

**Tuesday, 01 March 2016**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

*Kia ora koutou*

*Here we are halfway through the term already, with lots happening in student learning, leadership and in our positive learning for behaviour program. We are looking forward to our Open Evening tomorrow night, 5:30 through to 7:30. Parents with two or more children can choose who they will visit first at 5:30 and then move to their other child's classes before 6:15 to then move over to the field area for games and dinner. This is not a Parent-Teacher Interview, but it is an opportunity to meet your children(s) teachers to learn about the classroom routines, expectations and teaching programs.*

*I would like to congratulate and thank our teachers who for the last few years have really embraced science and are taking this to a more in depth level. We receive some very positive feedback from colleges and high schools in regard to this.*

*This year our school has further introduced the teaching of Coding (the language of computer programming). This is a specialist area for our Year 5-8 students. Year 5/6 will receive basic tuition with year 7/8 receiving tuition in advanced levels and higher. This is an innovative and modern approach to learning, especially in Primary Schools in New Zealand. We are proud and privileged to offer this to our students for their future innovative pathways.*

*As you know we had an ERO review in November, and we are delighted with our very positive ERO Report which is on the website so feel free to read at your leisure— [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) . A special thanks to our Board of Trustees and Senior Management and staff for their amazing contributions to all of this.*

*2016 is a Board Election Year—this will take place in May. Nominations open on the 6th of May and must be received by the 20th May with voting closing on the 3rd of June. All voting papers will be sent to eligible parents/ caregivers soon after nominations close. Maybe this is something you are interested in and would like to be a school trustee. Please feel free to come and discuss this with either myself or a current board member or attend a BOT meeting as an observer.*

*Have a great week everybody.*

*Kind Regards Jan Robertson, Principal*

Have you visited the School Office recently?..... We need your vote!!

**'VOTE FOR the MOST IMPORTANT thing to help you learn'.....**

The Ministry of Education would like to hear from you— Please visit the School Office and select your preference by placing a chip in the MOST important selected category box from the four categories concerning different learning -

- People who know me well
- Everyone expects the best of me
- Teachers who cater to my needs interests and strengths
- When I feel safe welcome and cared for/ Cast your vote on the information board located in the office.



**WEARABLE ARTS 2016**

Students can make a costume/or accessorize at home. Parents are allowed to help.

**Categories: A.—Accessories** (can be done at home or school):

= Shoes, Hats, Handbags/Manbags, Jewellery, Glasses

**Category C.— Costumes:** (Can be made at home with/without parent help) —

Themes are as follows:

- 1) NZ Water-Swamp Thing, Taniwha, rainbow, Rivers, Lakes, etc.
- 2) Recycled—any theme you like
- 3) Cosmic Couture High Fashion of the future, shiny, iridescent, illuminated.
- 4) Minecraft inspired
- 5) Pacifica Nature / Fauna / Flora

**Garments must be made from:** Household, industrial, manmade waste (nothing new), Reused, recycled clothing, objects and fabric offcuts. **\*\*Garments must be able to walk up stairs onto the catwalk, for the 2 performances. Do not bring any accessories or completed costumes to school until we ask for them (After Easter sometime).**

**\*\*Parade will be held during Week 11—Wednesday, 13th April\***

**2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

**If you are interested in having your child/ren participate in these upcoming assessments, you simply need to complete the registration form (available via the school office). The school will send an invoice at a later date with payment details and options. The cost of each test is approximately \$10.**

**Supporting success in your school.**

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

**\$1,000**

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016. ASB lending criteria, and terms apply. Fees may apply. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property. This donation offer is only available when you apply for new home lending through an ASB branch, contact centre or mobile lending manager. Other terms apply. For full details and to download the voucher visit [asb.co.nz/schoolbanking](http://asb.co.nz/schoolbanking).

"I can't always control my thoughts, but I CAN choose how I respond to them"

## Friendly Reminders

**\*\*Have you read through and discussed with your child / signed & returned the Conifer Grove CYBER SAFETY PLEDGE yet?**

Do you have unwanted plastic bags?? Our Uniform Shop is short so please drop unwanted plastic bags to the Shop or to the School Office. Thank you.

**2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) information/permission slips have been sent home today. Please read through and discuss, if you are interested in your child to participate, please sign the form and return to the office or teacher. \*Forms need to be signed and returned to the office NO LATER THAN April 11th, thank you! (RENAMED FROM AUSTRALIAN NSW TESTING) EASTER HOLIDAY**

**Please note that Easter break is from Good Friday, 25th March, 28th March – Monday and also includes Tuesday, 29th March this year—there will be no school on these days. Enjoy the nice extra long weekend with your families!**



## Community Notices



**Drury United Football Club (soccer)** - registrations now open, teams to suit all ages & abilities, great coaches & development programmes.

