

Dear Parents,

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Today, Thursday 2 April is World Autism Awareness Day and to support this special day hundreds of schools including Taradale Primary School, are having a Multicoloured Mayhem Day. Autism NZ has invited children to come to school wearing whatever colours you like and our children (and staff) at Taradale Primary School have certainly got right behind this special day. The gold coins collected will be going to The Autism Foundation of New Zealand to allow for further research into this disability that one in every hundred children has.

'Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex developmental disability, which affects the normal functioning of the brain. It affects the child's ability to communicate, interact socially and connect with the world around them' www.autism.org.nz

To support World autism Awareness Day, the Ministry of Education has sponsored a CD 'In My Shoes' – an Everyday Look at Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)'. If you would like to borrow a copy to view at home, please see Mrs Jones at the School Office.

Thanks to everyone who has supported our Multicoloured Mayhem Day at Taradale Primary School. The total raised from our first muftiday is \$474.40, a magnificent result.

**Allen McMillan
PRINCIPAL**

COMMUNICATION CORNER

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Teacher Only Day: Thursday 9 April

Next Thursday 9 April, our school will be closed for a Teacher Only Day.

The Ministry of Education has granted all schools in New Zealand a Teacher Only Day in 2009 to carry out further programmes of professional development related to the new New Zealand Curriculum that will be implemented in 2010. Many schools in our region are also taking their Teacher Only Day next Thursday as well.

END OF TERM DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday 8 April Term 1 closes for all children at 3.00pm.
- Thursday 9 April Teacher Only Day (new curriculum workshops) – School Closed
- Friday 10 April Good Friday. April School Holidays
- Monday 27 April School re-opens at 8.50am for Term 2.

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School Disco: Wed. 8th April

Junior (Years 1 – 3) 5.30 – 6.45pm

Seniors (Years 4 – 6) 7.15 – 8.30pm

Theme: 'Our National Heroes'



Gala

Preparations are now underway for our Gala on 8th November this year – so mark it on your calendar NOW!!!

We desperately need someone to co-ordinate the raffle and prizes. If you think you can help or have any good ideas, please phone Ronda Edwards 8441828.

If you are moving house or having a clean out over the holidays, please keep all your precious unwanted items for our white elephant stall. This is a great money maker so we need everything we can get our hands on. We will let you know when items can be bought into school over the next few weeks.

If anyone has any pots for plants, please bring these into the office now.

Please help us to help your children and support this major fundraising event. Look out for more updates!



Taradale A v Arthur Miller

After winning the toss and sending Arthur Miller into bat, Arthur Miller scored 108 runs off their 25 overs. Wickets were hard to come by on the artificial pitch, but a good spell from Liam Good (2 wickets for 9 runs off 3 overs) and some run-outs and a good game was in the making. Taradale's run rate was steady, however the game was always in the balance. A solid 24 from Mark and a superb knock of 32 not out (retired) by Bradley saw the team get home with 2 overs to spare. Another great team effort and deserved win.

Taradale Year 5/6 Div. 2

In the last game of the season, Taradale beat Porritt 109 to 80. Stand-out performances from Angus (3 catches, 2 wickets, 15 runs), Jayden (2 catches, 14 runs), Josh (24 runs), Michael (4 wickets), Mitchell (2 wickets, 13 runs). It was a great season, winning all games, and thank you to all the boys.



SCHOOL LUNCHROOM COMBO

Hog Dog/Choc-Milk 250ml/Cookie
= \$4.20

Lunchroom will be open next Wednesday

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- Orienteering this Sunday at Bridge Pa. All details are at the club website www.hborienteering.com - and there's not too long until the school champs – 24 May and 28 June. We'll collect names of children to enter early next term.
- Napier Netball Centre Development Programme for Year 5 - 8. At Onekawa Netball Courts, Maadi Road, Napier, on 21,22,23 April. Cost \$35 per player for 3 days. Ph. 8432071, or email napier.netball@xtra.co.nz
- House for Rent: 3 bedroom house in Taradale. Ph. 8435585
- Spikers Volleyball starting Monday 4th May, for 8 weeks. Cost \$45. Registration form at school office.
- Napier Indoor Cricket played Friday after school commencing 1 May. Team of 6 players. Cost per game: \$5 each. Registration forms at the school office.

Go for Gold

Kelly Sports HB is currently endeavouring to establish a Go for Gold Programme in Primary Schools. This programme will be available for children in Years 5 – 8 (Primary and Intermediate) and will be an 8 week before-school programme that will include the following aspects of sport development:

- Goal setting and assessment
- Fitness testing
- Skill development in a chosen sport
- Food and nutrition
- Team work and team building
- Coping with success and failure
- Organising sports training programmes



The programme at each school is restricted to 14 children and will cost \$70. For further details see the Kelly Sports Connections March Newsletter that has come home with our School Newsletter today.

Kelly Sports at Taradale Primary School

Kelly Sports is again offering sports programmes to Year 1 – 4 students at Taradale School in Term 2. The programmes will be on after school on Mondays and will consist of a Winter Sports Blitz.



Do you want to try a mix of different winter sports? Join up with your friends and have lots of fun learning important skills. Choose 2 sports from hockey, soccer, rugby or basketball. For example, if you choose soccer and basketball you will participate in 4 weeks of soccer, then 4 weeks of basketball.

Kelly Sports is also running an exciting HOLIDAY PROGRAMME called Sports Mad. This programme replaces the Sport HB holiday programmes. Children from Y1-8 can attend and it will be held on Monday 20th – Friday 24th April, 8.30 -3.30pm at the Napier Tech Sports Clubrooms. Activities include tee ball, netball, unihoc, cricket, gladiator, basketball, soccer, dodge ball and plenty more.

Get your registration forms from the office or for more information visit www.kellysports.co.nz

BUILDING PROGRAMME

As you can see work is now well underway with the building of the new Computer Suite that will be attached to the School Library.

Work on the new classroom in Room 3 is now almost completed. In fact Room 11 will be moving into Room 3 at the end of this term as the builders will soon be working on upgrading and extending both Room 11 and 12. Room 12 will remain where they are until work on the Computer Suite/Library is finished and then hopefully they can move into the Library and use it as their classroom until Rooms 11 and 12 are ready to be re-occupied later in Term 2.

