



Hataitai School Newsletter

Thursday February 17th
2011

Term 1 Week 3



Calendar

BOT Meeting - <i>Thursday</i>	17 th February
School Picnic - <i>Friday</i>	18 th February
(Postponement Date - <i>Friday</i>)	25 th February
Last day of Term - <i>Friday</i>	15 th April

Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 2011.

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of Week 3. The days seem to be happily and quickly going by. I have been so impressed with the wonderful polite and respectful responses the school community and myself have been receiving from many of the children.

On Monday I was invited to the grand opening of Whakaari. Thank you to all the parents and families who were able to come along and attend this exciting event. I was thrilled to be given a guided tour by the children through Whakaari earlier that day. The children spoke knowledgably about the way they have set up their learning area and they already have a good understanding of 'The Hataitai Way'. Thank you Claire, Hannah, and Sarah for your excellent efforts.

Included in the newsletter this week is our first instalment of 'Mutterings from a Mother'. I hope you enjoy reading this article as much as I did when we received it! Sincere thanks to Merryn Best for this.

Today a notice called 'Hataitai Field Trips' is being sent home for each family. Please could these forms be completed and sent back to the school office as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday 23rd February. Many thanks.

This Friday we will be going on our annual school picnic to Scorching Bay. Please come along and join in the fun and relaxation with us. We ask that your child has suitable sun protection for the day. The fundraising committee will be selling ice blocks during the day. I look forward to meeting many more of you on Friday.

Kind regards, Jacinta



Eyes wide open



Make the Right Choice



Bring out the Best



Reach for the Stars

Included This Week

BOT Notice
Fundraising Focus
Community News
Sports News

Our School Motto:

**'Kia Kaha
Kia Toa'**

'Be Strong – Be Brave'

Mutterings from a mother...

Last week you should have received a letter on pink paper asking you to provide emergency supplies for your children to be kept at school. I say should because I eventually found ours scrunched up in the bottom of a school bag on Friday. I had been wondering why I'd seen mothers struggling in the gate carrying large bottles of water and cans of food...

Some of you may be thinking it's a bit OTT and that schools are over-reacting...and I'd have to say that once upon a time I would have agreed with them, but let me share a little story with you that may change your mind...

Sept 4th, 2010. The phone rings @ 7am. It's my mother calling from Christchurch. "There's been an earthquake but we're ok." Now, my mother is prone to being over-dramatic, so our initial response was slightly less empathetic than it should have been. You all know the rest. No power, no water, homes destroyed, liquefaction and so on. Still I don't think we really understood how traumatic and devastating it was.

Spring forward to Boxing Day 2010, Christchurch. I'm outside with my father and my husband and boys are inside. I hear a train coming and vaguely wonder where it is as my parents live no-where near a railway line...the next minute Pa and I are clinging on to each other as the ground literally bubbled underneath us. Fortunately the earthquake drills at school and kindy had done their trick and my husband found the boys holding on to each other in the doorway. Terrified, but safe. No power again, and 25 aftershocks over the next few hours. No-one slept for the next two nights and we came home to Wellington early as a result.

Christchurch was caught on the hop in September, and had the original earthquake happened on a week day the ramifications would have been far worse. Most obviously, kids would have been at school, many of which had little or no emergency supplies.

I will be bringing my bottles of water and cans of food in tomorrow. I hope that the school never has to use them, but if the teachers are ever in the situation where they have to care for my son in an emergency I will take comfort in knowing that they have everything they will need to keep him safe.

**Cheers
Merryn**

A MEETING OF HATAITAI SCHOOL'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Thursday 17 February 2011, 6:30pm

AGENDA

Meeting objective
Welcoming Jacinta and Setting Direction for the Year

1. Parental input

- Please contact¹ Chairperson or Principal if you wish to speak at a Board meeting.²

2. Principal's report

- Covering curriculum; achievement; people; environment; finance & strategy

3. Finance

- Confirmation of monthly P&L
- Draft 2011 budget
- Set donations and activity fees for 2011 with invoices to go out before the end of February.

