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Dear Parents/Caregivers



We are in the final days of Book Week, with the Character Parade tomorrow. The Book Fair has given children a new interest in reading with a lovely selection of affordable books on display and for purchase. The Book Fair will be open tomorrow from 8.30am – 9.30am for the last time. This will be your last opportunity to purchase some of these wonderful books as they will be returned to the supplier late morning.

Thank you to the parents who have made themselves available to look after this display and to those of you who have kindly donated a book to the school library. During the week occasionally across the intercom communication system has signalled a sudden instruction to "Stop, Drop and Read". All children and teachers across the school have had to immediately stop what they are doing, drop what they are doing and pick up a book and read! It has caused some cheerful confusion in classrooms, with everyone getting into reading mode.

Another daily activity has been the reading of a short story or poem across the intercom system which has had a ten minute after morning tea slot.

Posters have been made along with book marks, and of course the Book Week show on Monday. **If your child attended the show but you have not paid the \$4.50 entry fee, would you please pay this tomorrow.**

A Focused PTA

With this newsletter there is the first of a series of newsletters from the school's 2010 PTA Team. We do hope you find the PTA newsletter of interest. This group of mums and dads donate their time and skills to meet once a month here at school to plan ways of supporting and helping the learning of all children of the school. This year they want to work towards replacing the aged computers in the IT Suite. Every child in the school has a minimum of 1 hour a week for 2 terms of every year, working and learning in the IT Suite with Mr Robson who is employed by the Board of Trustees to specialise in teaching computer studies. Teachers also use the computer suite with their classes at any other time. When children go back into their own classrooms they are able to access their computer files and carry on with the work they were doing with Mr Robson. The knowledge and skills being learnt and practised by our students on a regular basis is certainly giving them the skills to be prepared for "learning in the 21st Century" (NZ Curriculum 2009). We hope you will fully support the PTA activities and fundraisers to benefit all students at Forrest Hill School.

ICT and Learning

The school is on a 3 year project with the Ministry of Education where we get funding to help teachers to learn effective uses of information and communication technology to enhance student learning. Each syndicate team has identified goals to aspire to in their use of new technology which is embedded into their learning programmes. The Arataki teachers are looking at varying ways their students can present their inquiry findings to an audience. Students are using a selection of "Movie Maker", "Scratch" and "Power Point" tools to make "e books". They are building backgrounds, creating animations and creating their texts, making e books that are bright, colourful, animated and importantly are able to capture the attention of their audience and communicate facts and information. The chosen audiences are the students in their buddy classes. Parents will be able to see their children's e book programmes on the evening of student led conferences.

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1. Casey Smith and Josh Hamilton have inquired into what makes and affects our weather. To capture the attention of their audience they have written their information findings in rhyme and used animated movements so the clouds go across the sky and the rain actually falls!

2. Shin Uk Kang and Hyun Sung Lim have used movie maker to make their e books, where again they created animations so their book has both actions and words. Well done to the 4 students in Room 3. These are just a few of the many children in Arataki who are involved in this exciting Journey of Learning.

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Celebrating the Work of our Support Staff

Schools employ not just teachers but additional staff as well, who carry out a range of work keeping the school operating well.

Yesterday was "Support Staff Day" when teachers and students thanked these special people for the work they do.

In the office we have the administration team of Mrs Eaton and Mrs Whitehouse and in the property department we have Mr Braun and Mrs Guernsey. In classrooms we have our teacher aides: Mrs Dunn, Mrs Andrewes, Mrs Hall and Mrs Freeman. In the ESOL class we have Mrs Wriensnik and Mrs Warwick and in the library we have Mrs Berry.

This support team does a wonderful job every day helping to make our school "the best little school" (a statement heard from parents quite often) and a place we love to come to every day.

Whole School Assembly

Our next whole school assembly is on Monday of next week (21st June). During this assembly Book Week awards will be handed out. Parents are very warmly invited to whole school assemblies which start at 2.00pm.

Takapuna Normal Intermediate Enrolments for Year 7 2011

Enrolment packs for Year 6 children will be delivered to your child by Friday 2nd July from TNIS. Open day for **parents and out of zone pupils** will be Wednesday 28 July 9.15am – 10.00am and 11.00am – 11.45am.

Information evening for **parents**, in the TNIS Auditorium on Monday 16 August 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Applications close for In Zone / Out of Zone on Friday 3 September 2010. Out of zone ballot will be held on Friday 20 September.

Dates for your diary

18 th June	Character Parade
21 st June	Whole school assembly
22 nd June	PTA Meeting 7.00pm staffroom
28 th June	Reports go home
29 th June	BOT Meeting 7.00pm
30 th June	Akoranga Cultural Festival
1 st July	Sausage Sizzle lunch
2 nd July	Last day of Term 2
19 th July	First day of Term 3

Forrest Hill School Holiday Programme

The Mercy Christian Centre will again be running their holiday programme in the Forrest Hill School hall. The programme will run during the first week of the holidays – 5th – 9th July, 9.00am – 12.00pm. Flyers will be sent home shortly.

Kelly Sports Holiday programme

A sports holiday programme will be run at Planet Sports Indoor Sports Arena, 57 View Road, Glenfield for the 2 week school holiday break. The Kelly Sports programme covers a range of sporting activities and costs \$40.00 for a full day and \$25.00 for a half day. For further information contact Jeremy on 027-278-4254.

NZ Football Academy Holiday Programme

Fun filled programme with football games, skills, tournaments and much more. Venue – Takapuna Grammar School Hall and Fields. Monday 5th July – Friday 16th July, 9.00am – 1.00pm. Contact Chris Bryson on 446-0502 or 021-067-6700.

Art Day

Tues 6th July or Wed 7th July from 9.30am to 2.40pm, North Shore.

Want something fun, creative and exciting for your child to do in the July holidays with an experienced art teacher?

Want to find out more?

Email Fiona on alfe@farmside.co.nz, phone 09 4210730 text 0272464494 .

HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

Milford Tennis club is running a holiday tennis camp for kids of all levels in the school holidays.

Option 1 Date: 5th -8th of July **Time:** 9am-12pm
Cost: \$25 per day or \$100 for 4days. **Or Option 2**
Date: 12th -15th of July **Time:** 9am-12pm Cost:
\$25 per day or \$100 for 4days.

Please contact Shelley Bryce 021-549469 or **email:** shells20@hotmail.com

