



Kia Ora Tatou!

I recently informed you that the NZEI would be holding a Paid Union Meeting for teachers at *1.30pm Thursday 25th March* and that the school's teaching staff would be unavailable after *12.30pm*.

NZEI has now informed the school that it is postponing these meetings until Term 2 (between 26 April and 13 May). **This means that the afternoon of Thursday 25th March will revert to being a normal school day.**

NZEI has apologised to the school for any inconvenience caused.

If you miss any school notices, you will find them uploaded under the Rooms Folder - either in the Whole School Notices or under the specific Room. Hope this strengthens the communication links!

Please see below for the results of our recent Report Survey – thank you to everyone who replied. The data collected is very useful.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki a tātou katoa

Žita Smith



Written Report Survey Results

27 Families responded out of 105 possible - 26% return rate

1. *The report is set out clearly.* Yes **81%** Yes with some modifications **15%** No **4%**
2. *The report tells me clearly where my child is achieving (against expected benchmarks).*
Yes **59%** Yes but I need to understand more about the benchmarks **34%** No **7%**
3. *The report uses language I can understand easily.* Yes **85%** Yes but needs modifications **15%** No **0**
4. *The report gave me information about my child that did not throw up major surprises*
Yes **76%** Mostly **20%** No **4%**
5. *I got the sense that the teacher who wrote the report knows my child well.*
Yes **74%** Mostly **22%** No **4%**

We are currently using this data together with the written comments that accompanied many surveys, to develop some recommendations which we hope will further improve the way we report to you!



3 way interviews - Child/Parent/Teacher

Thanks to all those parents who have already made their appointment.

Please call the office if you have not yet done so as it is expected that all families will attend.

News from St. Theresa's Parish

First Reconciliation: Many thanks to all who attended the Parent Evening on Sunday. This Sunday, 7th March, all are to be present at the 9.30 a.m. Eucharist. The children will be presented to the parish family. Children's session will follow 10.30 - 11.15 in the Church. Please bring your completed family banner on the piece of material distributed last week. *Fr. Bill Warwick & the team*

Website: www.plimmertoncatholic.org.nz

2010 Winter Uniform (Terms 2 & 3)

It is already time to place your order for any items of winter school uniform your child may need. Orders need to be in by Friday, 11th March. Late orders may incur a freight charge. The winter uniform price list is on the website under General Information/Uniform. It's at the end of the general uniform requirements and photos. You can email your order to the office or directly to Jenny jholzer@ihug.co.nz or you can call her (Details on the order form/price list).



Kid of the Week

Friday, 19th February, 2010

Andrew Davenport

(Apologies for omitting your name last week, Andrew!)

26th February, 2010

Jay Jay Huang

Caleb Hannon

Sarah Davitt

Jeremy Burrell

Very well done to
all of you!

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." Aristotle

Board of Trustees Elections

A Nomination Form will be posted to each parent next week. Keep your eye out for yours!

Class of the Week - Room 4

We are busy in Room 4 getting ready for swimming sports next week. Everyone is a great swimmer and we have really improved our swimming skills. Things we like to do at school are playing with our friends, reading, maths, drawing and playing with our buddies. We are all Super Stars in Room 4. You can see our Super Star photos in the corridor outside our classroom.



Water, water, water!

Swimming Sports

Come along next week and enjoy the swimming sports! Children wear their school uniform to school as normal, but are encouraged to bring accessories in their house colour to wear during the swimming sports; t-shirts, hats, togs, towels, shorts, etc.

Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4:

Tuesday 9th March 11am - 12.20 (approx.)

Postponement date: Wednesday 10th, 11am

Room 6, 7, 8:

Thursday 11th March 10.30am - 12.20 (approx.)

Postponement date: Friday 12th, 10.30am

Next week will be the last week for swimming at school for this season.

Pool Keys: If you had a key for the school pool, please note that keys need to be returned by 26th March. The pool will be open for use until then for those families with pool keys.



Old Towels Wanted: Do you have any towels at the back of your linen cupboard that you no longer use? We would love a supply of towels in Room 4. Please send them along to Deborah Norris. Thank you.

PLEASE return your **Netball** slip by **THIS FRIDAY (5th March)** if your child would like to be in a school team.

DIARY TERM 1, 2010

MARCH:

- Tues. 9th** Junior Swimming Sports 11am - 12.20pm
- Wed. 10th** Jnr Swimming Sports postponement day 11 am
BOT Meeting in Staffroom 7pm
- Thurs. 11th** Senior Swimming Sports 10.30am - 12.20pm
- Fri. 12th** Snr. Swimming Sports postponement day 10.30
- Tues. 16th** School Photos
3 Way Interviews
- Thurs. 18th** 3 Way Interviews
Bishop Viard Sports Day - Years 5 & 6 only
- Fri. 19th** Postponement day for Bishop Viard Sports Day
- Thurs 25th** **Normal school day.** **Meeting Postponed!**
Teachers' NZEI Meeting
- Sat. 27th** **SCHOOL CARNIVAL!**
- Sun. 28th** First Reconciliation Celebration
- Tues. 31st** Marian Mothers

APRIL:

- Thurs. 1st** Holy Week Ceremony
- Thurs. 1st** Last Day Term 1
- Mon. 19th** First Day Term 2

