

Dear Parents,

MEET THE TEACHER EVENINGS

Once again we will be making time available for parents/caregivers to come along and meet your children's teachers for 2009. This year we will again be having two sessions on consecutive evenings where parents will meet in the classroom as a group. The teachers will then spend time introducing themselves, explaining aspects of their classroom programmes and class organisation, our school-wide systems and the ways in which you can help support your children's learning. The teachers will also give you an outline of what the children will be involved in as part of their class learning and teaching programmes during the first half of the year.

The two Meet the Teacher Evenings will be held next week on:

- Tuesday 17 February at 6.00pm
 - Wednesday 18th February at 6.00pm
- in your children's classrooms.

Parking on each of the two evenings will be available on the asphalt area via the Church Road Staff Car Park. Please be aware that the Life Education Mobile Classroom will also be parked in the Staff Carpark.

Thanks for all your help and support

**Allen McMillan
PRINCIPAL**

COMMUNICATION CORNER

BOT

The first meeting of the 2009 year will be held next Wednesday 18th February at 7.00pm in the Staffroom.

New Classroom (Room 3) and Resource Room

As you can see work on creating a new classroom - Room 3, as well as extending the School Resource Room out to the school driveway is moving along very quickly. Currently we have a team of roofers in replacing the old roof along the southern side of the Junior Block (Rooms 1 - 5). We also have a team of technicians crawling around under the Junior Block as part of our computer network upgrade to all classrooms with fibre optic cable. Shortly work will commence on building a new computer Suite on the northern side of the School Library.

We are going to have some wonderful facilities at Taradale Primary School when these projects are completed.

Road Patrol Helpers.....We are still requiring some help particularly on Wednesday or Friday , or any other day you can assist. Please phone Susan Ericksen 8443331.

On behalf of the Napier Community Foodbank Trust, thank you so much for the school's donation of food items to Foodbank, just prior to Christmas. We appreciate the generosity and effort involved by children, families and school staff, at what is a very busy time of year.

*Please send your PTA fundraising slip
back to school asap if you can help*



life education mobile classroom

During this week and next week, we have the **Life Education Mobile Classroom** along with Ann Jamieson, the classroom teacher. All of our classrooms will be making a number of visits to the mobile classroom to have a teaching session with Ann on a number of health related topics centred around **'Its Great to be Me'**.

This is the fifteenth time that we have had the Life Education Mobile Classroom visit Taradale Primary School. During the school year this mobile classroom visits many schools throughout Hawkes Bay to support and enhance our Health Education Programmes.

Please Note: The cost of this whole-school programme is included in the \$20 School Activity Fee.

On **Tuesday 17 February** at **2.30pm**, **Ann Jamieson** would like to invite interested parents to come and join her in the mobile classroom for a special session on the Life Education Programme for Schools. Please, **no pre-schoolers** as the mobile classroom is not suitable for them.

LOST PROPERTY BINS

To help try and reduce the amount of lost property that we seem to collect each term at school, all classrooms have now been provided with their own lost property bin. The bins can be found in the cloakbay of each classroom and should be the first place to go and check to see if your child's 'lost' property is there.

Twice a term these classroom bins will have their unclaimed clothing emptied into the larger lost property bins in the School Hall. Hopefully all clothing etc will be claimed before it reaches the Hall. Having all items of clothing named will certainly help to further reduce our collection of 'lost' property.

SCHOOL DESKS AND CHAIRS - LOOKING FOR GOOD HOMES

This year we are continuing with our programme to upgrade our classroom furniture. Rooms 11 and 16 were equipped with class sets of new desks and chairs just before school last week. The old desks and chairs are currently being stored in the 'Storage Barn' but Mr Cunningham would like to get rid of them as they are taking up quite a bit of storage space in the shed. If you would like a couple of desks and chairs, please see Mr Cunningham - they are being given away to anyone who would like one. First in-first served! They do make great homework centres in your child's bedroom.

CHURCH ROAD LOADING ZONE

Last year a **5 minute 'loading zone'** was established in front of the school on Church Road to try and create a safer drop-off and pick-up area for our children. The Napier City Council and the Police are now closely monitoring our loading zone as well as those established outside other schools.

I have been informed that any cars caught parking in our loading zone **in excess of 5 minutes** will be issued with a **\$40 infringement notice**. Please be aware of this especially in the period at the end of the day between 2.45 and 3.15pm.

We have also had complaints from our neighbours on Church Road about cars parking over their driveway entrances while the drivers come into school to collect children. Please help us to make the area of Church Road in front of our school **a road safe area for children and adults**.

CRICKET

This is all set to start this Friday and Saturday. The draw will be put in the newsletter each week, on the office window, and is usually in the Wednesday edition of the Hawkes Bay Today. Thanks to all the parents who have offered to assist.

Milo cricket: This is run by the Cricket Association and is usually held over at Taradale Park on Monday nights. Registration forms are due this week.

Draw:

Kiwi Cricket Yr3/4: Friday 3.30pm

Taradale 1 v Taradale 2

Nelson Pk 1

Yr 5/6 Div. 1: 9am

Taradale v Greenmeadows

Greenmeadows Sch.

Year 5/6 Div. 2: 9am

Taradale - Bye



ICT: Blogging

During this term various school based blogs will be set up. As a trial I have set up an ICT Blog so I can check that all the parameters have been set appropriately before working with some children on creating a class blog. Permissions have been set so this should be quite safe for children to use and create their own blogs. All our internet safety procedures still apply and will be followed. Please feel free to comment on the blog. All the comments are directed to me first then once I have okayed them they will appear on the blog. The blog address is :

<http://icttaradale.blogspot.com/>



