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RANGIWAEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #5

4th March 2010

It is halfway through the term and the teachers have begun testing and assessing where our children are in the Literacy and Numeracy Curriculum areas. We are identifying areas of strength and areas of development so the classroom programmes and teaching meet the needs of all of our students. The results and outcomes of each assessment will be shared with the children and then the Parents and Caregivers at our Parent Teacher Conferences in Week 8.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone who have given messages of support after the accident on Saturday. It was a truly scary outcome from a small fall. I have passed the messages on to Brent, Sarah, Alexandra and Gabrielle and the children took some time on Monday to make cards and these were sent on to Christchurch. We all wish Gabby the absolute best recovery and we hope they return to Wanganui sooner rather than later.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

The Nomination forms for the Board of Trustees Election have been posted today. Please watch out for the forms in the mail. A frequently asked question is; Can anyone stand in a Board of Trustees election? The answer; Yes, any person interested can stand, however, they must be nominated by a Parent/Caregiver from the 2010 Parent Roll. Remember that the Election spans across the school holidays so why not get the thinking and nominating done before the Term End!

BUILDING UPDATE

School has been a hive of activity this week with painters, electricians, builders and carpet layers. We are getting very close to finishing. We have set the Official Opening for 1:15pm on Friday 23rd April. Our Member of Parliament, Simon Power has agreed to open the new building and we look forward to hosting him for the afternoon. Could everyone, please, keep that afternoon free, as we would love to see as many of you as possible at this happy event.

Maryann Roberts, Principal

Board of Trustees:

Chairperson: Sheryl Donald (phone 388 0166)

Principal: Maryann Roberts

Staff Representative: Wendy Bell

BOT Members: Bruce Maher Geoff Donald
 Brent Thomsen Alan Clapperton



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Board of Trustees Elections

Arthur Bell is our Returning Officer, nominations close on **Friday 23rd April** and the Election will be held until **Friday 7th May**. The newly appointed Board of Trustees takes office on 14th May. Please ask one of our current trustees or our Returning Officer for further information. Nominations can be left at school in the confidential posting box.

School Donations and Stationery

Please pay at the School Office or payment can be sent in an envelope to school.

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Sausage Sizzle

Sausage Sizzle is **NOT** on tomorrow due to our Senior Class being away at Rural Swimming Sports.

Rural Swimming Sports – Senior Room

The Rural Swimming Sports are this Friday 5th March at the Taihape Pool. Come and support our children! If you do not have transport, please come to school as the Local Van will be operating to and from the Pools. Waiouru children may travel directly to Taihape. Children have a notice about the transport arrangements.

Sun Hats, Water Bottles and Togs

Please remember that these items need to be at school, everyday. Especially togs. We are still swimming every day. Though the evenings have been cooler of late, we are putting the cover on in the evening which helps keep the water temperature up to 3deg warmer. The afternoons are often warm and muggy and a dip in the pool helps the children cool off for the rest of the day.

Technology – Year 7 & 8 Children

We have been advised that the Technology Teacher is away for an operation and so Technology will not go ahead for the next two weeks. All going well, it will resume on Thursday 18th March. We will keep you posted for any up-dates.

Junior Swimming Sports

Please note that the date has been brought forward. The Junior Swimming Sports will be held on Thursday 18th of March at the Taihape Pool. Please complete the enclosed permission form and return it to the classroom teacher by Thursday 11th March.

Rangiwaea School Fundraising Committee Meeting

There is a Fundraising Committee (previously named PTA) Meeting next Tuesday 9th March **7:00pm** in the Senior Classroom. All parents and interested parties welcome to attend. Come and share your idea's!

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is Wednesday 17th March **7:00pm** in the Senior Classroom. All parents welcome to attend. Come and see how a Board meeting goes.

Country Netball

The Netball season is coming around fast and we would like to get an indication of numbers of children interested in playing this season for Country netball. Also we realise that Wednesdays are busy for a lot of girls with dancing commitments when we had netball practices last season. It is an option to change it to Tuesday afternoons so that players can make practices and continue dancing as well. Could anyone that is interested please email Ju Chrystall by the end of the week at richju71@farmside.co.nz or phone her 3881500 with the age of their child, and if Tuesday would be a better option. Also we will once again need coaches for the teams so if anyone is interested let her know also. We don't have a definite date for opening day but will be at the start of May. Ju will let you know as soon as possible.

Taihape Junior Soccer Incorporated Registration Day

This is for boys and girls 6-13years old. We will have a sausage sizzle and will be kicking some balls around. When: Saturday 13th March 10am – 12noon. Where: St Joseph's School field. For further information contact Toby Schweikert on 388 0608 or toby@greenhaus.co.nz

End of Term Date

I am aware that I had two differing dates on the Term Calendar in the Newsletter, at the beginning of this Term. Our finishing date for this term is **THURSDAY 1ST APRIL.**

Have a great weekend!

Maryann Roberts and Staff

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