4. Strategy and review

- Teacher registrations confirmed
- Draft 2011 annual plan
- Sports fees policy and procedures

5. Policy

- National Standards self evaluation
- Finance compliance

6. Property

- Revised maintenance plan
- Development opportunities and priorities

7. Personnel

- Support staff contracts
- Staff performance management

8. Other business

- Between-meeting matters
- Hazard management
- Emergency preparedness

9. Administration

- Confirmation of minutes of last meeting
- Matters arising from previous minutes
- Outgoing correspondence
- Incoming correspondence
- Clarifications required/outstanding matters from this meeting

10. Communications

- BoT communications (e.g. matters arising from this meeting)
- National Standards Training
- Other

11. Next meeting

- 6.30pm, Thursday March 17, 2011

12. In Committee

- If required

¹ Jacinta Simpson (386 1510) or the Mark Williams mark@williams-unlimited.co.nz)

² any members of the public wishing to speak at Board meetings need to seek permission from the Chairperson or Principal prior to the meeting. In certain circumstances, permission may not be granted to speak at an open meeting and other arrangements will be made.

Fundraising Focus

Iceblocks this Friday

We're coming to you! We will be bringing a couple of chilly bins of iceblocks to the school picnic at Scorching Bay on Friday, so bring your \$1 to the beach and we can help you cool down with a random selection of lemonade, cola and traffic light flavours.

Should the picnic be postponed, we will still have iceblocks available for sale at school near the trees in the middle pitch.

Fundraising Feedback

Wishlist

We're still waiting for feedback from the teachers on their priorities and wishlist for this year, but if there is anything you think we should be spending our fundraising money on, we'd like to hear your views too. Do you think we need a wireless microphone for assemblies or more TV screens for the classrooms, or astro-turf for the bottom pitch, or Mathsletics for the whole school, or books for the library, or a coffee machine for the staffroom? We'd like to know!

Events

Do you have an idea for a fundraising event? (Please note that if you suggest it, you don't necessarily **have** to organise it!) We've had a couple of suggestions already, which sound promising and we're going to investigate further. All ideas gratefully received!

Meetings

We are aiming to have monthly meetings to refine our fundraising plans and track our progress. We have traditionally met during the day, but as we all get busier, this may not work for everyone. If you'd like to help, let us know when is best for you (mornings / afternoons / evenings / specific days / times etc), so we can arrange meetings to suit..

Thanks to those who have already put their names down, but remember we are always looking for new **ideas, help, and enthusiasm**. It's not too late to put your hand up! You are not committed for life, or even for more than one event.

Please send feedback to us at fundraising@hataitai.school.nz

Quaffer's Quiz

Just a reminder we are looking for some tantalising auction items (suitable for a silent or loud auction. We've already had a couple of people offer items for the auction, which is really appreciated. However, there's still room for lots more! If you have something for us, please let us know by 25 February.

We are still looking for offers of planning and organisational help for this upcoming event. If you are willing to help **organise** any of the following parts of the night, let us know - décor & setup, food, bar, auction item sourcing.

Shoulder tapping will start on Saturday for the first **planning** meeting on Sunday 20 February from 8pm (venue to be advised). Please let Tracey or Elizabeth know if you can help by the end of this week.

Newsletters

Please 'Sign Up' to have your Newsletter emailed!!

Please contact the Office to organise having your newsletter emailed.

Email: office@hataitai.school.nz with your child's name (eldest/only) and 'Newsletter' in the subject line from the email address you'd like it sent to, or call into the Office!

Also, a request to all new families to please sign up – it's a huge saving on school resources and for our environment!!



Student Accounts



Statements will be sent out next week with donations, activity fees etc. Payment can be made by cheque or cash directly to the Office (cash or cheque) – or paid online to:
Hataitai School ASB 12-3140-0331710-00
Prompt payment is much appreciated as we have a lot of additional costs at the start of a new school year!



SUPAkidz - starts Wed 23rd Feb.

Fun, games, bible stories & craft for primary aged children. In the Hall every Wednesday lunchtime for six weeks. This term we are learning to "Look Out for Others". This is an opt in programme, so please pick up a form from the office to register if your children are not already enrolled.

