



Expanding Horizons

For Your Diary

15 – 19 Feb	Testing Week
Fri 19 Feb	School Triathlon
22 – 26 Feb	Senior School Cycle Education
Fri 26 Feb	Assembly (Room 2 to Host)
Wed 3 March	Senior School Swimming Sports
Thurs 4 Mar	Whole School Rabbit Island Picnic
Fri 5 Mar	Senior School Swimming Sports (postponement)
	Tea By The Sea
Thurs 11 Mar	Interschool Swimming Sports
Fri 12 Mar	Assembly (Room 6 to Host)
	Junior Swimming Sports 1.30pm
Mon 15 Mar	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
Tue 16 Mar	Interschool Swimming Sports (postponement)
23 – 26 Mar	Room 9 and 10 Camp at Marahau
Fri 26 Mar	Assembly (Room 8 to Host)
Thurs 1 April	Final Day Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to another fantastic week on the Terrace.

Assembly

Last week, we had the first of our assemblies for the year. Nigel had us all up singing some songs which was great fun. At the assembly I was thrilled to be able to award Principal's Awards to the following children:

Laura Allen - A great "can do" attitude that shows a keenness to get stuck in.

Sol van Helden - A terrific start to school by showing great work habits and respect and caring for others.

Mitchell Andrews – Always polite and helpful. A very positive start to the year.

Hamish Read - A positive start to the year. Hamish is showing a commitment to class work, and a keenness to share his ideas with others.

Sophie Wemyss – You show excellent environmental responsibility. You are able to care for class members and others in a positive manner.

Blair Roach - A very impressive start to the year! Blair has shown dedication to all tasks and a great attitude towards his classmates.

Finn Fidler – You listen carefully, stay focused and have a cheerful smile.

Emma Cottom – You have made a great start to school with a "Can Do" attitude and wonderful manners.

Congratulations to all the Principal Award winners. It's great to see you livin' the vision.

National Standards

Attached to this newsletter is a survey that I would appreciate you filling out and returning by **Friday 19 February**. The survey is being conducted nationwide by the New Zealand Principals' Association and will be collated by them. However, I too, am really interested in how you feel about the National Standards, so please do fill out the form so I can get an accurate picture.

Triathlon

This Friday our annual triathlon will take place at school. Children will be running, biking and swimming their way to success in this event and we hope that all children will take part. For some children, there will be the competitive aspect and for others it will be the achievement of finishing a multi sport event. The Year 1 and 2 children will only complete the run and swim. The other children will complete all three of the disciplines. All Year 3 – 6 children will need to have access to a bike for the race. Children without a bike will need to borrow one from someone not in their race. All bikes will be checked for safety on the day but it would be a great opportunity for you to have a check too.

Of course everyone is most welcome to come and cheer on the kids as they participate. We look forward to seeing you there.

Absences

To ensure the safety of your child(ren) we have updated our absentee procedures. All attendance is now on our office computer system. However, with the new system, we require certain information. We **must** know the reason for a child's absence. Therefore if ringing, texting, emailing etc, please give the reason to ensure we have accurate records. We also ask that you tell the office (Lyn or Bev) and not the classroom teacher. We appreciate your assistance with this.

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Observatory

Lately, lots of people have been asking about the observatory and when it will be open. The following are times when the observatory will be open to the public:

- Feb 26 8:30pm
- Mar 26 7:30pm
- Apr 23 7:00pm
- May 21 7:00pm
- Jun 18 7:00 pm
- July 16 7:00 pm
- Aug 13 7:00 pm
- Sep 17 7:30pm
- Oct 15 8:00pm
- Nov 12 8:30 pm

If you haven't already been, I recommend a visit, as the view through the telescope is amazing.

Rubbish

I would just like to congratulate all the children and families for trying so hard to keep our school rubbish free. It is great to see so many children using recyclable and reusable containers to carry their food in. I was sent the following email last week suggesting the following lunch box system which may be of interest:

New Rubbish Free Lunch Boxes

Announcing the NUDE FOOD MOVERS lunch box system. Save time, rubbish and help save the planet. No need for any packaging or wrap, keeps food fresh, three separate storage compartments, removable plastic divider and 2 leak proof removable containers. There's even an insulated cool skin for the deluxe system. Strong, durable and the way of the future!

Available at the Warehouse. Retails for around \$16.

Tea by the Sea Raffle

The Home & School Committee has organised a fantastic raffle to be run in conjunction with Tea by the Sea. Each family has been given one book of raffle tickets to sell, with tickets costing \$3 each or \$5 for 2 tickets or \$15 for the book of 6 tickets.

The raffle is going to be drawn at Tea by the Sea, so we are asking that all ticket stubs and money (or unsold tickets) be returned to school in the envelope provided by **Wednesday 24 February**. If you would like any further tickets to sell, please let us know. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event.

