

11 February 2010

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

Kia Ora

Please remember to have a look through the lost property from last year. It will be spread out in the hall tomorrow. It is washed and sweet smelling unlike when it went into the washing machine!! All items not claimed will be donated to charity.

Welcome to Nikolas Shirley who turned 5 on Wednesday and joined the children in Room 4. Happy birthday and happy Woodlands School days Nikolas!

Tomorrow, Friday is our School Triathlon. I have yet to receive many of the permission slips for this event from the children in the 2 senior rooms. They will need permission to leave the grounds for the cycle and run portion of their competition. All are very excited and we even have some wee 5 year olds who want to do all the events in the programme!! Start time is 1:15pm on the grass by the swimming pool. Please make sure your child has the gear they need to compete. Thank you to those folk who have offered to help. We welcome as many helpers as we can get for this event.

Mrs Tippett has been very sick this week and under doctor's advice she will not be back at school until at least next week. Unfortunately we have not been able to have the same reliever every day, however the Room 4 children are well cared for and have had an exciting programme related to their needs daily. We wish Mrs Tippett well and hope she is fully recovered very soon.

Homework

This can be a bone of contention for some families. Homework however is an opportunity to practice skills learned at school and a real must when children (and adults) are learning. Therefore, each class is set regular homework at the children's level which will involve practice and, at times, your input. Reading, basic facts and spelling will form the foundation of homework. Sometimes other tasks may be set. Children also have the opportunity to choose extra homework challenges if they wish. We have a number of children working on science certificates/badges and are introducing mathematics badges to the school this year. Later in the year children have the added option of Oral Speech assessments.

Congratulations to Laura Dennis who completed her science tasks – World of Water during the holidays.

Have a great week

Jane Hall



Upcoming Events.....

11 Feb	Fruit delivered
12 Feb	School Triathlon Sausage Sizzles Start – n.b. this is a Friday!
15 Feb	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
16 Feb	Bookbus for Rm 1 students
17 Feb	Touch starts Meet the Teacher/Parent Information evening
18 Feb	Tickets sent home for Wood He Wearable Arts
21 Feb	AMP Tryathlon
22-26 Feb	Room 1 Camp Te Anau
3 Mar	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
5 Mar	First HPV Vaccination
9 Mar	Teachers Meetings, Children's Movie Afternoon
10 Mar	Southern Zone Athletics, Surrey Park (all Woodlands children involved)
12 Mar	Postponement date Southern Zone Athletics
20 Mar	Wood He Wearable Arts
1 Apr	End of Term 1
19 Apr	Start of Term 2
28 Apr	PTA Annual Meeting (AGM)
7 May	Board of Trustee Elections

Looking for work in Woodlands/Longbush areas
Housecleaning, meals prepared and general house duties.
Would suit dairy farming family.
Please contact Bianca on (0272681847)

Weekly Awards

Certificates presented at assembly last week:

Maths	Emma Napper
Reading	Kaitlyn Johnstone
Writing	Trey Mitchell
Spelling	Deniz te Lindert

Certificates of the Week for Responsibility:

Room 1	Jordan Hedges
Room 2	Simon Gray
Room 3	Jack Buhler
Room 4	Cole Geddes/Ward

School Banking

School banking is done every Tuesday morning at 8:50am through National Bank. If you would like an application form for a National Bank account for your child/ren, please ring the school office.

Sports Results

Touch Rugby

The Woodlands Wildcats have been entered into the Touch Rugby competition again this term with Emma Hurley, Jack Hurley, James Hamilton, Georgia Ward, Christian Sotto and Peter Hopper playing.

The Woodlands Raiders have also been entered but at this stage we only have four players and we need a minimum of six!! I have asked Rimu School if they have anyone interested in playing but I have not yet heard back. Is there anyone in Year 3 or Year 4 interested in playing in this team? It would be a shame to have to withdraw them but we can't play with only 4!

The Touch competition starts on Wednesday 17th Feb. I will send out the draw as soon as I get it.

Summer Football

On Monday Woodlands Eagles played Elston Lea Kickers and won 8 – 1. Player of the Day was Sean Irwin. Next Monday they will play Otatara Skiwis at 4pm on Ground 4.

Woodlands Spurs played Windsor North Rangers and lost 3 – 4. Player of the Day was Kate Cochrane. Next Monday they will play Myross Bush Kicking Machines at 4:30pm on Ground 1.