Checkout www.supakidz.net.nz or contact Lynley Webster 385 9810
email: mlwebster@xtra.co.nz for more information

Lunch Menu for Hataitai School 2011



Cuba Pizza's



Wednesday Order & Delivery

Select from the following: \$5 a pizza

- A) Chaos: ham and cheese
- B) Doom: ham, cheese and pineapple
- C) Pride: mushrooms, capsicums, tomatoes, pineapple
- D) Mischief: cheese, fresh tomatoes, salsa

Please ensure your child's order is in an envelope ('used' OK), with correct change- (**no change given**), no cheques please - and with your child's name, room name and selection details noted.

Example: Mary Jones Room: Tararua Option: D \$5.00

Information for Parents **Year 7 Vision Screening**

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme at the school during Year 7.

- **Vision - Pupils will be advised of results at the time of testing. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.**
- **Colour – Vision –This is to identify boys with an inherited colour defect. If there is any difficulty with the colour-vision test you will be notified by mail.**
- **Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks, will not require a vision check by our service.**

NON CONSENT

- **Please notify the school if you do not agree to your child being screened.**

This screening is NOT a full assessment of your child's vision.

If you have any concerns, please consult an optometrist.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

After school care required: We need someone to pick up our two children from school (yr 1 and 4) bring them home then feed and water them and help with any homework as well as general supervision - from 3pm till about 5:00pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Depending on experience pay is from \$16 p/h Please contact 0210 222 8927 or 386 4127
L.O.D. Dance Studios. Ballet and Jazz. Preschool to adult: Check out our website www.loddance.co.nz. Tell us what school you are from and receive your first class free.

Wrap it Up Sushi: are pleased to be offering sushi again on Thursday's. A flyer has been sent home (or visit the school website) for information on the varieties and pricing. If you'd like to pre-pay for a term order please e-mail Jane at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com

Guitars will be for sale at the Raroa Music Centre (Haumia St, Johnsonville) on Saturday 19 February between 9-12. The guitars sold are highly recommended. They are lined and reinforced inside, with the bridge saddle glued and screwed down. Each guitar is individually adjusted by Alistair's Music, and re-strung with Martin guitar strings, frets are honed and polished, bridge saddle and nut lowered to the correct specs. A full size guitar and bag is \$170, A 3/4 size guitar and bag is \$140, A 1/2 guitar with bag is about \$120, price to be confirmed.

NANNY WANTED: By Hataitai family. 2 Days/week for 4 months, starting end of February or early March. Please ring Claudia on 970 3949 if you're interested.

THE BIG DIG: Come along and dig for great prizes at Lyall Bay Beach (western end) on Saturday 19th February 11.30am - 12.30pm (rainy day delay: 20th February 11.30am - 12.30pm) \$5 per digger or \$10 per family. All proceeds to Kilbirnie & Lyall Bay Plunket For further info: plunket_kilbirnielyallbay@yahoo.co.nz

It's time to Strut Your Mutt!: Grab your kids and your dog and join the Strut Your Mutt Dog & Owner Fun Walk at Lyall Bay Dog Beach on Sunday 27 February 9.30am. It's a 4km easy walk with great prizes for best dog & owner look-a-like & best fancy dress. Register online at www.petangels.co.nz & give your whole family some fun and exercise.

Women who love to sing: are invited to perform with the International medal winning Faultline Chorus this year! Faultline Chorus are running a fun free six-week Introduction to Barbershop Singing course during February. The Introduction course runs on Wednesday evenings starting 16 February based in Petone. To register /for more info: Contact Karen on 3863934 or email faultlinechorus@gmail.com

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE: Open Day, Sunday 20th February 2011. Children must have a licence to fish for trout. Free licences and fishing times are available from:- Steve's Fishing Shop, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall) or Hamills Wellington, 87 Hutt Road, Thorndon, or Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing, 444 Cuba Street, Lower Hutt

ARTIST IN YOUR AREA PERSONALISED ART SESSIONS: \$25 per hour, Private art studio in garden. Specialized in working with beginners or those who may be hesitant, come and Let Your Soul Play. CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART, ADULTS PRIVATE TUITION or COME WITH A FRIEND, Make a small group START NOW Contact Jenny and have a chat Email jennyjordannz@gmail.com Phone 04 386 2891 Mob 027 685 6722

Bodies Under Construction is a Gym located on 29 Kingsford Smith Street, Kilbirnie. They offer kids sports classes (Soccer, Boxing, Jiu-jitsu, Ballet & Capoeira etc) \$99 per term. Ph (04) 3872534 or nic@bodiesunderconstruction.co.nz.

