

## Home & School News

### New Parents Afternoon Tea

All parents and teachers welcome to casual mingle and afternoon tea following Awards Assembly **Friday 5 March** in the school hall. New faces quickly become familiar faces - see you there!

### Easter Raffle

We are having our annual Easter Raffle and to do this we need the help of all of our families. Please send along one Easter Egg item per family to earn house points. Tickets are on sale at the office—50c per ticket. We will have the draw on the last day of term, Thursday 1 April. Parents are welcome.



### COMING EVENTS - HELP WANTED

- Motorcross Family Fun Day 23 May - motorbike racing in maize paddock - all ages and all sizes of motorbikes and quads  
People to organise selling of food/bbqs/drinks; prizes/spot prizes; marshalls; spreading the word to maximise entries; portaloos & waste disposal
- Family Weekend Away Raffle to go on sale in early April, drawn 23 May. Contacts in Rotorua in hospitality/tourism; petrol vouchers; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes - sports gear/event vouchers, movie tickets, subscriptions, discount goods/services - anything considered; selling of tickets far and wide!

If you can help in any way please contact **Robynne Watson** 09-238 2927,  
**Carol Wright** 09-236 0374 or **Diana O'Brien** 09-236 0199

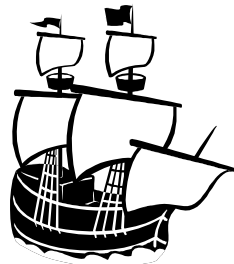
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**Our Best Always**



# Bombay School Newsletter

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25 February 2010

Dear Parents and Friends

Kia Ora Katoa

### NATIONAL STANDARDS IN READING & WRITING & MATHEMATICS

This year we have begun the implementation of the revised NZ Curriculum. This will ensure that all students are effectively taught in all learning areas of the curriculum. We will ensure that there is no narrowing of the curriculum as a result of the new standards. It will take time to be able to fully implement the standards as they are a major change in our education system. During Term 1 our staff will be having considerable Professional Development in working with the standards before they can be used. Our teachers are committed to doing the very best they can for your children. We will keep you informed of our progress as we work through how we are going to approach and manage these changes. Our first PD is on Friday 12 March and will involve **Mr Duckworth, Mrs Brown, Mrs Stafford-Bush, Mrs Hudson and Ms Lemon.**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It was great to have parents **Kirsty Hill** and **Toni Wallace** present as observers at our February meeting. A new board will be elected on May 7 and it is important that parents standing as candidates have some understanding of how the board works. Trustees **Janis Birch, Vicki Martin & Sel Stol** will not be seeking re-election. **Lorraine Wilson** has been appointed as the Returning Officer. She is receiving training and is also preparing Electoral Rolls for parents & teachers. Lorraine will advise parents when Nomination Forms and Voter Rolls are available.

### FRANKLIN TRIATHLON

We have over 50 students competing in this event at Clarks Beach tomorrow. The organisers have emailed all participants who have registered. **Reminder:** everyone must have their bike and helmet checked and display the current safety clearance sticker. 2010 Current Weetbix Triathlon safety sticker is also acceptable. Marshals will check all bikes for stickers before they are placed in transition. If you haven't had your bike checked, these shops do free checks for all participants.

<b>Counties Cycles</b>	<b>239 Bike</b>	<b>Sunset Cycles</b>
121 Manuaku Rd	The Warehouse Carpark	318 Bowen St
Pukekohe	Pukekohe	Waiuku

### MR WALLEY'S DEPARTURE

We will farewell Mr Walley tomorrow at 2.30pm in the hall. Parents are most welcome.



**MEET THE TEACHERS - THIS AFTERNOON**

**Junior Syndicate** 3.00pm in the hall 3.10 Classes

**Middle School** 3.30-4.30pm

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY APPEAL 20-28 FEBRUARY**

Thank you to those who have purchased bow ties in support of this appeal, they are selling fast. We have ordered more bows today and are hoping to get some yellow bow ties (Bombay colours). They are \$2 each available from the office.



