

**18th February 2010**

NEWSLETTER NO: 3

School is going along really well with our maintenance projects just about finished. I've even been able to tidy up my desk and office! Staff are currently in-servicing in drama to be followed by spelling. Thank you to those who attended the Meet-the-Teacher interviews last night. Over the next few weeks we have some overnight and day camps at school with notices having been sent out (or soon to) from each syndicate. I hope things are going equally well for you.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to:** Ryan Verney, Kasey McKinley, Jessie Woulfe & Jahany Wilson.

**BEGINNERS VIOLIN AND BEGINNERS GUITAR** – we will commence beginner classes in **Term 2** and concentrate this term on getting our intermediate lessons and afterschool classes up and running. Thank you to those parents who have noted their interest, another notice will come home later this term regarding Term 2 classes.

**TE ATATU SOCCER REGISTRATION 2010 SEASON** – Neil Ave Clubrooms, *it's not too late to register* – tonight 4-6pm & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February - 10-12am.

**CALLING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR ROAD PATROL** – to assist after and/or before school with our Warden Patrols – cnr Matipo & Taikata Roads (by the Dairy), before school or after school 3:00-3:15pm. Please leave your name & contact details with the office if you are able to help. This is a very busy corner and often cars do not indicate or are travelling at speed.



**SCHOOL DONATION** - the school donation is \$60 per child, \$90 per family and is voluntary. It is tax deductible and all donations paid this term puts you into a lucky draw with two D.V.D. prizes available. We also offer a money back guarantee and if you are not happy with any aspect of our school performance, we will refund your school donation.

**REMINDER** – Girls – no jewellery except ear studs. Boys no extreme haircuts, 'rats tails', or 'carved haircuts'.

**ONE-STOP-SHOP** – if you need the services of budget advice, behaviour advice, health or legal matters, we have a lawyer, health nurse, J.P.'s, behavior & budgeting people available on request. Please contact Wayne or Jo and we will arrange an appointment for you.

**STUDENT TEACHERS** – our school is part of a graduate teacher training programme with both the University of Auckland and Massey University. In addition we get student teachers from A.U.T. and the University of Waikato. We welcome the various students to our school and extend to them our very best wishes.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION** – Every 3 years schools elect a new Board of Trustees. On 15th March nominations will be called for, closing on the 23rd April. Voting forms are then posted out with polling closing on 7th May. Votes are counted and the results declared on 13th May.

**NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS** – On March 1st we report to the Ministry of Education on our 2010 roll and our new entrant pre-enrolment numbers. This determines how much staffing and money we receive. With children now in child care all over Auckland, it is very hard to work out how many new entrant classes we will need. If your child is starting school this year or next year could you please fill in the reply slip and return to school **TOMORROW**. Thank you.

**FACEBOOK, BEBO, MY SPACE** – No access to these social networks is available through the school. Young children, in my opinion, shouldn't have access to such sites. Virtually every night on TV either via the news or programmes such as SUV, we see why. There has been a recent incident involving a child from this school which is being dealt with by Henderson Police C.I.B. This is a potentially serious situation and all parents are urged to think very carefully about allowing their children access to such sites.

**STRAY DOGS** – we have had visits from a couple of stray dogs lately. Unfortunately, we have to call the Council Pound and send them to dog jail if we can't locate the owners, or if they are repeat offenders.

**EMAILED NEWSLETTER** – if you wish to get the newsletter emailed to you please send us your email address with subject line 'newsletter' (send to [office@matipo.school.nz](mailto:office@matipo.school.nz)).

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**2010 PRE-ENROLMENTS OF NEW ENTRANT CHILDREN -**  
Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_  
D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*TOO MUCH T.V IS BAD FOR LEARNING \* \*READ WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY NIGHT\*\*