

# Wednesday, 21 March 2012

## Ko te Wenerei, 21 o Maehe 2012



### *Tēnā koutou katoa*

Our aroha and deepest sympathy goes out to Whaea Roimata and her whānau as they grieve the loss of her nephew and whānau from the boating tragedy in Foveaux Strait.

### Te Maika

A big thank you to everyone who supported our tamariki for this amazing camp. It was the first time I had been there and I felt like I was in paradise! It was also the first time we have been able to take our whole school on a camp. The children worked together and supported each other incredibly well. I was most impressed with how they determined their own programme for most of the day and how we, as adults, were able to be there to make it happen for them.

### Swimming Sports

Well done to all those who participated in the school swimming sports on Friday. It was a beautifully hot day with great company.

For those going to the Interschool Swimming Sports, please return

permission slips by tomorrow. The day is for middle and senior school students, however if there are very competent swimmers who are younger they will be invited to participate in the event. The children will need to bring their own lunch and drink. There will be no sausage sizzle there and children will not be allowed out to buy food at the shops.

### Writing

Our school has been fortunate in being chosen for indepth support with an adviser to improve our achievement in writing. We are looking forward to working with Whaea Chris over the year.

### ERO

The confirmed Education Review Report from ERO is available upon request through the school office or [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz)

### Kaua e mutu kere noa iho

While you are receiving this newsletter today, I am in Auckland farewelling Aotea as she flies off to Japan to begin her five month

exchange at a high school there. We have had our fair share of tears but know that this will be an amazing experience for her!

I would also like to acknowledge a couple of other past students who have recently come to my attention.

Congratulations to Erika Burton, who is Deputy Head Girl at Waikato Diocesan School this year.

Well done also to Thom Snowden, who was selected and has just returned from a Spirit of Adventure 10-day voyage.

I'm sure we have many other former students who are setting the fine example to our current students of "kaua e mutu kere noa iho." They continue to persevere to achieve their goals and are rewarded as a result.

We're celebrating our updated photocopier by sending you all a coloured version of this newsletter with photos of Te Maika camp for you to enjoy (photos from school camera and Misha)

*Kia pai tō koutou wiki*

*Leanne Apiti*

### CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to Dr John and Sue Burton who have just celebrated their 20th year of working and living in this paradise.*

### COMING EVENTS

Fri, 23 Mar	Interschool Swimming Sports at Te Awamutu Events Centre—middle and senior school
Wed, 28 March	Manual—Bus leaves at 8.30am sharp
Thur, 29 March	TRAYBAKE THURSDAY
Thur, 29 Mar	Whaea Niki at Reading Recovery
Thu, 5 April	Last day Term 1
Fri, 6 April	Good Friday
Mon, 9 April	Oparau Whaleboat Fundraiser Carboot sale—Oparau Roadhouse 9am-1pm Details at school
Mon, 23 April	Term 2 begins

5 tips to help the reluctant reader:

1. Find books that work for them
2. Make reading interactive
3. Read aloud to your kids
4. Listen to books on tape/cd/mp3
5. Have a designated reading time



