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From the Principal

Our Red & Black day for Canterbury

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

New Student

Welcome to **Freddy Sayer** who began yesterday in Room 1. It is wonderful to have Freddy and his family join our school!



Core Teaching and Learning Beliefs

The third of our 5 beliefs is;

Have Self Belief

We believe that children need confidence in order to be happy to reach their full potential.

We will: -

- ✦ Provide an environment where every child is valued.
- ✦ Foster the notion that mistakes are learning opportunities.
- ✦ Recognise personal successes.
- ✦ Value uniqueness and individuality
- ✦ Encourage a resilient 'I can' attitude.
- ✦ Allow for development of own opinions.



What are your thoughts on this?

Rooms 6, 7 & 8 Otaki Forks Orientation Camp



The planning for next week's camp is well underway and is shaping up to be another wonderful experience for our children. Thank you in advance to the teachers for offering this camp and to parents who are going along to help. To those who haven't been, the leap off the rock into the waterhole is a memorable experience. Anyone that says that it is freezing cold is a wimp...!!!!

Open Evening/Picnic - tonight - if wet picnic in the classrooms or hall

Thank you in advance to everyone who is coming along tonight. The teachers find these sessions very useful as we continue to build and strengthen the links between home and school. A reminder that the teachers would appreciate it if the 'first contact sheets' were returned to school by Friday please. These were sent home yesterday with your child. Unfortunately some weren't handed out, so will come home today. Another sheet is in this newsletter for your convenience.

Life Education Trust

Paula and Harold the Giraffe from Life Education Trust have arrived and will be working with rooms 1-5. The classes will be learning about positive relationships with others and will complement the class programme. The truck is set up by the dental clinic. You are welcome to pop inside and have a look.



Mission Statement: *Our children, Our community, Our future.*

School Beach Day (Te Horo)

We are planning a school beach day on **Friday 9 March**. Years 6-8 have the option of riding their bikes with the rest of the school going in cars. We are hoping for a warm day where children and families can enjoy our local environment and complete a few fun beach day activities. Further details will follow in the coming weeks. **Paul Cockburn from Kapiti Cycles** in Otaki will be in on **Friday 2 March** to check all bikes that they are up to safety standards. We ask that all bikes are brought to school this day.



Wheels Day Fridays

We have decided that wheels can only be brought to school on Fridays. We have noted that with our increased numbers there are children whizzing everywhere and in the interest of safety believe that this is the safest way to manage this. Children are more than welcome to bike or scooter to school and it is great to see this occurring. We are negotiating with KCDC about the possibility of borrowing some of their 'new' scooter racks.

Nits.....

Nits are doing the rounds again (they never seem to go!). Please check your child's hair (boys and girls) for head lice. It is a good idea to do a weekly check as this will keep on top of the problem.

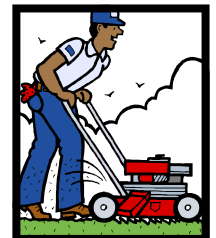
CCC – Coffee and Chat with Craig



Please note that this will be on Wednesday 7 March (2 weeks time). I will be on camp next week. **Brent Cherry** from KCDC will also be along to discuss our school travel plan and car parking etc. Brent will supply morning tea for parents and staff, please come along!

New Staff Member

Welcome to **Andy Cooper** who is our new caretaker/groundsman for our school. Andy has been looking after the pool for the last couple of years and it is great to have him on board! Thank you to Phil George who has been helping us out for the last year.



Stationery Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the stationery feedback form. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive!

Home and School

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting last night. The AGM is Tuesday March 13. We are looking to grow the committee and are keen to involve new families. If you are interested in joining please come along to the next meeting.

Kapa Haka

We are looking to run this again during our music programme. I have loved taking this; however the programme requires someone with greater knowledge than me. If you have kapa haka skills, or know of anyone who may be able to assist please let me know.

Waikanae Gymnastics Programme



For the last 2 years we have employed the services of the Waikanae Gymnastics club and taken our children to Waikanae for 6-8 sessions of gymnastics. The teachers value this programme and the feedback from the children is also very positive. Advantages are; qualified gymnastic coaches to teach/coach fundamental movement skills, real equipment

which is set up and allows for challenge and degrees of skill and it is fun! On the flip side we have found it difficult to always get enough parent transport and frequently teachers had to use their own cars with some parents making several trips. There is also a cost to hire the Waikanae Hall and pay for the coaching.