Do you need a part/full time nanny?: I have 17 years experience, my own car, am creative, dependable, flexible with hours, positive, energetic. Excellent refs on hand.ph 0274724965

Harbour City GymSports: situated in Hataitai Park, is now accepting enrolments for Term 1, 2011 gymnastic classes. For enrolment and registration information please contact our office ph: 386 4443 or email: office@hcg.org.nz or visit our website www.hcg.org.nz

GUITAR LESSONS: Experienced, enthusiastic tutors that come to your house! All practising, professional musicians experienced with children & adults. Enquiries: Paddy Bleakley homegroundmusic@gmail.com 027 470 6769 (txt is best)

Chinese painting lessons for children: Run by NZ Oriental Arts Society at the Wellington Arts Centre. Classes start on 20th Feb. For more information, please call Judy on 9763933 or Dollaine on 3883726.

Learn to play accordion with an experienced and fun teacher!: 8 yrs teaching experience, Tertiary music qualifications. Wide range of musical styles. Children & adult students welcome. Ph Nell on 021 023 84741 or thomanell@gmail.com

GARDENER: Help is at hand! Experienced gardener available on a casual or regular basis. Can do maintenance or weeding, tidy ups, pruning, vegetable patches, planning and advise. Call Kate on 021 962 333.

Kid Sitting Available- Chrissy ex Hataitai pupil is available for kid/ babysitting. Lives locally and normally is free in weekends, Friday nights. Also can teach art if interested. Phone 027 841 0855 or 971 2418.

Babysitter Available: Experienced & reliable former Hataitai pupil available for babysitting. Please contact Holly Caughley on 027 728 1315

Babysitter Available: Friendly and mature babysitter available! Work full time in an early childhood centre and looking for weeknight and weekend babysitting! Call Ana on 027 3204671.

Tai Chi Group: Hataitai School Hall. Monday's 7pm-8pm. All enquiries to Bev Calvert 970 2655

Babysitter: ex Hataitai student responsible, reliable teenage girl keen to baby sit. Ph Anna on 386 3312



Flippaball?

Draw for **Friday 18th February**

Hataitai v Miramar North 2 5.00pm

Waterpolo



Draw for **Monday 21st February 2011**

Hataitai v no draw available as yet

**1st practice is TOMORROW, Friday 18th February
from 7.55-8.45am at Kilbirnie Pool.**

2011 Sporting Fixtures coming up

Thu 17 Feb	Cricket – Eastern Zone Year 5 and 6	Kilbirnie Park
Wed 23 Feb	Rippa Rugby Year 3 and 4	Fraser Park
Tue 1 Mar	Rippa Rugby Year 5-8	Ian Galloway Park
Wed 16 Mar	Eastern Zone Miniball Year 5 (Year 6's are on camp)	Wellington Show Building
Wed 16 Mar	PSW Challenge Relay	Newtown Park
Tue 12 Apr	PSW Football Tournament Year 4-6	MacAlister Park

Please note these dates have been taken from the PSW website and whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the information above is correct sometimes it is subject to change.

MIRAMAR RANGERS AFC

2011 Junior Registrations

Enrolments open for Nursery grade 5 & 6 year olds and 7 - 14 year old grades.
Online registrations available from 1st February 2011 @ www.miramar-rangers.com

Junior gear available for purchase on the night

JUNIOR RUGBY –

Marist St Pats is one of Wellingtons proudest and most successful clubs with a strong family-oriented Junior Club.

We welcome all new and existing players Under 6 - Under 13 to come to our Junior registration days

Thursday 24 Feb 5.30-7.30pm, Sat 26 Feb 12-2pm, Sat 5 March 12-2 pm,

Sat 19 March Club Open day 12 pm start for U6-U8, 1pm start for U9-U13 all to be held at MSP Gym, Evans Bay.

