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Dear Parents

Wakefield School is pleased to introduce our new Excursion/Sports top for students. These tops are made out of breathable, easy dry, durable, sun smart (UPF25) fabric and are sourced locally. We do outstandingly well at sporting and cultural events which students, teachers and parents are very proud of so we think it's time to take pride in our appearance too. This uniform is optional for 2011 but will become compulsory in 2012 for some students. If you have an older student participating in sports teams this year, we encourage you to purchase a top; you can on-sell this at the end of the year or pass it down to a younger child.

Next year if your child is a Year 3-6 student, this uniform will be compulsory for all school trips and sports excursions but can also be worn to school daily. If your child is a Year 1 - 2 student, this top is optional but if your child participates in a number of sports teams during the year, you may like to purchase one.

There will be three initial dates in which orders can be placed. These are:

First Orders in by: Wednesday 25th May 2011

Second Orders in by: Wednesday 8th June 2011

Third Orders in by: Wednesday 22nd June 2011

(Further orders will be placed at regular intervals when needed. Dates will be advised in future newsletters.)

Please ensure order forms are fully completed including **size** and which **style** of top you wish to order. Please return forms to the school office along with payment.

In Term 4 the school will look to offer avenues for parents to sell second hand uniform items that they no longer need. These will include a uniform sales day (at school) and registering with an online auction site called "My School Shop". Further details will be provided later in the year.

At this stage the current "optional uniform" items that are purchased through Postie Plus are still available for day to day use in the school but the new Excursion/Sports top will be required for sports events and other school excursions for any year 3 - 6 students from 2012.

If you have any queries regarding these tops please contact Kathy Granger by email kathy.granger@wakefield.school.nz or phone the school office on 541 8332.

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Principal