

FROM THE PRINCIPAL's desk

What an exciting weekend. Aaron Kinge is off to the USA to represent NZ in the Soapbox Derby races!! This is only our second year in the competition and we are NZ champions thanks to the hard work and dedication of a great team of people.

My time in Wellington was insightful with excellent international presenters sharing their wisdom. They all praised the world class education system NZ has and warned of the dangerous consequences of national standards. As a result of our ongoing concerns about the standards the New Zealand principals association passed a motion of no confidence in the Government's national standards policy and the Minister.

Parent teacher student conferences.

Thanks to all who attended the first night of our conferences on Tuesday. If you haven't made an appointment yet please go on line and book now- there are times available on Thursday. School does not finish early on Thursday or our last day of term, Friday.

Please click on link below, follow very simple instructions and make your appointment.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>
School Number is GBS99

What a fantastic and busy end to term. We wish to express our thanks to a wonderful community.

Our Year 3 & 4 camp was a huge success at Motu Moana in Green Bay. Our thanks to the parents and teachers who worked so hard to make this happen, our children have come back with a lot of stories and adventures.

The disco on Friday was another great success - enjoyed by both our children and teachers. We wish to thank the PTA for all the organisation and another fantastic night.

Year 7 Specialist Programme

With the year 8s at tech at Taupaki the year 7s that remain take part in specialised Science, Arts (visual and performance) and French programme.

Due to the current seismic activity around the world, in science we have been focusing on earthquakes and problems that can occur due to earthquakes. Students have been learning how to carry out fair tests using the correct scientific method. Students so far have tested structures' strength, looking at how structures are designed and built to carry the greatest load. They have examined what soil type is most susceptible to liquefaction. What makes something solid or a liquid by exploring the non-newtonian liquid 'oobleck' and how waves change in speed, amplitude and/or direction as they approach shallower water or hit obstacles in the water (e.g. islands).



Anzac Ceremony

Waitakere RSA
25 April 2011 at 11am
It is traditional that Waitakere School plays a part in the ANZAC DAY ceremony. Room 18 has created a wreath and two Y8 students will recite "Flanders Field" and lay the wreath on our behalf.
All welcome.

End of Term

Our term ends at 3pm on Friday 15 April

Term 2 starts on Monday 2 May at 9am

School finishes at the normal time on Friday afternoon. Please keep an eye on the school over the break and if you see anything untoward happening please contact the local police

Lunchtime Soccer Friday

The parents and teachers are playing a fun game of soccer on the lower field at lunch time after lunch eating .

It will be crazy and fun....dress up essential.

All parents interested in playing or cheering on are invited!! You must be dressed up!!!

KEY DATES

- 14 April—Awards Assembly – 2pm
- 14 April—3 Way Conferences
- 15 April—Term One ends—3pm
- 25 April—Anzac Parade at Waitakere RSA—11am
- 2 May – Term Two starts—9am
- 14-15 June—Class Photos

OUR LAST AWARDS ASSEMBLY IS THURSDAY IN OUR SCHOOL HALL AT 2pm ALL WELCOME

ICAS Dates for 2011

- 8 June—Science
- 21 June—Spelling
- 21 June—Writing
- 2 August—English
- 16 August—Mathematics

Term Dates for 2011

- Term 1—3 February to 15 April 2011
- Term 2—2 May to 15 July 2011
- Term 3—1 August to 7 October 2011
- Term 4—25 October to 16 December 2011

School ASB Banking

NOW ON Wednesday

Helpful Numbers

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See Veronika Naglmaier or email vnaglmaier@waitakereprimary.school.nz

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TALK TEETH 0800 825 583

KIDS CLUB 027 604 0907



WOW! What an awesome day. The whole team was really supportive and the boys (Carlos Clark & Aaron Kinge) thoroughly enjoyed their day - along with everybody else.

Carlos and Aaron both got in to the top 12, Aaron went through to the top 8 and then into the top 4. To everyone's absolute delight Aaron went on to win the final round.

Aaron received the winner's trophy and the title of 2011 New Zealand Champion of the "All American Soapbox Derby". Aaron will now go to Akron America - to represent New Zealand and our school in the World Finals on the 23rd of July.

Aaron reached an amazing speed of around 58 kmph and his over-all time (combining his times on the left and the right lanes) was approximately 47 seconds.

Big thanks to the pit crew, camera crew, cheerleading group and the Parents and families that made this all possible by transporting and supporting us.

A very special thanks to Louise Grevel, Jo & Barry Hinton, Jason Clark, John Kinge, Lucille Quinn and Mrs. Harry. None of this would have been possible without this important group of parents/teachers.

Finally, we need to acknowledge a great group of sponsors – again this event would never have got off the ground without your support. Thank you all.

Thanks also to Trina and Henry for the delicious pizzas.

By Caitlin Etherington



Thanks to our fantastic sponsors who are Treehouse, First National, Waitakere R&R, Smith & Partners, Swanson Medical Kumeu Computers, Sean Quinn, Pirtek, Power Forklifts First Choice Forklift Training Ltd, Colourtrend Paints, Autopaint, Sweet Stuff Candy Floss.