For further info please contact Andrew 976 0433 or Martin 027 321 1581 or go to our web site www.msprugby.co.nz

PONEKE JUNIOR RUGBY

Register now for the 2011 season

Register by going along to Poneke clubrooms on one of the registration days. Go upstairs from the street entrance next to the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre.

Thursday February 24, 5.30pm-7.30pm

Friday February 25, 4.00pm-6.00pm

Saturday February 26, 12.30pm-2.30pm

Friday March 4, 4.00pm-6.00pm

Saturday March 5, 12.30-2.30pm

Friday March 11, 4.00pm-6.00pm

Saturday March 12 12.30pm-2.30pm

Teena Ohlson 232 4388 or 027 477 7559

JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION DAY

WELLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB

UNDER 6 TO UNDER 13 YEARS

WELLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS, HATAITAI PARK, RUAHINE STREET

§ THURSDAY 24TH FEB-5:30-7:30PM

§ SATURDAY 26TH FEB 12-2PM

§ SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 12-2PM

REGISTRATION FEE

§ \$40 PER PLAYER, OR

§ MAXIMUM \$70 PER FAMILY

EACH PLAYER WILL RECEIVE A

§ GOODIES PACK

§ RUGBY BALL

§ MOUTHGUARD WWW.AXEMENJUNIORS.ORG.NZ

Hataitai School Football

Our Day Out at the Phoenix

Sunday turned out to be a fabulous day for the weather, the Wellington Phoenix and Hataitai School Football. I had forgotten what incredible fun a school outing travelling by bus could be but the laughter, singing and camaraderie of the whole day will live long in my memory. Escorting our kids as they rehearsed for and then undertook the role of Honour Guard, lining up as the players took the field and moving the sponsors flag in and out of the centre circle at Westpac Stadium, was an easy task but one that made me very proud. The kids, resplendent in their kits carried out their duties perfectly, and were a credit to themselves and the School.

The Ball Kids also had a marvellous time and were thrilled to catch the players for autographs after the game. The mascots, who came out with the North Queensland Fury players, also looked the part and will long remember the cheers and fireworks as they emerged from the players' tunnel.

Thanks so much to the Phoenix, Wendys Supa Sundaes and the parents and children for making it happen.

Football Registrations for 2011 Season

A sign-up sheet for children wanting to play this year will be available at the School office from Thursday this week. I would encourage people to sign-up as soon as possible as this will give us the maximum opportunity to finalise teams and purchase kit and playing equipment.

Grades are determined based on how old children will be in the current year and I would like to make it clear that year 2's turning 7 in 2011, are welcome to enrol. Teams will need to be entered into the Wellington junior grades by mid March. The grades we are looking at are:

Team	Playing Numbers	Game Duration	Playing Times (Kick off)
7 th & 8 th grade mixed	5 a side	20 mins each way	Saturday 9am to 11am
9 th & 10 th grade mixed	7 a side	25 mins each way	Saturday 9am to 11am
11 th & 12 th grade mixed	9 a side	25 mins each way	Saturday 9am to 11am
13 th grade mixed	11 a side	30 mins each way	Saturday 9am to 11am
7 th to 11 th grade girls only	5 a side	20 mins each way	Sunday 8am to 12pm
12 th to 14 th grade girls only	5 a side	20 mins each way	Sunday 8am to 12pm

A number of things that need to happen for teams to become a reality:

- ∅ We need enough players to make a team – preferably the team should have the number required for the grade plus two to cover absences etc.
- ∅ Each team needs a coach – we look to parents in the first instance. Coaching courses are available through New Zealand Football so enthusiasm and organisation are the main requirements.
- ∅ We need to collect fees – the teams are not subsidised by the School, nor should they be. I am expecting to be able to keep fees to \$65 per player for mixed teams and \$75 per player for girls only teams. New socks will cost an additional \$12. Fees will be confirmed asap.

Games will start on the weekend of 2/3 April and practices at Treasure Grove will begin before then.

Richard Williams

Hataitai School Football Co-ordinator

Contact us at: hataitaifootball@hotmail.co.nz or phone 386 2026 (home) or 495 8837 (work)