What do you think? Should we continue the programme? Would you be prepared to pay \$10 per pupil to cover transport costs? The school would still pay for the coaching? We will investigate the option of a bus; however we know that it costs approximately \$100 per trip to Waikanae. When this is multiplied by 4 trips per day over 16 weeks it becomes very expensive. We would appreciate any feedback on this matter. Thank you.

School Shows

Thank you to everyone who has paid their one off show payment. Please note there are to be 3 shows for the year, not 4 as stated on the stationery list. Shows cost between \$5 and \$6. Our first show for the year is Strike on March 1st. If you haven't paid your one off show payment would you please send \$5 via the clown's mouth. Many thanks.



Let's Carpool

Message from KCDC

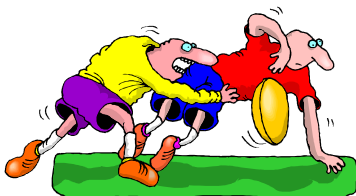
Let's Carpool is the region-wide carpooling service that uses a sophisticated mapping tool to help people in the region share rides and save money on transport costs.

Te Horo school has a wide catchment area with many parents coming in from outside the local area. Let's Carpool is a great tool to help you see if other parents are coming in from the same place, so you can take turns driving and save yourself money and time.

All you need to do is register at <http://www.letscarpool.govt.nz> and enter "Te Horo School" as your workplace. It might take a while to build up the database for our school, but the more people that register, the more chances you'll find a match! Once you've registered, you'll see a map of your start and finish locations and a list of others travelling in the same direction. The more flexibility you choose (i.e., can pick up from 5km away), the more options you'll see.

Your address details are not published on the site, only the nearest intersection to your house. You'll need to put your email address and phone number though, so people have a way to contact you. Over 2100 people in the region are using the service already so give it a go today!

Craig Vidulich
Principal



Last thoughts....

Super rugby kicks off this week. Do you still support the Canes or like me are still bitter and twisted about losing the stars last year? Have you moved your support elsewhere? Are you focusing on the Breakers, Phoenix, Black Caps and Warriors or do you even care.....?

Wow - I have just begun the 'Steve Jobs' biography. It will be a big read but is already a fascinating page turner as it talks of Steve's early life, impact of teachers and school and his family. One of the world's real clever guys!

Teachers help small things grow.

First Contact Information Sheet

The classroom teachers would like to gather information from children, parents and caregivers to help with their learning and development for the year. Please take a few minutes to fill in this questionnaire and bring it along to the open evening or return it to school by Friday 24 February. Please also involve your child in this process. Thank you!!

Child's Name:

Room:

What are your hopes for your child for 2012 at school?

List your child's interests, hobbies and strengths

Any further comments or questions

Signed: _____



Hands up if you would like to join us!

The Home and School Association is a group of dedicated parents whose primary function is to raise funds to support the teaching and learning of the students. We are also involved with raising funds for and helping with property development within the school environment. Our major fund raising goal is building a new school hall.

We run major fundraising events throughout the year with Paddy's Mart being the biggest event on our calendar. It is rewarding work and there is a wonderful sense of community spirit among the members.

We meet monthly in the staffroom and would love to see you there. Our next meeting is our AGM on the 13th of March at 7.30pm. This is a great one to attend as we celebrate our year's fund raising while welcoming new members and say goodbye to retiring ones. We hope to see you there.

Kylie Morete (Chairperson)

Coming Events

27-29 February	Room 6,7, and 8 Otaki Forks camp
29 February	Board of Trustees meeting 7:30pm in the boardroom
1 March	Strike — Term 1 show 2:00pm in the school hall \$5 per pupil
2 March	Bike check
7 March	C.C.C. - Coffee and Chat with Craig 9:00am in the staffroom
9 March	Beach Day
13 March	Home and School AGM followed by monthly meeting
5 April	End of term 1
23 April	Start of term 2
29 June	End of term 2
16 July	Start of term 3
September	Gottcha Photography doing school photos (date to be confirmed)
28 September	End of term 3
15 October	Start of term 4
20 December	End of term 4

The Te Horo School Travel Plan meeting is to be held on Wednesday the 7th of March at 9.00am at Te Horo School.

Kapiti Coast District Council will be providing morning tea at the school – from 9.00am.

At the meeting I will be presenting the results from the school travel plan survey, where 58% of survey respondents raised concerns about parking and the dangers outside the school at morning drop off and afternoon pickup.