We also wish to thank Rotary Waitakere and Future Cuisine for allowing us to use their vehicle for Sundays race and Redwood Panel and Paint who are painting our new car for the states.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—Saturday 21 May
All American Soap Box Derby Quiz Night Fundraiser
 Saturday 21st May. This evening will be raising funds to send our Team Technician Barry Hinton with Aaron Kinge and his Dad John to Akron in the USA to represent NZ at an international level! - more info to follow early next term, so get your team together now, tables will be in hot demand so book early!
 Contact Louise Grevel 8108447 to pre-book tickets.

Congratulations Aaron



& Soapbox team FOR WINNING FINALS



2011



The New Zealand Finals of the All American Soapbox Derby was held at Whangaparaoa on **Sunday 10th April 2011** at **Brightside Road, Stanmore Bay.**

Twenty four Finalists from four race centres competed to find a New Zealand Champion to represent us in Akron, USA at the World Finals on 23rd July 2011.

The 2011 NZ Champion is



Aaron Kinge from Waitakere Primary

PTA are selling Entertainment books again this year at \$65 each with \$13 of it being donated to our fund raising. The Entertainment Books are here. Order forms are available at the school office or on our website. **LOTS OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY BARGAINS—GET YOUR BOOK NOW.**



What an overwhelming response we had for our working bee on Saturday. Thank you for your support, what a great group we have in our Sustainability Group.

Thank you to PINEPAC ITM Swanson for donating sawdust to the new garden beds....

And we also need to express our thanks to



who have delivered a fantastic amount of mulch for us to be used in our worm farm area and gardens.

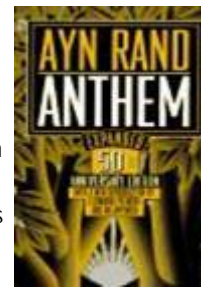
Lost Property

With the end of term fast approaching it is time to check out the lost property—located in Room 1 and Room 11. We will donate unclaimed items on Friday to a worthy cause.

School Photos will be June 14 & 15. We are trying a new local photographer this year, mark your calendars. More details next term.



Room 20 trials e-books
Students in room 20 have been trailing the use of e-books as a new way of enjoying works of fiction. The book that has been studied is *Anthem* by Russian philosopher Ayn Rand. The short novella is set in the future, and explores themes of individual freedom, personal responsibility and power.



Season ends Friday 15 April

The swimming season ends on Friday 15th April last day of term, you are welcome to return your key now for your bond refund. The pool will not be available through the holidays.

To help our environment we have been emailing our weekly NEWSLETTER out since 9 March 2011. Each class displays the newsletter in their room. If you are unable to receive emails you are welcome to collect one from the office foyer on Wednesday afternoon.

Ways to ensure you are getting information from school

1. Newsletter emailed out on Wednesday. If you are not receiving these please email office@waitakereprimary.school.nz and ask to be connected to our School Community. Please state who your child is so we can update our file.
2. Collect a hardcopy from office foyer or get your child to collect one.
3. Check our website <http://www.waitakereprimary.school.nz/pdf/news.pdf>. Save it as a favourite on your computer and check it regularly. We also attach a lot more information to our website as we keep our file small for emailing out.

Communication between school and home is extremely important. Please help us keep you informed by ensuring we have correct information for child.

Pink Shirt day

Thursday is a chance to make a stand against bullying in schools. For more information on pink shirt day please see attached link info@pinkshirtday.org.nz

Over the next few weeks teachers at our school will be reminding students about getting help when it is needed at school. We have zero

tolerance to bullying at Waitakere Primary and have clear procedures to follow. You are more than welcome to view procedures in our BOT manual held in the office.

TravelWise The results of our community survey have been analysed and are on display in our foyer on the wall near the hall doors in our foyer.

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Very reasonable rates Please contact Paul on 832 0193 or 021 2171323

The Swanson Leisure Link (Before School Care)
Where :- St.Mark's Church Hall -right next to Swanson Primary
Time :- 7.00am - 8.30am. Transport available to Waitakere School.
Breakfast and activities offered by First Aid certified staff.
WINZ approved. Phone Sandra 027 6186735

AUCKLAND REGIONAL DENTAL SERVICE
Our services are provided FREE to all pre-school, primary and intermediate school children.
For details of the nearest School Dental Clinic open during the holiday period please contact 0800 TALK TEETH or 0800 825 583
A list of clinics currently open is also available on our website: www.ards.co.nz

FREE TRIAL LESSON

On producing this voucher you will be entitled to one FREE trial lesson at Kip McGrath Westgate. Vouchers are available in school office foyer. To book a free assessment prior to your FREE trial lesson phone 831-0272. We are located at the Westgate Shopping Centre across the street from Robert Harris.

Parent Trust is a not for profit organisation which has operated throughout Auckland for 16 years. We are funded by grants and parents pay a donation for our programmes and are currently trying to reach more parents via schools to offer our services to parents of school age children.

"Even the best parents and caregivers get stressed sometimes.... Do you want to take the heat off?? Parent Trust offers programmes for you (Being the Mum/Dad You Want To be) that deal with the day to day stresses and help you feel more confident with difficult feelings, develop new and creative approaches to parenting that are practical and relevant to you and your family."

Please visit our website www.parenttrust.org.nz or Phone (09) 3760400 to find out more."

GLEN EDEN COMMUNITY HOUSE,
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
April Programme – 18th to 29th April 2011
Where: 13 Pisces Rd, Glen Eden
Time: Mon – Fri 8.00am -6.00pm
Creative Arts and Crafts Activities, Indoor / Outdoor Games, Trip Days Programmes are CYF approved for OSCAR Subsidy.
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