



Pyes Pa School **NEWSLETTER**

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Greetings,

We have had a great start to 2010, with a number of new children as well as the return of students from last year. It is great to see familiar faces and I would like to extend a special welcome to our new families.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Andrea Peterson and Miss Kate Staples to the staff at Pyes Pa School. It is great to have Andrea and Kate here and we look forward to all they have to share. Miss Peterson will be teaching in Room 8 and Miss Staples in Room 5.

It is also with great pleasure that I welcome back two former teachers in a new capacity. Mrs Heidi Pink and Mrs Ann Bakker will be job sharing in Room 3. Heidi will teach Monday to Wednesday and Ann will teach Thursday to Friday.

Mr Gordon Blair is back with us after being away on study leave for Terms 3 and 4 last year. We look forward to Gordon sharing his learning from his time on the Science Fellowship.

And finally with respect to staff, we welcome Mrs Leanne Goddard who will be teaching music part-time in the same role Mrs Denize has held for the past two years.

On the property side of things, we have had a fairly quiet summer after a hectic few years. Painting has been the main focus with the pool repainted and looking great for swimming, and a number of buildings have had roofs repainted. Touch ups have also taken place to tidy up after the graffiti from late last year.

Regards,

Brendan Clarkin

DIARY DATES FOR TERM 1 2010

ACTIVITY	DATE	POSTPONED
Waimarino - Room 7/8	Tues 9 Feb	
Gym Club Starts - 12:45pm (7 wks)	Wed 17 Feb	
HPV Vaccination Education Session Yr8	Wed 17 Feb	
Meet the Teacher Evening - 5:15 to 7pm	Thurs 18 Feb	
School Triathlon - Houses	Fri 26 Feb	Tue 2 Mar
KRSA Swimming Yr4-6	Wed 10 Mar	
HPV Vaccination 1 - Yr8 (Aquinas)	Thurs 11 Mar	
Junior Swimming	Thurs 11 Mar	
Tall Poppies Swimming Yr7-8	Fri 12 Mar	
Top School - Yr5/6	Sun 14 Mar	
West Cluster Swimming - Yr5/6	Tues 16 Mar	
Future Champions - Yr5/6	Thurs 18 Mar	
Future Champions - Yr7/8	Fri 19 Mar	
Talent Quest Jnr Heats	Mon 22 Mar	
Talent Quest Snr Heats	Tues 23 Mar	
KRSA Tabloids Yr1-3	Tues 23 Mar	Thurs 25 Mar
WBOP Swimming Yr7/8	Thurs 25 Mar	
WBOP Swimming Yr5/6	Fri 26 Mar	
Talent Quest Final	Mon 29 Mar	
Parent Interviews	Tues 30 Mar	
Term Ends	Thurs 1 Apr	

Mobile Dental Unit

OFFICE HOURS – 8:30am to 3:00pm Jenny Simpson – Mon/Tue/Wed Catherine Fitzpatrick – Thu/Fri View this newsletter on our website: www.pyespa.school.nz Close off day for weekly newsletter is 3pm Tuesday	Term 1: Wed 3 Feb – Thu 1 Apr Term 2: Mon 19 Apr – Fri 2 July Term 3: Mon 19 Jul – Fri 24 Sept Term 4: Mon 11 Oct – Fri 17 Dec
Want to pay by Automatic Payment? Our Account is with Westpac and the details are:	Account Name: Pyes Pa Road BOT Account No: 03 1549 0008987 00

BoT Elections 2010

School Trustees are voted on to the Board by the school community. They sit on the board for 3 years. In March 2010 we will be having the election to vote in the Board of Trustees for the next 3 years.

To be put forward for the election a person must be nominated and have a seconder. We will be letting you have more details at the beginning of the year, but in the meantime, have a serious think about who you would like to see on the Board of Trustees.



The following students have birthdays coming up before our next newsletter – have a happy day!

07/02 Sunday

Isaac KORENHOFF Rm8

Jacob MORRISSEY Rm7

10/02 Wednesday

Cedric TARGETT-JONES Rm7

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- **Stationery, Fees and Sports Uniform**

Payment of Stationery, Fees and Sports Uniform can be made at the School Office. If you would like to pay by term or by automatic payment, please speak to Jenny or Catherine in the School Office.