Waste Free Tea By the Sea

Clifton Terrace School is aiming to be the first Nelson school to run a WASTE- FREE school event. We are encouraging all families to:

- Bring along your own plates, cutlery and glasses for your family to use
- Put food scraps into the pig bins
- Place all recyclable material into the labelled bins provided

See you at Tea by the Sea – and remember to bring your plates!!

National Standards Public Meeting

On Wednesday 24 February there is a public meeting at Waimea College about National Standards. Lester Flockton who is a leading educationalist will be speaking at the meeting. I urge you to go and listen to enable you to keep informed on this issue.

Wanted

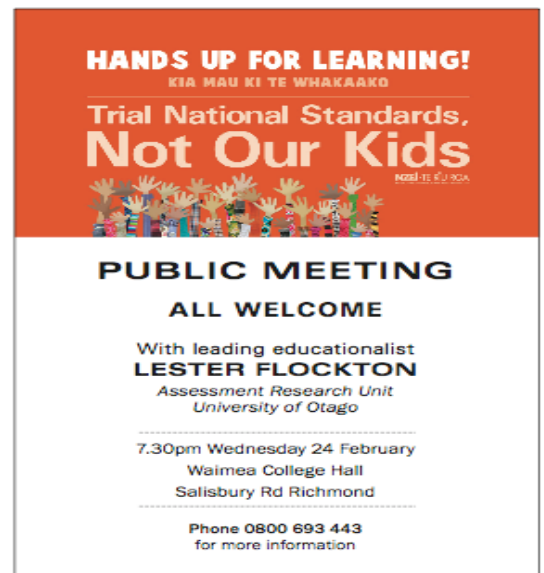
Have you an old couch that would be suitable for a classroom? Both Rooms 6 and 7 are looking for a couch for their reading corners. If you do have something suitable feel free to give me a ring at school 5450532.

Pool Cover

Now that the nights are starting to get a little cooler, it is really important that the pool cover is put on each night. Thanks for your assistance with this.

Don't forget that my door is always open for a chat.

Have a great week,



HANDS UP FOR LEARNING!
KIA MAU KI TE WHAKAAKO

**Trial National Standards,
Not Our Kids**

PUBLIC MEETING
ALL WELCOME

With leading educationalist
LESTER FLOCKTON
Assessment Research Unit
University of Otago

7.30pm Wednesday 24 February
Waimea College Hall
Salisbury Rd Richmond

Phone 0800 693 443
for more information



Caleb and his Mum and Dad went to Codfish Island to help the kakapo. Here is his recount about it.

We flew to Codfish Island. Codfish is a safe place for kakapo. I helped all the kakapo I met.

By Caleb Eason

School Lunches this Thursday

Sausage n Bread	\$2.00
Hamburger (plain, no lettuce or cheese)	\$2.00
Chicken Noodles (Please bring your own fork to cut down on rubbish)	\$2.00
Chicken Sushi	\$5.50 (6 pieces)
Vegetarian Sushi	\$5.50 (6 pieces)

Please have the correct money in an envelope or snap lock bag with your **child's name, room number and their order written on the outside**. Note, the office is not set up to give change for school lunches. Thanks.

Just a quick note on sushi - due to low numbers being ordered, this term may be the last time we have sushi available for Thursday lunches (you can order with no wasabi, just write it on your envelope).

School Lunch contact is Di Fry 03 5450867 / 027 5450867 or wdfry@xtra.co.nz

A BIG THANKS AGAIN TO ALL MY HELPERS THIS TERM ☺

NELSON ATHLETICS

Saxton Field all-weather track

Every Thursday

5.30 start

6-14 year olds welcome

Costs: \$40.00 for Term 1

Contact: Sally ph 5488107

Bike Wise Family Fun Rides

Get on your bike and take part in the ride on Saturday 6 March 2010. The ride starts at 10am from the ASB Aquatic Centre. There is a longer ride, but also a shorter ride for the younger kids.

The ride is free and just by taking part you will be in with a chance of winning a new bike or one of the other spot prizes.

So fasten your helmet, put on your sunblock and join other cyclists on the Bike Wise Family Ride.

For more information contact Krista

Hobday at Tasman District Council on 03 543 8551

Atawhai Playcentre

invites families with children from birth to school age to 3 free visits to our Playcentre during any of the following session times:

Monday to Friday 9.15am-11.45am

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 12.15pm-2.45pm

(Limited places available on some sessions)



You are welcome to drop in anytime or give us a call.

Corder Park, Atawhai, Ph 545 0828

Uniform Sales

Any surplus uniforms that parents wish to donate to the school can be dropped at the office for H&S to sell for fundraising. **Second hand uniforms @ www.clifontce.school.nz**

Absences from School

You can advise school of absences by e-mail: office@clifontce.school.nz or text: **027 7154058 (TEXTS ONLY)**.

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