Darren Price, the KCDC Road Network Engineer, will report on the design proposals and the ground survey results for car parking opposite the school. He will also discuss landscaping, traffic calming approaches and an entranceway to the school.

Darren's proposals are to encourage feedback and allow for the school community to participate in the design.

Other issues for discussion and planning:

1. How to promote active travel to the school? Parents have volunteered to run a Walking School Bus and a Cycle Train (similar to walking school bus but with cycles). There has also been interest in the idea that children ride their horses to school.
2. Further engagement with the trucking community.
3. Feedback on the carpooling initiatives.
4. Speed outside school – request in survey for reduced speed limit on School Road, students are currently conducting a speed survey using speed guns.
5. Contacting School Road homeowners re driveways
6. Scooter racks.



I will give feedback about bus route discussions with Dennis Edgecombe from Multiserve.

Darren and I will also talk to staff during their morning break about the designs and options.

I am also prepared to meet in the evening if this time isn't suitable.

Thanks

Brent Cherry

Gavin Lafrentz

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Community Notices

Lost—ONE PAIR OF BLACK WITH A WHITE STRIPE SPEEDO'S. LOST AT THE SWIMMING POOL, Belonging to Nic Bushe. If you have picked them up by error please return to Nic in Room 5.

Registration day for all grades. JBN to JB9
Wednesday March 7th Time 5.00pm to 7.00 pm
Kamo Rugby Clubrooms Butler Place
Kamo

'Wheels" evening at Otaki Kindergarten

Inviting whanau to bring their own picnic tea and children with bicycles/tricycles ...

At **Tuesday, 6th March, 5.30 p.m**

Otaki Swimming Pool—come and join the fun at Aqua aerobics 2012. We have classes to suit everyone. Monday 6:00pm high impact with Tracy. Tuesday/Thursday 10am low impact/pregnancy with Kate (9am term 1). Wednesday 6pm high impact with Kate. Friday 7:00pm high impact with Tracy. \$5 per class each, class runs for 45 minutes. Anyone welcome. For enquiries please ring Otaki Pool on 3645542.

Sunday Family Fun days starting 18 March. The Otaki swimming pool will be running family fun days 3rd Sunday of every month. There will be different games, spot prizes, theme days, cool music and more. \$3.00 entry fee. Come along and join in the fun, anyone welcome. Again please ring the Otaki Pool on 3645542.



I'm looking for some good second hand ballet shoes. Size 12 or 13. Please call Karen on 06-364-5893 or text 021-0257-1545



TEEN BOOK SALE

Waikanae Library...\$1 per book...starts Thursday 23rd February...lots of great bargains!

SOCCER PLAYERS WANTED – 5 year olds to Masters

Otaki Sports Club – Tennis, Squash and Soccer

We have teams for juniors (5 to 14 years) and Seniors in Local Divisions (serious or social). Membership allows you access to Soccer, Squash and Tennis facilities. Season starts late March for seniors (come down to Haruatai Park for a run Wednesday nights at 6-30 pm). Juniors start 21 April.

Membership details available on our website www.sportsground.co.nz/otakisportsclub.

Registration Days at Haruatai Park clubrooms on Saturday 3 March 1-3 pm, and Tuesday 6 March 6-8 pm. Or contact Kerry Bevan: kerry.bevan@gmail.com or 063647534 or 0274056635.

FUN SOCCER for 5 - 6 years

Organised by the Otaki Sports Club. 3-4pm on Sundays for soccer skills and fun games at Otaki College. Inside the gym if it is wet. Great introduction to soccer. Starts 21 April. Contact Kerry Bevan to register: kerry.bevan@gmail.com or 063647534 or 0274056635.

Otaki celebrates Children's Day

Sunday 4 March 11-3pm

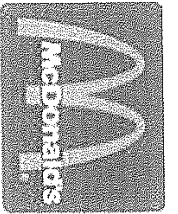
Haruatai Pool and Park, Mill Rd, Otaki.

Free pool access, free activities, free giveaways.

Face painting, jeeps, bouncy castle, merry-go-round, social cricket and games.

Bring a picnic, or sausage sizzle & drinks on sale.

Contact Cr Penny Gaylor 027 664 8869 or penny.gaylor@kapiti.govt.nz



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Kapiti Fun Run
2012



Sunday 11 March from 8:15 am

Paraparumu Beach Circuit 0.5, 1.5, and 2.5 Km

At \$3:00 per Student

Approximate race times: 8:15 to 8:25 for 5-6 years (0.5km)

8:30 to 8:40 for 7-10 years (1.5km)

8:45 to 9:00 for 11 + years (2.5km)

Late Registration from 7.45 am

Primary School students only may compete but parents and teachers may run in all categories to encourage the students.

