming sports. When I sat down I felt very scared but then it was my turn to do my first race. I was a little less scared than I was before. Clap! I started to race. I could hear Room 11 shout "Go Ryan, go". Then I started to smell the chlorine in the pool. I realized that I almost won. When I got out I was so proud of myself. It was nearly time for my next race. I saw even more parents. It was time. The clapper clapped again, but this time I tasted the disgusting water. I didn't know that I came second.