See our website for info: [www.druryfootball.co.nz](http://www.druryfootball.co.nz) or contact Angela Ph: 297 7483 Mob: 021 0299 8230



**GirlGuiding** for your daughter... Pippins is the beginning of an exciting adventure as part of the Guiding journey. We help girls to make new friends, tackle challenges, enjoy activities, earn badges and learn to appreciate and respect the environment and the community. Your nearest Pippin unit meets at the Papakura Guide Hall. For days and times, phone 0800 484 331 (0800 GUIDE1)

## TERM DIARY 2016



<b>TOMORROW</b> 02 March	<b>SCHOOL OPEN EVENING/MEET THE TEACHERS THEN A PTA SPECIAL FUN EVENT FOR FAMILIES 5:30-7:30p.m.</b>
04 March	Intermediate Zone Swimming
08 March TO 11 March	<b>HAEMATA RECYCLING TRIP(S)</b> Tuesday 8th: CS 21 & CS 20 Wednesday 9th: CS 22 & CS 18 Thursday 10th: CS 15 & CS 19 Friday 11th: CS 17 & CS 16
25 March TO 29 March	Easter Friday—NO SCHOOL Easter Monday— NO SCHOOL Easter Tuesday—NO SCHOOL
11 April	CS 1, CS 2 and CS 3 off to Auckland Museum
12 April	CS R, CS 4 and CS 5 off to Auckland Museum
13 April	<b>**WEARABLE ARTS PARADE**</b>
15 April	<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b> LAST DAY OF TERM 1
02 May	First Day of Term 2
29 October	Marimba Festival– ASB Stadium

**\*\*WANTED\*\* - BOOKCLUB COORDINATOR** -Can you spare a few hours, twice a term to ensure our students get great deals with SCHOLASTIC bookclubs?



The person who continues this work will need access to the internet at home, all training provided. A great opportunity to serve our school community! Contact the school office if you are interested or have further questions.

## PTA NEWS

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US**

**\*\*\* TOMORROW NIGHT \*\*\*:**

### 2016 School Open Evening

2nd March 2016

The school will be open from 5.30pm – 7.30pm for a family evening to meet teachers and take part in a family picnic and games evening.

#### 5.30pm

Parents and students to go to classrooms to meet teachers and listen to a short presentation about their child's class -goals and expectations -2016 year programs

There will also be written information covering team/class expectations for you to take home. This is not a parent interview, but it is a chance to meet your child's teacher and discuss communication avenues for 2016.

#### 6.15pm

Picnic on the field (please bring your own)  
For sale will be:  
Sausages \$1.50  
Ice Blocks \$1.50

#### 6.45 – 7.30pm

Games & activities organised by the PTA

**\*\*FREE UPCOMING HEALTH SCREENING!\*\***

## FREE DIABETES TESTS

OUR MOBILE VAN WILL BE IN YOUR AREA:

DATE: Wednesday 23rd March 2016

TIME: 10am – 3.30pm

WHERE: TAKANINI FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE  
8 Oakleigh Ave, Takanini

Contact: DNZAB Mobile number: 021 249 0453

### Counties Manukau Rugby School Holiday Programme

Year 5 to Year 8 students -6.30am - 3pm  
\$38 a session

Papakura Rugby Club, Massey Park, 18th April

Bring boots, mouthguard, lunch & water bottle

Register at your school office or visit Junior Rugby on our website - [steekr.co.nz](http://steekr.co.nz)



### WELLINGTON PHOENIX SOCCER SCHOOL

Learn to play the Wellington Phoenix way!

Wellington Phoenix Soccer School | @WGNPhoenixSS

E admin@wpss.org.nz | P +64 9 634 7726 | PO Box 17246, Greenlane, Auckland, New Zealand 1546

### Wellington Phoenix Soccer School Term 1 Holiday Programme

Cost - \$150 - includes free WPSS training T Shirt for first time registrations.

For ages 5-12 yrs old. Visit [www.wpss.org.nz](http://www.wpss.org.nz) for more information and to find out locations for the programs



**Papakura Fun Run**  
Free Local Community Event.

2 Courses: 5km Run & 3.5k push/walk  
When?: 13th March 2016 10am Start  
Where?: Bruce Pulman Park

Registration on the day and Certificates on completion. For more information visit [www.cmsport.co.nz](http://www.cmsport.co.nz) or ring Guy Barton 029 437 1058

Papakura Local Board

### \*\*Dog Access Rules - Survey\*\*

The Papakura Local Board is reviewing dog access rules in their area and would like to know what dog access rules should be in place on local parks and beaches. To collect some initial thoughts and localised views there is an on-line survey regarding thoughts on existing rules, and what changes are required, if any. The on-line survey is available from Saturday 20 February 2016 to Sunday, 6 March 2016. [www.shapeauckland.co.nz](http://www.shapeauckland.co.nz)