

Raumati Beach School

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Term 1

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Dear Parents and Guardians

It was wonderful to meet a good number of you at the Welcome Morning Tea last week. There were lots of familiar faces as well as some new ones. This was another great opportunity for parents to meet staff again as well as make connections with other parents. The next occasion where we can get together as a community will be our inaugural Green Day Gala and of course there will be opportunities during Green Day as well!

ABSENCES - JUST ANOTHER REMINDER

Please contact the office if your child is going to be away for any reason. Tracking students down can take up to an hour each day and 95% of these absences are for students who are safely at home, but we have not been notified.

GREEN DAY – FRIDAY 16th MARCH 2018

Friday 16th March is Green Day 2018, in support of the local hospice. Timetable for the day is as follows:

- **School Parade – 9.30am** (*Junior School – NE-Year 4 whole class and Years 5-8 will have representatives in the parade*). We are planning to walk the students down Raumati Rd, through the village and return via the Kapiti College driveway – weather permitting. You are most welcome to join in.
- **Green Day School Photo** – This will be held on the front court at the conclusion of the parade – approximately 10.00am. You are welcome to join your child and the rest of our school community in the GREEN DAY PHOTO.
- **Gold Coin Collection** – We will be collecting money for the hospice in collection boxes during the day in each class or if you prefer at the office.

Lunch Time Activities:

- **Fun Games** - Yr 7/8 students will be organising some fun games on the back field for all to enjoy.
- **Music Extravaganza** – Yr 5/6 will be organising a disco diva and karaoke singing in the quad.

Other Events...

- **Spot Prizes** on the day
- **Lolly Jar** – Guess how many lollies are in the jar – 50c per entry. Go to Room 6 before school and morning tea to enter from Tuesday morning (13th March)
- **Goodies Jar** – Guess how many goodies in the jar. Go to Room 6 before school and morning tea to enter from Tuesday morning (13th March)

GREEN DAY EVENING GALA

We are looking forward to ending our Green Day Celebrations with our fantastic new Green Day Gala Evening which will be held on Friday 16th March from 5-8pm. There will be food trucks, carnival games, market stalls, baking, sweets and more! You can sign up to help with a 30 minute time slot via the link on our Facebook page or go to <http://signup.com/go/ZbojqVr>. Donations of prizes for carnival games are most welcome and can be dropped in to the Kiwikiwi meeting room in the office.

SECOND NOTIFICATION – TEACHER PAID UNION MEETING

The NZEI have scheduled Teacher Paid Union Meetings in our area. The Kapiti Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th March in the afternoon. The school will be finishing early on this day to allow staff to attend these meetings.

We realise that these meetings can cause disruption to some families, a number of staff have volunteered to stay behind and supervise students who cannot be picked up. We will run an alternative programme for the afternoon for these students. Our intention is to continue to provide cover so as not to inconvenience families on this day. We do appreciate the support of those of you who are able to pick up your children early this day.

Students going home will be dismissed from classes by their Teacher at 12.30pm. Parents/Guardians are asked to sign out their child with the classroom teacher before taking them. Parents/Guardians are welcome to pick up from 12.20pm onwards.

PROPERTY UPDATE

This week we have had our first onsite planning meeting with the Drainage Engineer, Property Consultant and BOT Portfolio person (Jo Fisher) to organise the timetable for the scope of works, potential start dates, work plan etc. It has been an exceptionally long process to get to this point and we are looking forward to finally having a solution in place.

The MOE have also signed off on some property modifications that are required to improve access. These involve creation of a new deck access way out the front of Rooms 5 – 8. The alteration of the existing staff carpark to create two larger accessible carparks, as well as new ramping and decking from outside Room 4 to the hall. There will also be a new entry to the Junior corridor created in this area. The existing sunshade outside of Rooms 5 & 6 will need to be removed so that the deck can be built. This is being refurbished and relocated over part of the junior playground opposite the junior block.

Year One of our MOE Property Programme will also get underway. This is mostly about basic infrastructure. Guttering (well overdue!) New roofing in specific areas, upgraded electrical switch boards and a new fire alarm panel. Year Two, will see far more noticeable work being done. This will mainly focus on the redesign of four junior classrooms into modern learning spaces.

We will let you know the specifics of each of these projects once they are known. There will be some disruption, but we will do the best that we can to mitigate this.

Ka kite ano

Mike Farrelly
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL NOTICES

TE MOANA MV LEARNING JOURNEY WALK

It was all care and responsibility on Friday 2nd March when Te Moana MV took to the beach for their Learning Journey walk and foreshore clean up. It was great to see parents coming along. Even with a couple of beestings (ably and swiftly treated, thank you Shellee!) it was a successful and enjoyable outing, and the beach was left in even better shape than the team found it. Good job, year 5/6!



