

Dear Parents,

MEET THE TEACHER EVENINGS

This week we held two sessions of our Meet the Teachers' programme for all parents and caregivers – Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 February. I would like to thank all of our parents and caregivers who took the opportunity to come along and meet their children's class teachers, as well as hear about a number of key aspects of the class learning programme, the teachers expectations as well as get a number of suggestions on how you as parents can help support the children.

Successful learning and teaching programmes involve the children, their parents/caregivers and their teachers. To further reinforce this I would like to share this poem called 'Unity' with you as it certainly helps to explain the importance of both the home and the school, parents and teachers, in the successful education of our children.

Unity

***I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there
The clay they used was a young child's mind, and they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher; the tools she used were books and music and art,
One was a parent with a guiding hand, and a gentle loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled with touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent laboured by her side, and polished and smoothed it o' ver.
And when at last their task was done they were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had moulded into the child could neither be sold or bought.
And each agreed she would have failed if she had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school, and behind the teacher, the home.***



Thanks very much once again for coming along to support our 'Meet the Teachers' programme. Please note though, that you can also make an appointment to meet with your children's teachers at any time throughout the year if you have any matters or issues you wish to discuss.

Thanks for all your help and support

**Allen McMillan
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COMMUNICATION CORNER

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Last evening the Board of Trustees had its first meeting for 2009. At this meeting Jude Minor was again confirmed as our Board Chairperson and the following Board portfolios were also confirmed.

Jude Minor	Chairperson/Property
Linda Akers	Community Consultation
Jan Clark	Personnel
Dan Druzianic	Finance
Warren Hales	Health & Safety/Property
Kylee Gray	Staff Rep
Allen McMillan	Principal
Iris Jones	Board Secretary

Meetings are held in the Staffroom at 7.00pm on the Third Wednesday of the month.

PTA

New Parents Morning Tea

Welcome to all new parents to Taradale School. Next Thursday 26th February, we will be having a morning tea and would love you all to come. A great opportunity to meet some new (and not so new) Mums.

Time: 9am - straight after school drop off

Where: Staffroom

Preschoolers welcome and yummy morning tea provided.

Art Deco Morning Tea

A big thank you to all those who have offered to provide morning tea for our first fundraiser of the year. Please drop your morning tea off at school, either Friday pm, Saturday morning between 7.30 - 8.30 in the Hall Kitchen. Those who have offered to help will be contacted. Thanks to everyone.

OUR BUCKET COLLECTION FOR THE BUSH FIRE VICTIMS IN VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

As you will be aware, the fires north of Melbourne in Victoria, Australia, have been a terrible tragedy causing loss of lives and destruction of property. On **Friday 20th February** we have decided to have a special collection at school to raise money for what we consider is a very worthy cause. A collection point will be set up in or near the School Hall, depending on the weather. Donations can be made before school or dropped into the office after school.

Thanks to Louise and Dave Gray and the Fire Service for their help in organising this day. Look out for something a bit special at school on Friday!

Please support our Aussie neighbours. All money raised will be given directly to the Red Cross Appeal in Melbourne. We are very fortunate to have had a friend of the school (an ex-pupil) who is travelling to Melbourne on Monday next week offer to take our donation directly to the Red Cross Collection Centre in the city.



SCHOOL DESKS AND CHAIRS –

We had an incredible response to our offer in last week's Newsletter – in fact Mr Cunningham was able to get rid of all surplus desks and chairs. We do have some more coming available when we replace the furniture in Room 15. Watch future Newsletters for details.

BUILDING PROGRAMME - PROGRESS REPORT



Work on the new classroom (Room 3) and the extended Resource Room has been progressing extremely well and is planned for completion by 27 March. In fact the builders have moved on to Stage 2 – the new Computer Suite on the northern side of the Library.

At the same time the roofers have continued replacing the old roof on the south side of the Junior Block (Rooms 1 – 5) and the I.T. Technicians have continued installing network cables as part of our school-wide network upgrade. The Ministry of Education has also increased the funding for this project so that we can update our existing security and fire alarm system throughout the school.

YMCA Hawkes Bay

We are back into the new school term with a "new look" Y-OSCAR After School Care Service. All of our sites now offer afternoon tea for our tired and wary children as well as improved facilities on many sites and improved programmes. If you need any information, collect an enrolment pack from the school office or call us here at the YMCA Hawkes Bay.

CRICKET

Milo Have-a-Go Cricket: This skill based programme commences next Wednesday 25th February at Taradale Park at 5.15 – 6.30pm. Cost: \$30. Please pick up a Registration Form at the school office.

Draw:

Kiwi Cricket Yr3/4: Friday 3.30pm	
Taradale 1 v Napier Centreal	Nelson Pk 1
Taradale 2 v Port Ahuriri A	Nelson Pk 3
Yr 5/6 Div. 1: 9am	
Taradale v Onekawa School	Park Is. 1
Year 5/6 Div. 2: 9am	
Taradale v Port Ahuriri	Port Ahuriri School



Taradale 'A' Cricket v Greenmeadows -

Greenmeadows were all out for 87. Taradale scored target easily, winning by 6 wickets. Player of the Day: Rhomi Simpson (31 retired, 1 wicket, 1 stumping).

Scholastic Book Orders close tomorrow, Friday 20th February.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- Private Guitar Lessons with Jordan Bartlett - \$15 half hour. Phone 8445993 or 0211002798.
- Taradale Junior Soccer Club - Registration days on Monday 2 March 6 – 7pm & Sunday 8 March 1 – 2pm. To be held at Taradale Primary School main entrance on Church Road. All members new and old are welcome 5 – 13 years. If you prefer you can email marty@ncs.co.nz and receive a registration via email.
- Taradale Rugby Registration on Sat. 21 February 10 – 4pm, & Sun. 22 February 3 – 6pm, Tues. 3 March and Tues. 10 March 3.30 – 6pm at Carter Arms Park. Information sheet at school office for all club registrations.



Art & Craft Classes Term 1

What: Papercraft

When: Thursdays 3.15 – 4.30, Weeks 4 – 9 beginning Thursday 26 February

Who: Year 4 – 6 children

Cost: \$20 for the 6 weeks

Please fill in form below and return to me in Rm 12.

Pam Hastings

Art & Craft Classes

My child _____ Rm _____ wishes to attend art classes.

\$20 enclosed

Signed: _____

