

A NEWSLETTER
FOR PARENTS
GUARDIANS
AND FRIENDS
OF THE SCHOOL

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At Aka Aka Primary School, we aim
to be **STAR** students at all times by
using our **WITS** at certain times in
the classroom or playground -

Walk away

Ignore

Tell someone about it

Stand up for yourself

Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends of the School,

Greetings Kia ora koutou,

Well done to Emma McCorkindale who competed in the APPA Frankin Zone Speech Final yesterday. She competed against 10 other finalists and represented Aka Aka School with distinction.

Good luck to Norelle Hulme who will represent our school at the APPA Zone Speech Final for Year 5 & 6 students next week.

Daffodil Day 2010 - Thank you to everyone who participated in Daffodil Day last week and contributed to this worthy charity. We raised \$110 - thank you for your generous support.

SWAZI Follow-up - We have enclosed a section from the SWAZI August newsletter about their experience at Aka Aka last month. As you can read in the article, Davey and Maggie certainly enjoyed their time at Aka Aka.

Waiuku College 2011 Enrolments - A Year 2011 Enrolments' Information Evening for Students and Parents is on Tuesday 7th September, 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Waiuku College Hall. This evening is designed as an introduction to Waiuku College for students\parents intending to apply for enrolment in 2011. Guided tours of the school facilities will be available as part of the programme. Extra Enrolment Packs will also be available on the evening.

Waiuku Schools' Choir Festival - The students continue their final preparations and practice for the choir festival which is to take place on Wednesday 8 September and Thursday 9 September.

Tickets are now on sale at \$5.00 adult and \$2.00 child. Orders must be into school by **Friday 3 September** - cash or cheque made out to Aka Aka School. There are no late orders and door sales cannot be guaranteed.

PTA Fundraiser - The PTA's new fundraiser - Entertainment Books selling for \$65.00 with many discounts in a range of eating and entertainment venues. We currently have 8 books for sale.

Petition calling for changes to School Bus Laws - A petition has been organised to make changes to our current School Bus Laws. The 3 changes are -

- compulsory fitting of flashing warning lights on all school buses, with lights automatically activated below a certain speed.
- amend the 20km/h limit law to correspond with the speed at which warning lights are activated.
- compulsory fitting of high visibility signage, displaying the legal speed limit when passing buses in either direction, on the rear window of all buses.

The petition will run until **22 October**. If your children travel on the bus, I am sure you wish all reasonable steps are taken to ensure a safe journey. The petition is available for signing at the main school office.

Principal for a Day - Today we welcomed Cherie Brown from Westpac Bank to our school as Principal for a day. This programme is organised by COMET (City of Manukau Education Trust) whose philosophy is 'making education work for Manukau'.

The programme allows principals and business leaders to celebrate similarities within both environments and to share insights and learnings. Cherie also spent time in classes talking about financial literacy and banking/finance as a career.

Change of Clothes - Because of the wet weather and muddy fields, we encourage children to bring a change of clothes for lunchtime games such as soccer and touch etc.

***Interesting Fact - August 2010 had 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays, 5 Tuesdays
and this only happens every 823 years!***

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Future Dates and Reminders

- 2 September -Manual Classes - Year 7 & 8
-Auckland Schools' Cross Country Championships
- 7 September -Waiuku College Information Evening
- 8 & 9 September-Waiuku Schools' Choir Festival
- 8 September -Calf Club Demonstration Day
- 15 September -Board Meeting
- 16 September -Manual classes - Year 7 & 8
- 20 September -PTA Meeting
- 24 September -End of Term 3
- 11 October -Term 4 begins
- 16 October -Calf Club Day
- 16 December -End of Term 4

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend, and let's hope for a Silver Ferns win against Norma Plummer and the Australian Netball team - please!!

Regards

Ross McGowan

PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL NEWS

Bus Payments - Please forward your bus payment for ineligible students for Term 3 to the school as soon as possible.

Manual Fees - Manual fees are now due for the final part of 2010, could parents of Year 7 & 8 students forward \$30 as soon as possible to the school office. Cheques to be made payable to Aka Aka School so the school can forward payment to View Road.

CALF CLUB

Calf Club Entry Forms - Please return to the school office as soon as possible.

Calf Club Cups - Could all Calf Club cups be returned to school cleaned and polished ready for Calf Club day.

PTA NEWS - Our next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 20 September at 7.30pm.

BOARD NEWS

Board Policies - The following policies are under review and are displayed in the school foyer and on the school website for feedback - Theft & Fraud Prevention, Use of school grounds, facilities and equipment, Policymaking, Injury Prevention/Treatment, Emergency Evacuation & Procedure Policy, Control of Finance, Contractors and Sub Contractors and Application for Funding.

Board Meeting - The next Board Meeting will be held Wednesday 15 September at 6.30pm at school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Waiuku Axemens' Club Demonstration Night - held at Waiuku Cossi Club **this Friday night 3rd Sept at 7.30pm** \$5.00 entry fee - to help raise money for the 4 members going to Melbourne who are representing New Zealand in the NZ under 21 team - Shawn Sands, Jesse Whitehead, Nathan and William McDonald.

Card making and scrapbooking beginner's course starting on Wednesday 15th of September at 7.30pm. Cost \$40 for the 4 week course. Contact Angela Corbett on 235 2421 or email angela.corbett0@xtra.co.nz for further details."

Waiuku's Got Talent! Open to all ages, remember our turn will be held at the Aka Aka Hall on Friday 10 September 5.30 - 7.00pm. Registrations \$5.00 per act accepted on the night. \$1000 prize money. See www.waiukufamilies.co.nz for details or ring/txt Sarah on 2351488 / 0226351690.

Waiuku District Junior Cricket Club - Club registration for all junior players Year 1 to Year 11 on September 11th 2010 at the Clubhouse Massey Park (10am - 1.00pm). Subscription - Year 1 - 4 \$55.00 and Year 5 - 1 \$75.00.

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Waiuku Junior Touch Module - Registration Night 22nd September Sandspit Road School Library 7.00pm. Touch teams adult manager must be present on registration night with registration form and money. Registration forms available through your school office. Competition commences 13 October 3.45pm. B Grade teams must have Year 5/6 students ONLY. A Grade teams must have Year 7/8 students ONLY. All teams must be mixed. Each team MUST supply a referee. Any queries please contact Nathan or Rochelle Browne 2355277 or 0210603343.

WIN and help our school to fundraise when you treat Dad this Fathers' Day! Fathers' Day is on Sunday 5 September, so it's time to plan a way to treat Dad! **Agave Restaurant at Karioitahi Beach** is a great place to take Dad for a hot breakfast, lazy lunch or a sensational Stebnegril dinner and they have a children's' menu too AND every time you dine at Agave Restaurant, you can register as a supporter of our school and help us earn fundraising vouchers valued at over \$200 which we can use for our school projects **AND if you take Dad to Agave on Fathers' Day, you'll go in the draw to WIN one of FOUR CASTAWAYS ADVENTURE PACKAGES!** These packages are awesome and include activities like blo-karting, 4WDing and clay target shooting and some also include meals and accommodation. *So take Dad to Agave Restaurant on Fathers' Day and get in to win - that'll get him smiling! Phone 236-5041 extn 234 to book.*

Secretary's Thought

*It's good to have money and the things that money can buy,
but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.*

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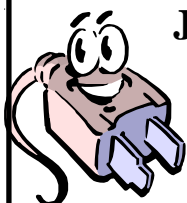
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