- **Absentees**

Please be aware that the MOE have put in place strict guidelines for schools to deal with students that are absent without explanation.

Therefore, if your child is going to be away for any reason, please advise the school as soon as practicable. Pyes Pa School will make every effort to contact you to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. If you are non-contactable, we will try and contact your Emergency Contact. If the school is still unable to get in contact, then the TRUANCY OFFICER will be alerted, and you can expect a visit from him.

We realise that most parents/caregivers do have the best intentions, and occasionally the phone call to the school has slipped your mind. However, to safe guard our children the above process will be followed.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

We will be holding a Meet the Teacher evening in Week 3, **Thursday 18th February**.

This is an opportunity for you to hear from your child's teacher about plans, programmes, opportunities and expectations for the year. It is also a chance to ask any questions you may have.

Please diary this date. Further information will come home in next week's newsletter.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



Dance Classes at Pyes Pa Settlers Hall
Term 1 commences 8th Feb 2010
Classes in Ballet (3-10yrs)
Classes in Urban (5-12yrs)
For enquiries ring DEC 576-7815 or
0800-555-DEC, www.dec.co.nz

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BLUE ROVERS SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Looking for an energy blast this weekend?

Come along to the Blue Rovers Funday, 4vs4 Soccer Tournament.

Great fun, spot prizes, sausage sizzle, soft-drinks and good coffee available.
Gold coin entry.

Trainers/sandshoes only
(wear shinpads if you have them).

Morland Fox Park, Sunday 14th
10-1pm.

For more details visit the club website
www.blueroversjfc.co.nz

Got a bike? Get Ready!

The **2010 Perry Foundation Rev Cycle Festival** has something for everyone, from competitive racing through to little tackers on training wheels.

The under 10's can enter the free 6km REV Kids mountain bike ride through Ruakura farmland and tracks, while the over 10's can do a lap or two of the REV Intro 9km circuit – also suitable for parents wanting to cycle with their children.

When? Race day is 20 February 2010

Where? The University of Waikato

Call: 07 838 4664 or www.therev.co.nz

Gymnastic Club

Gym classes start on Wednesday 17 February
from 12:45 to 1:30pm, for 7 weeks \$80.00

Please indicate below if you would like your child to attend Gym Classes.

Yes I am interested in my child attending Gymnastics Classes in the School Hall on Wednesday lunchtimes. I am prepared to pay \$80.00 for 8 sessions.

Don't send in money now, take it to the Hall on first day

Child's Name: _____

Parents Name and Signature: _____

Parent readers

The school is looking for volunteers for parent reading with students for an hour a week.
Please contact the school office you are able to help out.

Congratulations to Past Students



Andrew Reid on Mt Aspiring

Catherine Dyer Head Girl at Aquinas for 2010

**Blair Shepherd - Top Yr11 Student Award 2009 at
Tauranga Boys College**

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/SPORTS

DEC Ballet & Urban Dance	Pyes Pa Settlers Hall Term 1 commences 8th Feb 2010 Classes in Ballet (3-10yrs) Classes in Urban (5-12yrs)	For enquiries ring DEC 576-7815 or 0800-555-DEC www.dec.co.nz
Ballet & Jazz/Hip Hop Dance Classes	Beginners to Advanced Experienced Teachers	Bethlehem and Central Tauranga Yvonne Edwards 544-1919 yesdance@xtra.co.nz
Baxter Guitar & Drum Lessons	Lessons for all ages	Close to central Tauranga Matt 570-3350 or 021-0261-4723
Indoor Soccer (Futsal)	Brazilian Soccer Programme Juniors (6-9yrs) 5:30-7:00pm Seniors (10-13yrs) 7:00-8:30pm	Coach: Carlos Farias Starts 12 Feb Merivale Action Centre (Schl)
Singing, Keyboard, Piano and Theory		Rose Whiting Tel: 577-9121
Tennis	Fun Mini-Tennis Program 5-11yrs \$60 (6 weeks)	Otumoetai Tennis Club Mondays, starting 8 Feb Te Puna Tennis Club Thursdays, starting 11 Feb Peter: 578-0016 x818 petero@sportbop.co.nz

Kapahaka

For 2010, we will be running a Kapa Haka group for those children who are interested in a broader experience of Maori culture.