NETBALL REGISTRATIONS NOW CLOSED

Registrations for winter netball for all years are now closed. Payment is due on Kindo by Friday 30th March. Don't forget to select 'place order' at the checkout, otherwise the order will stay in your cart.

NETBALL TRIALS FOR YEARS 7 & 8

These will be held at the Kapiti College courts on Thursday 15th March from 3.15-4.45pm, and Saturday 17th March from 10am-1pm.

WHAREMAUKU ITI

NEEDED: As part of Moving March we are looking at wheels. We would like an old bike for the 5 year olds to deconstruct from 26th March – 29th March and a keen adult to come in and help take the bike apart. Please contact amchugo@raumatibeach.school.nz if you can help.

KINDO – OUR ONLINE SCHOOL SHOP

Kindo is available for families to use to purchase uniform and stationery without having to come into School. It is also our preferred payment/permission method for your children/s trips and activities. You can find the link to the Kindo Shop on our school website: <http://www.raumatibeach.school.nz/Home/>.

You can pay by:

- Credit/Debit card - there is a surcharge applied by Kindo for using credit card
- Account2Account - immediate online secure funds transfer via the Kindo website
- Bank Transfer - a payment to the Kindo account from your bank account via internet banking.

You can set up regular automatic payments to your Kindo account and use that credit as required to cover activities when they arise. If you are having difficulties with setting up or using Kindo, please let us know and we can help you.

DONATIONS

The BOT have set the 2018 school donations as part of this year's operational budget. As you are well aware donations can be a contentious issue. However the sad reality is that as a Decile 9 school we do not receive enough funding.

The BOT have tried to set an amount that they feel is reasonable and acceptable to the community. It is in many cases a lot less than other schools that are of the same decile in the wider Wellington area.

The following amounts have been set for this year. We appreciate any support in this area that you might be able to provide us.

\$50.00 Family Donation – this is a general donation that goes towards such items as running the radio station, enviro club, teaching support etc.

\$15.00 Sun Safe Donation – as the name suggests this is for items that help out with providing shade for students. In the past this has included new shade sails and shade trees.

\$15.00 PE/Sport Donation – extra equipment for students to use at morning tea and lunchtimes.

\$15.00 ICT Donation – helps out with the ongoing unfunded costs such as having a technician on site to run our network etc.

\$12.00 Paper Donation – replaced the paper fee which used to be charged on the stationery list. This helps us pay not only for the paper used but the increasing cost of toner as student use increases.

We are aware that the Government is proposing an alternative for schools as part of an upcoming budget. Once these details are released the BOT will consider the implications for Raumati Beach School. Any changes that occur will most likely be for the 2019 school year.

You can claim a third of your donations back from Inland Revenue. Please see the IRD website for more information: www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual/tax-credits/donations-taxcredits/donations-taxcredits.html#donrecs

We certainly appreciate the support that you provide through opting to pay the voluntary donation.

MOVIN'MARCH – READY, STEADY... GO!

Movin'March is ON! This month it's all about walking and wheeling...Whether it's once a month or every day, your family is in for some fun AND awesome prizes! Read on:



Make sure your children get their **WOW Passports** stamped or marked and when their card is full they'll go in the draw to win one of six \$300 Avanti vouchers from *On Yer Bike*.

Our school is holding its **WOW** day on Thursday 29th March where we invite all families to walk or wheel to school, even if it's just once, give it a go on WOW Family day and be part of our celebration. We encourage students to decorate their scooter, bike... or their feet for our fancy feet parade. There will also be lots of fun activities at morning tea and lunchtime.

This is all about giving it a go... even if it's just this one day!

Live too far away?

We realise that driving can sometimes be the most practical travel choice, especially if you live some distance away. However you can still take part in Movin'March by parking a little further away from school and then continuing by foot. This works well for younger children who need that stepping stone before walking longer distances and older children relish the independence of getting there themselves, having some fresh air and catching up with friends (Parents will either need to walk with children or check there is a safe route for older children walking alone or with friends.)

Parents send us photos of your school journey anytime over March and you will go into win a family pass to your favourite Wellington Wild Things destination! Or have a blog about how you may have changed your travel habits and why. We love to hear your stories and they can help inspire others.

Students can also take part in our design a Poster Competition to reflect the benefits of walking and wheeling. The regional winners will receive a Panasonic Tough Camera!

Don't forget to follow us on **Facebook** share our memes and check out our parent resources.

