



**Our vision is to develop confident lifelong learners**

**Wakefield School Values**

**S** Show respect  
**T** Take responsibility  
**A** Aim high  
**N** Never give up  
**D** Do the right thing

## Newsletter 23 February 2012

### PRINCIPAL'S INTRODUCTION

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' evening last Wednesday evening.

I enjoyed the convivial atmosphere and teachers certainly appreciated your support.

Whitby students are preparing for their biennial camps at Marahau. Marahau is a great location for a primary school camp. It's close enough for parents/caregivers to share day activities, yet far enough so the children feel that the class, teacher and any parent/caregiver are some distance away.

The Mobile Dental Clinic leaves on Friday and will not return until mid year. The contractors building the new junior playground will arrive next week to transform that stoney site into the new wonderland.

Parents/caregivers are reminded that Wakefield School does have an 'open door policy' but to ensure you see the person you want, please ring the office or email the person and make an appointment. We welcome your input into your children's education at our school because we can't do it without your active participation.

Peter Ross  
Principal

### SCHOOL LUNCHES



This term our school lunches will be supplied by the 'Chateau Rhubarb' the local cafe situated here in Wakefield.

The Chateau Rhubarb is able to offer new choices in healthy lunches for children, including wraps, rolls and fresh fruit.

The new order form can be collected from your child's classroom.

The prices are comparable to those of Subway and the procedure for ordering lunch on a Friday will remain the same.

Please remember:

- Use the form '*Chateau Rhubarb Lunch Order*'.
- Place the **correct money** and the order form in a sealed envelope with your child's name and 'lunch order' written on the envelope.
- Lunch orders must be placed in the 'Lunch Order Box' at the sliding window of the school office **before 9am Fridays**.
- **No change will be given.**

Please note that we cannot accept online payments for school lunches. Students can collect their individually packaged lunch at 12.30 at the picnic tables on the grassed area by the staffroom.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### **Reminders**

Please ensure your contact details are current and updated for our School Management System. Parents/Caregivers can phone the office on 541 8332 or email [admin@wakefield.school.nz](mailto:admin@wakefield.school.nz)

### **Email addresses**

Email addresses are available on the school website if you wish to contact your child/ren's teacher by email.

### **Pool Keys**

The school office still has pool keys for sale. The pool committee have confirmed the price for a key for the remaining swimming season is now \$55.00 (family).



### **Lost Property**

Please remember to name all items of your child/ren's clothing, including sun hats, togs and towels.



**We have a mountain bike and helmet that were left here in term 4 2011. Please contact the office if these belong to you.**

## THE CLIFFORD SYNDICATE

Another reminder to please name your child's clothing. We already have a selection of unnamed clothing accumulating.

### **Wanted:**

- Boxes for construction
- Old shirts or T shirts for painting shirts

### **Home Learning**

**Reading:** We cannot stress enough the importance of regular home reading. Children will also bring home high frequency words to practise.

**Spelling:** Children will bring home words they need to learn to spell as soon as the teacher feels they are ready.

**Mathletics:** Children from Room 9 will bring home their username and passwords this week.

### **Sports:**

Kiwi Sports day will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Wakefield School.

Tuesday 6 March: Swimming demonstration. Children will demonstrate their skills in the pool. 1:45 start.

*Sue, Isobel, Anne and Tim*

## THE ARROW SYNDICATE

It was great to meet parents at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening last week and catch up with those already known to us. Remember, if you are able to parent help, please let your child's teacher know.

The syndicate has a busy term ahead with many activities within the classroom planned as well as outside. The programme for this term includes learning about statistics in mathematics, self portraits in art, the river in science, positive relationships in health; and swimming / Kiwisports in PE.

### **Syndicate Fun Afternoon**

This Thursday 23 February Arrow Syndicate children are having a shared lunch together at Faulkners Bush. We will be leaving school at 12.30 and then returning in time for some activities. Can you please ensure your child has shoes, a packed lunch and their togs. It would be helpful to us if sunscreen was applied before they came to school.

### **Reminders**

Please ensure all hats are named and that children are bringing a drink bottle to school with water in it. They get very hot and thirsty during the day!

If your child is not swimming, can you please send them to school with a note of explanation to their teacher.

The swimming sports are on Tuesday 13 March. Your child will be swimming sometime between 10.30 and 12.30. The focus is all about participation and having fun.

If you have any old shirts that are suitable to be used for painting and/or any newspaper can you please pass on to your child's teacher. These things would be greatly appreciated.

