

Dear Parents,

CIVIL DEFENCE PROGRAMME

As part of our Civil Defence Policy at Taradale Primary School, we have plans in place for both pre and post-disaster action in the event of a civil disaster. The two main purposes of our Civil Defence policy are:

- To ensure that Taradale Primary School children are provided with a supervised and 'safe' environment in the event of a major disaster until they can be re-united with their parents or caregivers.
- To ensure that parents and caregivers are informed in Term 1 of each year as to what happens to their children in the event of a Civil Defence emergency.

In March of each year we make a point of reminding parents and caregivers via the School Newsletter of what happens to the children if they are at school at the time of a meteorological, geological or technological disaster.

As part of today's Newsletter there is a copy of our Post-Disaster Procedure: Sending Children Home that I would like parents to read through so that you are all aware of what we will be doing with your children at Taradale Primary School in the event of a Civil Defence emergency. The key point that I want to make is that the children will not be released from school to find their own way home, but will remain at school until collected by parents, caregivers, relatives or friends as detailed on the Emergency Collection and Care Arrangements form.

Thanks for all your help and support

**Allen McMillan
PRINCIPAL**

COMMUNICATION CORNER

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What Does the board of Trustees Do?

- Representation - Trustees, on behalf of the community, make decisions in the best interests of all students at the school.
- Leadership - Boards set the direction for the school and are future focused ie Strategic Plan
- Accountability - The Board is responsible for ensuring that the school is well managed and is working towards achieving its vision.
- The over-riding focus and objective of effective trusteeship in the quality of education that students at the school are receiving.

Board of Trustees are elected for a 3 year term. The next election will be in March 2010.

PTA

PTA/AGM Meeting

Monday 9th March 7pm, Staffroom

It is that time again and we're looking for new enthusiastic parents to come along and join our friendly, social PTA. A great way to meet people, have some fun and help our children all at the same time. Come and see what we do! All welcome.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Please note that we will be having a further Teacher Only Day on Thursday 9 April. This day has been allocated to schools to allow teachers to further discuss and develop aspects of the new curriculum at Taradale Primary School.

POST DISASTER PROCEDURES: SENDING CHILDREN HOME

1. Any decision to send children home will be made by the Principal (or Deputy Principal) and only when it is considered safe enough to travel.
2. Children will not be released from school to find their own way home.
3. Children will be kept at Taradale Primary School until they are collected by an authorised adult ie parent, guardian, caregiver, relative or friend, **as per the Enrolment Form**.
4. Accurate records will be kept of the children's names, and the persons collecting them from school to take home.
5. Children whose parents, guardians or caregivers are not available to collect them will be kept under supervision at Taradale Primary School.

Identification

6. In case of a **Civil Defence Emergency** each child will be provided at the assembly point, with an identification tag showing:



Name _____
Address _____
Age _____

Use of telephones/Cellphones

7. During a **Civil Defence Emergency**, the telephones should only be used for emergency communications - Fire, Hospital, Ambulance, Police, Civil Defence

Clothing

8. If time permits, staff will ensure that children are adequately clothed prior to evacuation especially during cold or wet weather.

March 2009

CRICKET

Draw:

Kiwi Cricket Yr3/4: Friday 3.30pm
Taradale 1 v NTOB White Nelson Pk 1
Taradale 2 v Onekawa Sch.B Nelson Pk 2
Yr 5/6 Div. 1: 9am
Taradale v Napier Central Park Is. 1
Year 5/6 Div. 2: 9am
Taradale v Arthur Miller B Park Is 3



REVISED ENROLMENT SCHEME FOLLOW-UP

Thanks very much to those families who have been in to the School Office to up date details regarding new enrolments in particular New Entrant enrolments during the rest of 2009.

As I said last week, we have to complete a list of all of our new enrolments priorities 1 – 4) for 2009 for the Ministry of Education. At Taradale Primary School our 'Out-of-Zone' Priorities 1 to 5 are:

1. This priority category is not applicable at our school as we do not run a special programme approved by the Secretary of Education.
2. Brothers and sisters of current students
3. Brothers and sisters of former students
4. Children of board employees (staff)
5. All other students

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Ben A (an ex-pupil) a member of the Hawkes Bay Kayaking Club who competed with considerable success at the recent national championships at Rotorua's Blue Lake. In the Under 15 Boys Paddler grade, Ben won five gold and one silver - an outstanding result. Keep it up Ben. I'm sure you are going to experience some more outstanding results in future events.
- Emma K (an ex-pupil) who has been named Head Girl at William Colenso College, and
- Sam M (an ex-pupil) who has been named Head Boy at Taradale High School. More outstanding achievements for our ex-pupils.

Senses Writing by Caitlin Rm 8

I see Optimist Yachts, sailing, turning, the waves frothing as the yachts crash through them.

I watch the crabs scuttling into mud holes as our feet blunder past.

I feel the slime of the smooth buoy, its slime creeping through my fingers.

I touch soft feathers tickling, floating, soaring to the ground.

I hear cicadas chirping loudly as people yell from the playground.

I listen to the low rumblings of cars on the bridge.



EMERGENCY COLLECTION AND CARE ARRANGEMENTS:

If you need to change the **names, telephone numbers** or any other details on our **Emergency Collection and Care forms** re a Civil Defence emergency, please come and see Mrs Jones or Mrs Godwin in the office to make the necessary changes. It is most important that these records are both up-to-date and all details are correct.

SCHOOL LUNCHROOM

COMBO DEAL

Hot Dog / Choc-chip cookie /
frozen juicy = \$3.50

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- ☛ Team 2 Swimming Carnival: 18th March
- ☛ Team 3 Swimming Sports: 20th March
- ☛ Parent Camp Meeting: 7th April
- ☛ PTA School Disco: theme - 'NZ Heroes' : Wed.
8th April
- ☛ Teacher Only Day: School Closed Thurs. 9th
April
- ☛ School closed for Easter Holidays - Good
Friday: 10th April
- ☛ School Reopens for Term 2: Monday 27th
April

