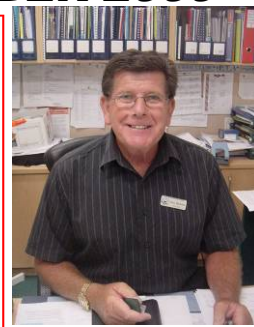




Dear Parents. There is no doubt that the most important and most difficult job is parenting. Being life long learners, certainly applies to the job of parenting. I rarely recommend TV programmes, but the Friday programme with Nigel Latta is one that, for me, is enjoyable and informative. He pointed out recently that perfect parenting doesn't exist and so probably, perfect schools don't either. Please remember that we strive for quality education in a caring environment, hence "Education with a Heart". I wish you all a safe and happy festive season and look forward to working with you in 2010.



From the Principal's Desk

We would like to welcome all new children and their families to our school this term and hope that new parents join us at the various events and functions we hold and take all opportunities to participate in our school. We know that students benefit most if a healthy partnership between the home and the school is developed and that lines of communication are kept open. New children include, Joanne Su, Nakin Gandhi, Yvonne Li, MacKenzie McInally and Maryann Xu.

PTA NEWS:

The next meeting of the PTA will be held on **Wednesday, 9th December 2009** in the staffroom.

The Family Portraits have been delivered to the school. If you have portraits to pickup, please do so from the office. If you haven't ordered photos yet, it is not too late. Please give your orders to the office. However, you won't qualify for the 10% discount.

CAROL SINGING EVENING. Thursday, 3rd December at 6.30pm.

All families are welcome for an evening of carol singing, supported by the PMPS All Comers Choir.



There will also be a number of guest performances. The evening will last approximately 1 and a 1/2 hours. Free coffee and tea, together with some Christmas treats, will be available. The event is FREE to attend.

SOCCER GAME:

Today, our Year 6 soccer team demolished a team from the New Zealand Police by 4-3. Player of the day was Luke Vine who was the goalie. It was a fun game and was played in a good spirit. PMS had a ring-in - the brother of a member of staff who is visiting from Nelson!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The next Board of Trustees meeting is to be held on **Wed, 16th December 2009** at 7.30pm.

FAMILY SPORTS AFTERNOON SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER—

2pm-5pm. An afternoon of seven fun events (including a water slide) run by a professional team of Manukau On The Move sport instructors will be held this Saturday at school. Food, drink and shaved ice will also be available. This event is also FREE to attend. Please come along at 1pm if you can help with the set up.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY:

This special assembly will be held on **Wednesday, 16th December 2009** commencing at 9.30am. We hope you will be able to attend our Awards Assembly to celebrate student achievement during 2010.

TEAM PHOTOS:

These are available for viewing in the office reception area. If you require a team photo, please send \$12.00 to school in an envelope stating your child's name, class and the team photo(s) you require. Envelopes are available at the office also.

HELPERS' MORNING TEA:

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER
YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

We would like to invite all helpers to the special morning tea on Friday. We value all help that we receive from parents and caregivers and this is our way of saying **THANK YOU.**

2010 STAFF:

Here is the staff for 2010.

Year 1 Carol Dickinson (T/L Yr 1&2)
Kristy Benjamin
Sheryl Farmer



We will need to start another class possibly in Term 2.

Year 2 Sandra Patterson **Year 5** Marie Wai Poi (TL 5 & 6)
Susan Matalavea Ella Dunn
Alice Lee Katie Robertson

Year 3 Jill McIntyre (T/L 3&4) Danie Jacobs (Y5&6)
Carol Frear **Year 6** Kevin Wroth
Balvinder Kaur Dawn Walker
Jane Davies Sheree Barker

Year 4 Joanne Hughson
Michelle Russell
Brianna Rule

We have some part time teachers, e.g. Roger Whatman 2 days per week as a PE/Sports Specialist; Gigi Milea (Maori Studies/Kapahaka) and we are trying to employ a music specialist.

ELLS Pauline Perkins (English Language Learners)

Office Lea Bryant and Sharon Clark

Librarian Jan Rooke

Caretaker Bruce Murray

We have some teacher aides in the school to help with student's learning.

REPORTS:

Teachers have completed written reports based on the achievement of students during 2009. Expect them home on Monday, 14th December. This still leaves a little time for parents to contact the teacher to discuss any issues. We will be reviewing our reporting on student achievement early in 2010 and will involve parents in the design of new reporting practices.

CLASSES FOR 2010.

Class lists for 2010 will be posted on the office windows on Tuesday, 26th January 2010.

UNIFORM SHOP:

The Uniform shop will be open in the office on Wednesday, 27th and Thursday 28th January from 10am to 2pm for the sale of polo shirts and hats, and second hand stock. On Wednesday, 3rd February, it will be open at the usual time of 8.15–9am in the Hall.

LIBRARY:

Stock taking is currently being carried out at present and we urgently require all library books returned. The first overdue notices have gone home today to students who have not yet returned their books.



LUNCH ROOM:

The lunchroom will be open again in 2010 on **MONDAY 8th DECEMBER.**

STATIONERY:

School stationery will be available from the Learning Tree, 254 Ti Rakau Drive, Pakuranga from the 18th January.

TERM DATES 2010:

Term 1 Wed 3 Feb to Thurs 1st April
Term 2 Mon 19 Apr to Fri 2nd July
Term 3 Mon 19 July to Fri 24th Sept
Term 4 Mon 11 Oct to Thurs 16th Dec

DATES TO NOTE:

Wed 2 Dec	Kapahaka to BBI
Thurs 3 Dec	PTA Carol Evening
Fri 4 Dec	Helpers morning tea
Fri 4 Dec	Y6 to Rainbows End
Sat 5 Dec	Family Sports Afternoon
Mon 7 Dec	Maori information evening
Tues 8 Dec	Junior Sports
Wed 9 Dec	PTA Meeting
Thurs 10 Dec	Junior school picnic
Mon 14 Dec	Reports go home
Wed 16 Dec	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 16 Dec	EOY Awards Assembly
Thur 17 Dec	School finishes for year at 12.00 noon
Tues 26 Jan	Classes for 2010 posted
Wed/Thurs 27/28 Jan	—Uniform shop open
Mon 1 Feb	Auckland Anniversary Day
Tues 2 Feb	Teacher Only Day
Wed 3 Feb	Term 1 2010 starts
Mon 8 Feb	ERO review for that week.

Communication audit. For your child to be in the draw for the icecream, please fill out this return slip. I have received the monthly newsletter from

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