Winners in all categories will be presented with trophies at a prize giving dinner (date TBC) to conclude this event. All participants will receive a Medallion.

The Start /Finish is on Paraparumu Beach at the end of the Mclean Street shops running from the creek beside the Paraparumu Boating Club, along the beach southwards and back to the Start/Finish line.

Where possible, the course will be marked with poles and most of it will be on the hard packed sand. A sign will be placed at the halfway point of each race so runners turn around and run back to the Start/Finish line

The early start time is necessary as the low tide time is 6:13am.

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Paraparumu
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The Rotary Club of Kapiti Inc

MCDONALD'S ANNUAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS FUN RUN

If your school is participating, please complete the forms attached for each student in the category they will run in.

If there is any other information you need that has not been supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Race Programme Details are on the attached sheet.

Registrations When complete, send them to the P O Box listed below by **Wednesday 7 March.**

Late Registrations These will be accepted on Race Day from 7.45 am at the Start/Finish line tent

Drinks Drinks will be provided at the end of each race although it is advisable for runners to have their own drink supply as well

Food A BBQ will be available

Weather The race will take place irrespective of the weather conditions

Medals These will be given out to all runners after the race. If the fields are big so we have insufficient medallions, those not getting one on the day will have their names taken and a medallion will be sent to their school for them at a later date. The first three place runners will receive a gold medal with all other runners receiving a medallion.

Trophies The first boy and girl in each race will receive a personal trophy to be presented at McDonald's at a date to be announced, approximately 6 weeks after the race.

Entry Postage Send your school entries and, if possible, the entry fees to:

Rotary Club of Kapiti
P O Box 1406
Paraparumu Beach 5032

We look forward to seeing you and the pupils on the day.

Ralph Lane
04 483 8278 ralph.jill@xtra.co.nz

Enviroclub help

The Enviroclub is under way for the year, with 20 children involved.

We're hoping for some more parent/adult help. Time commitment is 1-2pm each Wednesday, with a monthly meeting on a Thursday before school.

You could take a group about a subject that interests you, or join us in the garden area.

Please email liz.grayh@gmail.com or phone on 364 2487.

Many thanks, Liz Gray, Mrs Bee and Peter Rahr

School Lunches

School lunches have resumed as the same as last year. Lunches are available everyday from the School Office and on a Friday only from New World in Otaki. Attached are the menus. Many thanks to **Phoebe Ellis**, **Stacey Allan** and **Toni FitzGerald** who do a grand job collating the orders and stocking up the freezer, and to **Jacqui Shearman** who collects the New World lunches every Friday and delivers them to school, you are all much appreciated.

LUNCH ORDERS - FRIDAYS ONLY

Put the envelope with the code, child's name, room number and, if possible, correct change through the clown's mouth by 9:00am please.

Key to codes:

A:	Ham sandwich, muesli bar, 125ml Just Juice, apple	\$3.50
B:	Ham sandwich, muesli bar, 125ml Just Juice, Banana	\$3.50
C:	Chicken salad sandwich, muesli bar, 125ml Just Juice, apple	\$3.50
D:	Chicken salad sandwich, muesli bar, 125ml Just Juice, banana	\$3.50
E:	Potato top pie, muesli bar, 125ml Just Juice, apple	\$4:00
F:	Potato top pie, muesli bar, 125ml Just Juice, banana	\$4.00

NB: The chicken salad sandwich has lettuce and tomato in it.

School Lunches every day from the staff kitchen at 12:30pm

ORDERS TO BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE WITH CHILD'S NAME ON IN THE BLUE AND WHITE BOX INSIDE THE OFFICE DOOR PLEASE.

Dried fruit		\$1.20
Chicken & Veggie Pie	Small	\$1.50
Mince Pie	Small	\$1.50
Hot Bites Potato Top Pie	Small	\$1.50
Mince n Cheese Pie	Small	\$1.50
Hot Bites Classic Apple Pie		\$1.50
Rapperz Hawaiian Calzone		\$2.00
Hot Bites Spaghetti Volcanoes		\$2.00
Mince Pie		\$2.00
Hot Bites Mince & Cheese Pie		\$2.00
New Potato Top Pie		\$2.00
Hot Bites Hawaiian Pizza		\$2.00