



May 13, 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We hope all you Mums had a lovely day on Sunday – a great chance to be looked after by your children! Congratulations to members of the Tiritea whānau who are graduating this week ☺ Enjoy your celebrations.

## TREVOR SHAILER VISIT

On Friday, we had a visit from Olympic Ambassador Trevor Shailer, who represented New Zealand as a boxer in 1992 and now works in an administrative role at the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. His two presentations were informative, funny and perfectly pitched at the two different levels for our students. He stressed the importance of setting goals.



## BOT VACANCY

As you're aware, the Board of Trustees has been undertaking a process of filling a vacancy left through the departure of Ralph Springett. We are pleased to announce that Fiona Murray has been selected by the Board to fill this vacancy. Welcome Fiona, we look forward to working with you. The Board thanks all those who expressed an interest in the role – it's great to see commitment and enthusiasm in our community.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Interviews will be held on Tuesday 16 June starting at 1.20pm. We ask that you collect your children at 12.40pm that day please.

## BOOKS AND GIFTS DIRECT

On display at the office – Due Friday 22 May. Please make sure you pay by the due date.

## STORY FROM RATA

I was a hula girl. I see whales splashing and the whales were spraying out water.

By Izzy



## PTA

Enclosed with this week's newsletter is a notice regarding our Movie and Pizza Night, being held on Friday 29 May at 6.00pm in Tane Mahuta. All the information you need is on the flyer – we'd love to see you all there. This year we're asking for a gold coin donation at the door. The money will go to the Red Nose Fun Day fundraiser being organized by Laurel Winiata. Money is needed to help support Cure Kids achieve their mission of improving the health of children through medical research into serious illnesses that affect Kiwi children.

## SURVEY FOR OLD WEST ROAD

A group of people are trying to get some action to make Old West Road safer for its users, especially cyclists. Paul would really appreciate you taking a short survey:

We are conducting a survey for users of Old West Road (SH57) at the southern end of Palmerston North. Please take a few minutes to answer six quick questions by using the link below. Your responses are a great help and your time is appreciated. Thank you, Paul Boyce.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XPTCBK7>

## CROSS COUNTRY

Children will be training every day for the Cross Country, Please ensure your child(ren) has suitable shoes for running (NOT gumboots please) every day. It would also be a good idea to have a change of clothes in their bags as some of the training is done on the Massey farm track and there is often mud and cow pats to negotiate! The school Cross Country will take place on Tuesday 19 May starting at 11.00am, on the Massey farm just opposite school.

You are most welcome to come along and watch. If you plan on being there the whole time (expected finish 12.40pm), parking will be available where the staff usually park, and up the school road. However, if you want to leave before the final age group runs, please park out on Old West Road. It is too difficult to manage traffic going up and down the school road while children are running along there.

The Fitzherbert Cluster event for those selected to represent us takes place on Thursday 28 May.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

VISIT THURSDAY 21 MAY: The children who are members can exchange books during these visits. If your child is not a member and you would like them to take advantage of these visits please see Vicki in the school office for a membership application form.

## YUMMY STICKERS

It is yummy sticker time again. Enclosed in last week's newsletter was a sheet to place your stickers on. Please note that this year they have a variety sticker collection sheet as well as the regular ones. So please get collecting as the more stickers we get the more sports equipment we are able to receive. When you have filled your form, please bring it in to the office and get another. Thank you.

## LUNCH

Friday's lunch is from New World. Please bring money in a clearly marked envelope with student's name and order on it by 9.00am Thursday.



Enclosed with this newsletter is a new price list and **please note** that cookies are now **\$1**. These are bigger cookies. The old ones are no longer available.

## REMINDERS:

- Assembly on Friday, 2.10pm. Rimu will be presenting.
- Children need to be at school ready for a 9.00am start each day. A bell will ring at 8.55am so that children come inside ready for a 9.00am start. Please use the blue gates and enter classrooms via the driveway and the courtyard, NOT through the main office entrance. Children MUST NOT be dropped off before 8.00am.
- Remember, school does finish at 3.00pm. Please come into the school grounds to collect your child(ren) after school to minimize the risk of accidents in our busy car park area. After 3.30pm, children who have not been collected, and if we've had no courtesy phone call about you running late, will be taken into the foyer for safe keeping.
- Please adhere to the road markings in the car park, especially No Parking on the yellow lines. It is particularly important to observe the NO PARKING by the neighbours' driveways. Stopping on these yellow lines blocks up the turning space at the end of the road.

## COLGATE CARTONS

We are still collecting Colgate cartons. Please bring your in cartons and put them in the box in the office

## SUMMERSET VILLAGE VISIT

Our visit to Summerset Village was an amazing experience for our nerves and telling them about our personal stories that we have experienced. We have many residents to talk to. I enjoyed talking to Bill and the rest of The Man Cave. When we were reading them our stories, we also showed them our illustrations that we drew once we had published our stories. Once we read our stories to them they told us their own stories of when they were little. We all liked reading our stories to the residents and they liked them too.

*By Jack and William*



## POPPY ART FROM TOTARA



By Maata



By Mackenzie

## STORY FROM RIMU

Driving on a rocky track Shapes Cars zooming and crashing and smashing. Shape Cars are strong. They are light so they dazzle in the sky and flip all the way down. "Crack! Bash!"

*By Cooper*

## STORIES FROM POHUTUKAWA

Doodle Bug is a great friend of New Zealand author Bruce Potter and helps him come up with his writing ideas. Doodle Bug helped Pohutukawa students write these stories.

Once upon a time there lived a fire breathing dragon and he flew like a free bird. He was a bit scary with blazing red eyes and pointy sharp teeth, shimmering shiny scales, his red bleeding teeth and pointed nose and fiery red breath.

*By Hiria*

One day Katie the caterpillar was slithering and "slirring" across the mud. Then Katie finally found a friend called Bobby and he is also a caterpillar. So they wandered off together to go find some food.

*By Lauren*



Once upon a time there was a penguin called Caroline. She lived with the mum and her dad and with her little brother Sam. They lived in an igloo. Caroline loved to play in the snow. Caroline's little brother liked to stay in and keep warm. Caroline's mum likes to make meals and Caroline's dad liked to go fishing for dinner. One night Caroline looked out her window. She saw a shooting star and she wished that she had fish for dinner every night and it came true.

*By Laylla*



*Glenys*

*Glenys Edmonds*

### Some dates for you to note:

19 May	School Cross Country
28 May	Fitzherbert Cluster Cross Country
29 May	PTA Movie Night
16 June	Parent interviews, school closes 12.40pm