SCHOOL-GEN'S ENERGISING YOUNG MINDS' COMPETITION

Raumati Beach School has been nominated for School-gen's Energising Young Minds' competition. The competition gives our school the chance to win a share of \$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000 to spend on science or tech equipment! We encourage you to please vote for RBS on the School-gen voting page www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/ . You can vote once a day until voting ends on 2nd April. Thank you for your support.



TRAINING WITH THE BLACK CAPS!

Last week three Raumati Beach Students (Jacob Sharrock, Taj Jeram and Jack Scott), along with their cricket team, the Kapiti Old Boys Wildcats, had the opportunity to meet and train with some of the Black Caps at the Basin Reserve. A highlight for Jacob was meeting his favourite Black Cap, Trent Boult and having to face some of his bowling! This was an awesome experience for the team and was thanks to ANZ Cricketing World who arranged the day.



FRIDAY LUNCHES

We are starting up Friday lunches again with delicious Sushi (\$5.50), scrumptious Hells Pizza (\$5) and new this year JK's Burgers (\$5). Make sure your orders are placed on Kindo before 9am on the Thursday before. Thank you for supporting this Student Executive initiative. Also, thank you to Hells Pizza and JK Burgers for contributing a donation per order.

WE'RE AN
ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOL

We have registered as an ANZ Olympic School which provides us with resources and rewards to inspire our school community.

If you're looking to take out a home or business loan, simply provide the name of our school when speaking with an ANZ representative. When your loan is drawn down, we will receive credits to spend at the ANZ Awards Centre on items like sporting equipment and computers.

To discuss an ANZ home or business loan, visit your local ANZ branch, or call a Home Loan Specialist on 0800 269 4663 or a Business Specialist on 0800 269 249.



UPCOMING EVENTS

16 March	Green Day and Green Day Gala Evening
27 March	Teacher Union Meeting – school closes 12.30
29 March	Walk or Wheels Day
30 March	Easter Friday
2 April	Easter Monday
3 April	Easter Tuesday
5 April	Wharemauku Athletics Day – Rms 6,7,8,9
10 April	Touch Rugby Prizegiving 9.15am Learning Street
13 April	End of Term 1

SPORTS, MUSIC, COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lots In Translation: Picture Books In Te Reo And Other Languages

Saturday 10th March 2018, 10.30 – 11.30am National Library, cnr Molesworth and Aitken Streets, Thorndon, Wellington Age suitability: Ages 3 – 8 (Secondary schools – this may be of interest to families/whānau/siblings of staff and students) Free. Booking is not required.

Kapiti Coast United

If you are wanting to registry your child for the 4 to 6-year-old football on a Sunday. Please be advised that we are working through a new format for this and further information on start dates and registering with be on our Facebook and Website soon. You can also email junior.admin@kcu.co.nz We are also looking for a new 7th/8th grade coordinator. If you would like to help with this grade, please get in touch with the KCU Junior admin via email. Football NZ have released a new system called Comet. If you have not registered yet and have not received your national id and password, you can obtain this through info@capitalfootball.org.nz or by emailing junior.admin@kcu.co.nz. <https://mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de/en/login> this is the web address for the new system. All updates and up and coming events will be updated on our Website and Facebook page. Please go to our Website for more details: <https://kcu.co.nz/>

Paraparaumu Junior Rugby

Registrations for the 2018 season are now open. Register on line via our Facebook page Paraparaumu Junior Rugby or via sporty website www.sporty.co.nz/paraparaumujuniorrugby

Bargain City – Raumati Road

Bargain City is closing down, last day this Friday 9th March – most items 60% off!!

A Marsden Whitby education - Year 9 in 2019 Information Evening, Open Day, Scholarships, enrolment

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Whitby has two open events coming up, an **Information Evening on Tuesday 13 March** at 6.30pm (at Marsden Whitby, 2 Starboard Lane) and an **Open Day on Friday 23 March**, between 10am and 2pm. These are great ways to learn about the Marsden Whitby programmes and explore the opportunities for your child. The Open Day will include a tour and there will be staff and students to talk to afterwards. The students look forward to showing around. For more information and to register visit marsden.school.nz/experience
Scholarships - Marsden School Whitby Year 9 Academic Scholarships for entry in 2019 are open, you can find [more information and apply online](#). **Enrolment** – **Enrolments** are open, you can apply to reserve a place at Marsden Whitby for 2019. If you have any questions or would like a personal tour you can call 04 234 1070 or visit marsden.school.nz

Marrzipan

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! It's not too late to join Marrzipan! We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will be performing for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a Trial Lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

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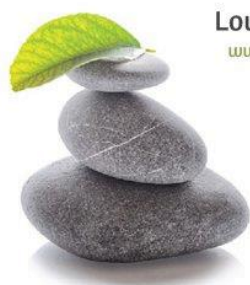
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