We have a new tutor this year, Sheila Tahī, who will be taking over from Joy Jack-Kino. Special thanks to Joy for her efforts over the past year! The group will meet each week on a Monday from 12.45-1.45pm.

This experience is open to all children from Year 1-8. If your child is interested in being in Kapa Haka, please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office by **Wednesday 10th February**. Please note, children need to think seriously about whether they are interested in and able to commit themselves fully to the group for this time.

Brendan Clarkin
PRINCIPAL

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Kapa Haka Group

(Return to the school office by this **Wednesday 10th February**)

My child in Room would like to be involved in Kapa Haka.

Signed Phone

Pyes Pa School Homework Survey

As part of our school review process, we are evaluating what we are doing with respect to homework throughout the school, and why we are doing it. We would like your feedback with this process. Please complete the survey below and return it to the School Office by next **Wednesday 10th February**.

Thanks, Brendan Clarkin

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Homework Survey

1. Do you think your child should have homework? Yes No

If no, please say why.

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2. If yes, what do you think makes good homework? For example, should it just be 'basics' like reading, spelling and basic facts or should it be more comprehensive?

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3. How much time do you think your child should do each night?

Child's year level Time each night minutes

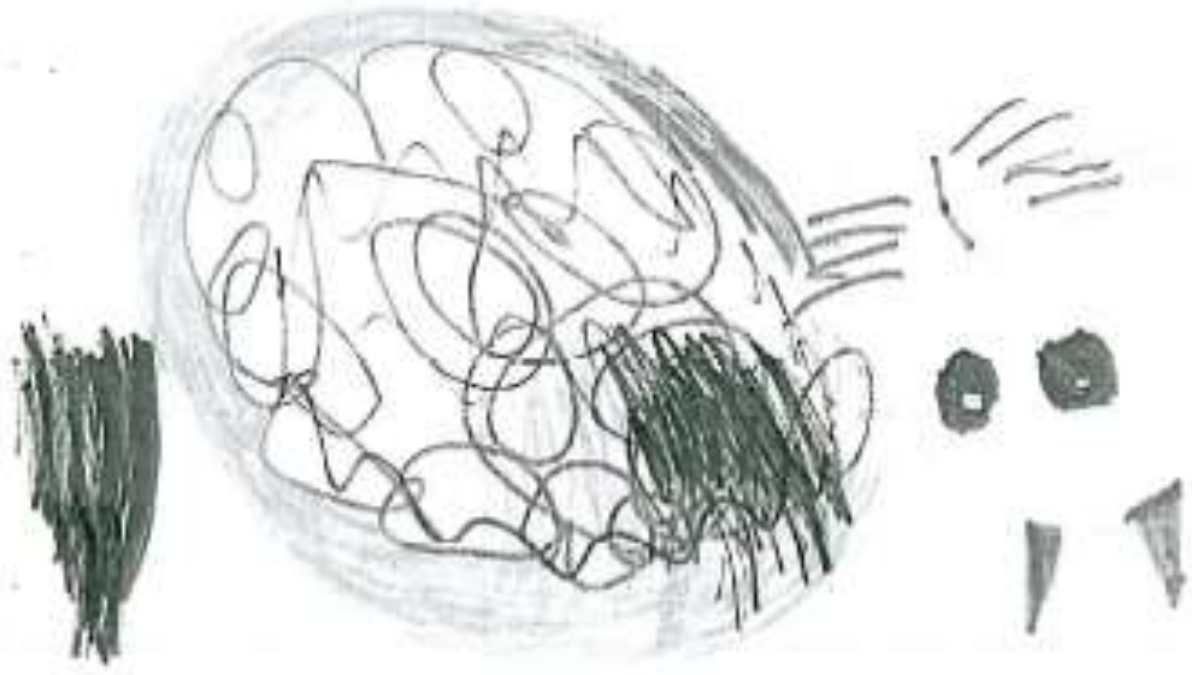
4. General Comments

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Harry Cat
Room 1



GREEDY CAT: ROOM 1



Tyler Room 1
Greedy Cat



Harry Rm 1
Greedy Cat