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TE PUKE

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

newsletter no.4



COMING EVENTS

TECT VOTING FORM

MARCH

- 30 Year 8 conferences begin
- Sport Ed group at Te Hapai Rangatahi

APRIL

- 1 BOT Meeting
- 1 First Tai Mitchell trial
- 2 School Disco – “War and Peace” theme
- 8 Second Tai Mitchell trial.
- 9 Last day of term – Easter and holidays
- 27 First day of Term 2.

WINTER UNIFORMS

It is starting to get a little chilly in the mornings and students now require a school sweatshirt. It is your choice whether you purchase a cotton or polar fleece sweatshirt for your child. Thermals and extra items worn under the school polo shirt are not acceptable nor are scarves.

A reminder that Roman Sandals can be worn all year if your child wishes but they cannot be worn with socks. The school winter shoe is a black, leather, lace up shoe. These are worn with white socks or for girls, with Navy tights/stockings.

Three quarter leggings may not be worn underneath school skirts. There are school uniform trackpants available if your child particularly feels the cold.

School Hats will be collected next week by teachers, washed here and kept at school so that when Term 4 comes around we still have all the hats we have right now. We will record all those handed in and will ensure that it gets handed back to your child clean at the beginning of Term 4.

TECT VOTING FORMS

If you are a TECT account-holder, you will have received a voting paper.

We ask you to vote for continuance of 20% of TECT funds going to the community.

Tick Box A – remain with the status quo.

Te Puke Intermediate, like many other organizations has received grants from TECT that are of vital importance to us – and we expect we may again be seeking TECT support in the future.

So many people in the community have benefited from these grants – Accident victims, Cancer patients, School children, The disabled, Sports people, Church groups, Arts groups and there are countless more projects and groups and organizations all receiving vital support, each and every year.

Your vote will support us and will also support your community – yourself, your friends, your children and grandchildren. Vote for the continuation of TECT grants.

Tick Box A – remain with the status quo.



Horo and “The Boys” from Te Mana



HMNZS Te Mana

House Points ...will updated next newsletter!

Te Ihi Te Mauri Te Mana Te Wehi
... an announcement will be made next term

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HIP HOP SUCCESS

You will no doubt have read in the paper about the tremendous success on our Hip Hop team. This week they travel to Auckland to compete in the National Street Dance Champs – “Good Luck Gridlock Crew” – we are very proud of you and wish you the best. Thank you to Miss Sarah Martin, Lianne Goodwin and Weteri Williams for their generous support of the crew.

STAFF CHANGES FOR TERM 2

Mrs Rowan Barton leaves us at the end of this Term to go on Maternity Leave for the rest of 2009. We wish her and her husband Damien all the very best for their upcoming event and wish them well for the exciting, rewarding and sometimes challenging times that lie ahead. We will miss Mrs Barton’s wonderful teaching expertise but will look forward to her returning in 2010. Mrs Arthur is moving across into the Learning Support Room to replace Mrs Barton as SENCO and so Room 13 has a new classroom teacher. Mrs Tiopira joins the Te Puke Intermediate Staff as the classroom teacher for Room 13 and they have been fortunate to get to know her over the last few weeks. Mrs Tiopira has taught in our school before and at many other local schools – welcome to TPI Mrs Tiopira.

ATTENDANCE...NOTIFYING SCHOOL

PLEASE let us know by phone if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness. On Monday this week there were 55 students absent from school with only 17 messages informing us of the absence. This consumed a lot of time phoning each and every home to find out where children were and why they were not at school. This is important and we really appreciate those of you who ring religiously and leave a message. If everybody could do it we could get busy doing other things!

BOYS PROGRAMME

Last Friday a group of 16 boys travelled to the Redwoods for a unique experience. They were the invited guests of the Royal New Zealand Navy. Twenty one Sailors from the crew of TE MANA took our boys and Mr Mac into the bush tramping, navigating and completing a Burma trail blindfolded. There will be more in the paper but here are a few photos ...



Zak in the Redwoods



Our Boys

SCHOOL DISCO

This Thursday 2 April we have our first school disco in the gym from 7-9pm. The theme is “War and Peace” in conjunction with our school wide Inquiry theme. Students will be issued with an invitation tomorrow which has the permission slip attached – this must come to the disco with your child as their entry ticket along with the entry fee of \$4.

Some students may not receive an invitation due to behaviour during Term1.

PARENT TUTORING

We are on the look out for volunteers to help with Reading tutoring – parents, grandparents, surrogate grandparents – anyone who would like to be involved in listening to students read on a regular basis.

If you have the time and are interested in helping with this please phone our school office and ask to speak to Mrs Lyn Crone.

Regards:

Have a happy and safe Easter and school holidays. School returns on Monday 27 April.

Jill Weldon *Principal*