*Melissa, Julie, Paula and Bek*

## THE WHITBY SYNDICATE

### Fundraising for camp

A note will come home this week about Juicies fundraising for camp. For every box you sell \$6 will come off your child's camp fees. Please look out for this in your child's bag.

### Raft equipment

If you have any materials suitable for raft making at camp, tubes, twine, etc, please send it to school. We are all looking forward to the great raft race, it's definitely a highlight of the camps!

### Swimming gear and sun hats

Please ensure your child continues to bring their togs and sun hat to school daily.

*Kathy, Kirsty, Tash, Lyn and Hugo*

## FROM THE LIBRARY

This year the library has a smaller budget for the purchasing of new books.

Last year 46 books were not found during stock take. Twenty-seven of these are issued to borrowers and nineteen have been taken from the library without being issued. We also wrote off a large number of water damaged books. Many of these were books purchased within the last 18 months.

These new books came to just over \$800.



We really appreciate those few parents and caregivers who pay their invoices for lost and damaged books.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Volleyball

There will be 2 teams entered into the Wednesday Volleyball League at the Badminton Hall in Richmond this term. Thank-you to all those players who returned their permission slips on time. The first couple of weeks are generally a little messy as coaches try to work out their skill level and position them in the appropriate league.

As stated in the registration form, the Tasman Volleyball organisation does request a parent courtside at each game, to support and advise their team.

**Practices will be Wednesday lunchtimes 12.30-1.20 (bring your lunch)**

### 5-A-Side Soccer & Summer Hockey

Unfortunately we did not receive enough interest in the above sports to form a Wakefield School team in either of these leagues. If your child would like to play summer hockey they can still do so by registering at the Hockey Pavilion on Tuesday, 21st February.

## **Wakefield Summer Soccer**

We will not be running the Wakefield Summer Soccer this term but will at this stage resume this popular skills and drills based programme in Term 4.

## **Lunchtime Squad Swims**

On Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes we are running squad swimming for anyone interested who can swim a length comfortably. This is to improve fitness levels. All competent swimmers are invited. Attendance isn't compulsory.

## **TBall**

Any children interested in playing T.Ball on Saturday mornings at Saxton Field, please see Mr Goulter in room 13 as soon as possible this week for further information.

Cost: Approx \$22 per player. Minimum of 6 players needed.

## **P.T.A**

### **P.T.A Meeting**

There will be a P.T.A meeting at 7.00pm Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March in the Wakefield School staffroom. All Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION REMINDER**

### **Board of Trustees By-Election**

Nominations are invited for the election of 3 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed at the office during normal school hours from Monday 13 March.

The Electoral Roll closes at noon on Wednesday 22 February 2012.

The Supplementary Roll closes at noon on Wednesday 7 March 2012.

**(Parents should ensure that their contact details held by the school are correct as all electoral information is posted)**

Nominations close at noon on Friday 9 March 2012 and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting papers are posted between 9 -14 March 2012.

The poll closes at noon on Friday 23 March 2012.

Signed  
Delyth Jones



## WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Wakefield School is looking to start the 'Walking School Bus' up again this term. In order for this service to be operational, we require drivers.

If any parents are interested in becoming drivers, please contact the school office.



## NEW ZEALAND TEACHERS NEWS

Recently teacher conduct was headlined in a news story stating "hundreds of unfit teachers in class"

I believe it is important that you have the full context surrounding the disciplinary processes. The teaching profession is a self policing profession. Schools and ECE services show great accountability in protecting children by taking their responsibility to report any teacher who has committed an act of serious misconduct or conviction, very seriously.

Most conduct or competence cases investigated by the Complaints Assessment Committee were acted on following a complaint from the profession itself, rather than a public complaint.

Following the news headline, Thomas Lumley, Professor of Statistics at the University of Auckland provided a comparison in his column.

**Teachers:** Close to 98,000 teachers nationally, so on this data that equates to one complaint for 290 teachers per year.

**Police:** There was one complaint per four policemen per year.

**Journalists:** There was one complaint per 66 journalists.

I believe we can be very proud of the teaching profession.

Peter Ross  
Principal

**Source: Kaimanga: Teaching a Self Policing Profession  
Issue 56  
New Zealand Teachers Council**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Community Notices have been moved to the Wakefield School website. To view contact information for local community groups and community notices please click on the link below then select from the drop down menu:

<http://www.wakefield.school.nz/what-s-on/>

**These notices are updated daily, so please do make time to check out what's happening in our community!**

*If you do not have access to a computer in your home please feel free to drop by the school library to view the website.*