



TAKITIMU PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parents,

The uniform committee met for the first time last night. We had a wonderful discussion about the current school uniform and came up with some suggestions for improving it.

The suggestions are ...

- ◆ introduce a navy jersey/cardigan as another option to the polar fleece.
- ◆ introduce a better quality poloshirt with the Takitimu Logo on it, starting with 5 year olds in 2013.
- ◆ phase the black track pants out and introduce standard black shorts for boys.

Also the committee is going to investigate:

- ◆ finding a different supplier as no one seems very happy with Postie
- ◆ tidying up the senior girls uniform by finding wearable alternatives to trackpants and current polo shirt (i.e, a more girlie poloshirt, same colour)
- ◆ bulk ordering uniform items once a term.

Please feedback your thoughts on these suggestions by contacting a committee member. The committee is

Lindsay, Willie Buchanan, Shirley Dobbie, Cindy Adams, Karen Van Miltenburg and Cherry Van Miltenburg.

Further on the uniform... Just to clear up a few points:

Tights = full length panty hosey type things not leggings.

Beanies - a parent has asked for their children to be able to wear a beanie at break times, this is OK as long as the beanie is **plain** black or navy. Beanies and jackets worn to and from school can be whatever, but they cannot be worn during break times.

Thermals - please make these **plain** black or navy

AWARDS LAST WEEK

Students of the Week:

Toby McGregor - Fantastic work at writing and awesome cross country training.

Brielle Stodart - Great effort and attitude always.

Anaka Duffy-Pompey - Great attitude and effort.

Gemma Marnane - Great drama work.

Rahera Tamihana - Always on task and showing great pride in your work.

Following the Golden Rules:

Ella McEwan, Jakhiya Haworth, David Davoren, Ronan McKenzie, Aroha Wilson.

Duffy Awards:

Keegan Stratford, Lachlan Dixon, Blake Adams. Adrian Zwagerman, Jeremy Robertson.

Bob Bickerton and the Kahurangi Dance Troupe

Last week and this week we have been treated to some visiting performers. The Kahurangi Dance Troupe performed last week. They told Maori legends through dance and song. Plus some volunteers had to show their skill with the taiaha. Danny and Hami were true taiaha legends, Mr King was just weird.

Bob Bickerton performed this week. He demonstrated a range of celtic instruments and sang some traditional folk songs.

Both performances were enjoyed by the children and opened their eyes and hearts to the arts.

SOUPY SOUP SOUP!

Vegetable soup and toast will be available each Monday lunchtime in the winter, from this Monday. Orders to Mr King Monday morning. No charge.

Zone Cross Country

Zone Cross Country will be held next Tuesday 22nd May at the Nightcaps Golf Course starting at 1.30 p.m. sharp. If it is too wet cancellation day is the next fine day.

Please ensure your child has suitable footwear and clothing to run the course as it is often wet underfoot.

Also please ensure they bring a jacket to put on when they are waiting as it is often cold.

We look forward to seeing lots of supporters there to cheer on the children.

Western Cross Country will be held at Otautau on Tuesday 29th May.

Wanted for Technology: Tins of outside paint suitable for painting bird houses. Please bring to the school office.

Thank you to the ladies from the PTA, who did a great job with the food and BBQ at our field day last Wednesday. *Michael and Karen Blomfield*

Community Notices

For Sale: Size 5 pinafore in excellent condition. \$30.00 Please contact the school office.

Dairy Womens Dairy Day - A flying start to the season – Friday 18 May

Do you want your next dairy season to hum? Do you have new people involved in your dairy farm business or existing people whom you need to refocus in order to ensure the transition to next season goes smoothly? This workshop is targeted at: Owners, Share Milkers, Contract Milkers.

Cost: Early bird \$45 if booked 3 working days prior to even, \$55 late registration or on the day. **Time:** 9.30am - 2pm lunch included **Where:** Presbyterian Church, 11 Meldrum Street, Winton

Register online: www.dwn.co.nz or contact Katrina Thomas, Regional Group Convenor for more details – Ph: 03 225 7775 or katrina@katrinathomas.com

Coming Up:

Assembly this week: Head Students

Board of Trustees Meeting 21 May

Zone Cross Country 22 May

Maggi Cook Off (Christchurch) 25 May

Western Cross Country 29 May

Queens Birthday 4 June

TAKITIMU PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

PTA AGM - The PTA AGM was held on Monday 7 May with the following people newly elected: President - Katrina Thomas, Secretary - Cindy Adams & Treasurer - Hilary McGregor. A big thank you to Garry Hopcroft, Kim Zwagerman and Karen van Miltenburg for their voluntary time and effort as PTA office bearers over the past 2 years. Luckily they are happy to stay on the PTA and help out with school fundraising, activities and events.

Gym Equipment Tender - Thank you to those in the committee who submitted tenders. The winning tender was The Opio Public Hall Society. They are setting up a community gym in the Opio hall for public use which means the equipment will still be available for the residents of the surrounding districts of Opio/Wreys Bush/Nightcaps/Ohai/Wairio etc. A gym committee will manage and run the gym. More details to come from the hall Committee.

2012 Southland Ballance Farm Environment Awards - Last Wednesday (9th May) the winners of the award, Karen & Michael Blomfield held a Fielday on their Opio property with approximately 200 people attending. The PTA were invited to assist with the catering on the day and as a result \$500 will be donated by Ballance Agri-Nutrients to the PTA in June. The support of Heather McMillan, Cindy Adams, Netta Wilton, Hilary McGregor, Kim Zwagerman, Karen Van Miltenburg, Inge de Kruijf and Katrina Thomas was very much appreciated - especially with Heather knowing how to drive the TSL BBQ!