Woodlands Phoenix played Waihopai Kias and lost 0 – 3. Player of the Day was Shea Smith. Next Monday they will play Rimu Green at 4:30pm on Groun 10.

Woodlands Hawks played Rimu Black and won 8 – 0. Next Monday they will play Myross Bush Sizzling Stingers at 5pm on Ground 1.

Absences

Parents, please let the school know when your child is absent. When a child is not at school, and we don't know why, Nicky has to spend quite a bit of time ringing parents. This is a "must do" for the safety of your children. If ringing the school is not always the easiest option, you can email admin@woodlandsfp.co.nz or text us on the school mobile phone 027 758 1503.

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Meet the Teacher Evening

Wednesday 17th February

7:30pm

- Greetings & Introduction in Room 1
- Assessment & National Standards
- Visit each classroom your children are in (R4 – R1)
- Mix and mingle afterwards
- Please bring small plate for supper

Hot Cross Buns

FOR SALE AT THE CANTEEN

Warm & buttered
80c each

For lunchtimes only as heated in piewarmer

Congratulations to the winners of our Xmas raffle last year – Margaret Forde and Barbara McElligott.

Plunket

Can you make a difference?

Yes!

You can help Southland's young families by giving 1 - 2 hours of your time.

Plunket's Annual Appeal is on 22 - 28 March and needs collectors in your area.

Would you consider collecting from a few homes near you? Any money collected in Southland stays in Southland to help our children and young families.

To make a difference you can contact Teri 230-4212

FASHION WITH A DIFFERENCE

Wood HE Wearable Arts

Saturday 20th March 7:30pm

Woodlands Rugby Pavilion

Tickets \$35 per adult

Tickets on sale from Thursday 18th February.

Each family will be sent home 2 tickets to sell.

Money and/or unsold tickets must be returned by

Thursday 25th February. Additional tickets available

from Woodlands Butchery & Woodlands School office on a first in, first served basis.

Please help us with catering numbers by selling your tickets as soon as possible.

All proceeds to School Playground Upgrade.

MANY THANKS TO MRS HURLEY WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO COOK SAUSAGES TOMORROW. I HAVE HAD NO OTHER OFFERS OF HELP FOR THE OTHER FRIDAYS!! COULD ANYONE ELSE HELP? IT TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR ON WHATEVER FRIDAY LUNCHTIME YOU CAN DO.

Head Lice Checks

Our regular headlice checks last year were, as always, a huge success in keeping the wee nasties out of our children's hair.

Unfortunately, many of our parent helpers no longer have children here at Woodlands School and we need some new "nit-ologists"!

These checks are carried out several times a term, and with enough people, each checker needs only donate their time once that term. It takes 2 hours or so and is done on a day that suits the parents, and the school.

Please fill out the tear-off below if you can help. Full training will be given.

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HEAD LICE CHECKS

I am able to help with head lice checks. I am only able to help onafternoon/s.

Signed:Phone:

PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETINGS

A paid union meeting of primary teachers is being held on Tuesday 9th March 1 - 3pm.

WOODLANDS SCHOOL WILL NOT CLOSE WHILE THIS MEETING IS ON.

Instead, Mrs Hall & Mrs Wilson will put on a Movie Afternoon for the children. School will finish as usual at 3pm, and the buses will run normally.

However, if you would prefer to have your children at home for the afternoon, you may pick them up between 12:30 and 1:25pm.

Room 2



Room 2 is awesome!

We have been doing some writing about our 'first impressions' of our first day back in 2010. Here are some of them.....



As I walked in the door of Room 2 I noticed an amazing difference. All these questions zoomed into my head. Where am I going to sit? Who am I sitting by? Where does my bag go? My mind was frustrated.

"Oh, so cute."

My name tag had horses and cute panda bears on it. That very same day, I felt really tired and nervous. Finally the bus reached home.

Mum said "How was your day?"

I said "My day was awesome."

I can't wait till tomorrow and I love school, I thought when I was in bed.

As I walked in the door to go in the classroom I felt nervous. Where am I going to sit? Where do I put my bag? I felt so nervous. I wanted to go home. No, I didn't go home. I felt a little better. I sat on the mat. I'm a little bit nervous. Mr McHutchon was a little bit nervous too so I was not the only one who felt nervous. After that heaps of people were nervous.



When play time finished and it was the afternoon, I was all right. I was all right when I got on the bus. I felt so, so, so happy I felt amazing. When I got home Mum asked me, "How was your day?"

"Amazing" I answered to Mum.

Come into our class room to see the rest of our published stories.....coming soon!