**RESULTS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS**

We had a lovely afternoon. Thanks to all the Junior School Staff and the wonderful crowd of supporters. Results below:

- 1st **Katie**
- 2nd **Brayden**
- 3rd **Paige**

**SCHOOL FEES** Thank you to all the families who have paid their fees. Middle and Senior school pupils were charged for their Maths Mate and English Skills work books with their fees. These books have now arrived and been distributed. Could parents please make arrangements to pay for these as soon as possible. All Technology fees (Senior school) need to be paid by the end of Term one. Thank you

**FROM THE GREEN TEAM**

All of our students have hats, each classroom has a supply of sunscreen so we are a Sunsmart school. With swimming sports coming up we need the children to be extra careful in the sun and maybe even bring their own sunscreen when needed for those longer periods in the sun.

**ASB BANK SCHOOL BANKING** day is Wednesday. Please bring your banking into the office. Anyone wishing to open a new bank account can collect account forms from the office.

**AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL COMPETITION - YEARS 4-8**

These competitions are held by the University of New South Wales Education Testing Centre and compare the relative performance of students in each school year, in various curriculum areas. Students who enter the competitions tend to be high achievers in the tested Curriculum areas, but the competitions are open to all who wish to enter. If you wish your child to enter a competition, please collect the entry form from the school office. The cost is \$7.50 per competition. The last day for entries will be **Friday 26 March**. Competitions available:

**Computer Skills      Science      English      Mathematics**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS** Thank you to all the parents who support the Scholastic Book Order Club. The school receives reward points for every order we place and this enables us to purchase resources throughout the year which go into classrooms. Thanks again for your support.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES** Hell Pizza is our special lunch for **Monday 1 March**.

Hell Pizza Pukekohe have offered us a fundraising special deal. For each pizza sold at \$5 the school gets \$1. This will be a term special. Bases are made fresh each day using wholemeal flour, filtered water, yeast & canola oil. No unnecessary preservatives. Mozzarella cheese is used & is among the healthier of the soft cheeses which is lower in salt & saturated fat. As a further incentive. Parents, pupils, friends & family can simply tell Hell Pizza your school password when ordering at Hell Pizza Pukekohe and they will add a \$2 donation per order toward our school fundraising. Our password is: "BOMBAY SCHOOL OUR BEST ALWAYS" I'm sure we can all remember that when ordering. Order forms were sent home on Monday and were to be brought to the office by **Wednesday 24 February**. Thank you, Adelle

**JUNIOR SCHOOL OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEK 1-5 MARCH**

These activities will take place in the afternoons with the highlight being the Yr 3 Overnight Camp in the school grounds on **Thursday 4 March** and a Junior School breakfast on Friday morning.

**REMINDERS**

1. Could all Juniors please bring their togs EVERY DAY next week for EOTC week.
2. Please make sure ALL uniforms are named. We are finding lots of unnamed T-shirts after swimming. Thank you.

**STATIONERY FEEDBACK FORMS**

Thank you to the 80 families who responded to this quick questionnaire. Much appreciated.

Most people appeared to find the process very easy to follow and this allowed children to arrive at school on the first day with all their stationery. Comments from parents included:

- 0800 number staff were very helpful, problems solved
- We needed to make the cut off date of 20 January (for guaranteed delivery before school start date) more prominent as some parents were not aware of it.
- Parents need more instruction on deleting items that they do not need off their orders, and also how to change the colour of some items (book bags and clear files). I will look at preparing an extra page of 'how to' for 2011.
- When stationery was ordered for more than one child, there was no separation in the orders or packing slips when they arrived. (I have sent this one to our Customer Service Officer - we will see what they give us as a solution).
- One parent even ordered for her children who were at schools other than Bombay.

Thank you so much for your support with this new system for ordering stationery. We will let you know the total value of our commission from these sales as soon as we are advised.