Condolences

I would like to start by extending our sincere condolences to both Tania Osborne and Amanda Bargh, and their whanau, over the loss of their loved ones during the past few weeks. At times like this, it's tough to know what to say, but I trust that the community is doing what it is does best – banding together, to support one another. I am sorry not to be there with you all, but I will be back by the time you are reading this newsletter.

Emergency Preparations

Being in Canada, I missed out on the excitement of the earthquakes, but we certainly heard about them, through friends and family, and through the news on TV. The school had its first earthquake drill near the end of Term 2, and we had a good discussion in class about what to do in the unlikely event of an earthquake. Needless to say, I didn't realise how soon that practice would be coming into play!

I'm sure you've taken the opportunity to talk to your children about emergency management and what to do if a crisis should occur, but, if not, now is the time! Thank you to the parents who have dropped off the emergency food rations we requested last term. If you have not yet done so, could you please label a tin of canned food (that your child will eat) as well as a box of granola or cereal bars and drop them off to the school. These will be used if your child is unable to return home immediately after a civil emergency.

What's happening this term

This is a very hectic term for us. In addition to only being nine weeks long, we have ERO visiting us in Week 8 for our School Review. We are getting ready to show the Ministry all of the wonderful things going on at Tuturumuri School. Our unit for the term is ‘Cultural traditions from around the world’, which will include sending off a “Flat Stanley” to another country (www.flatstanley.com), finding an international email pal and comparing other traditions and cultures to our own in New Zealand. We will also have our new kitchen installed in the activity room as well as begin building our chicken coop to prepare for our chickens in Term 4.

If you have building materials at home that you are willing to donate towards the chicken coop, they would be much appreciated.

What? It will be busy, but what a lot of fun we're going to have! As well as all of that, we have the Tuturumuri A&P Show to look forward to on October 25. Information will be coming home soon. In conclusion, I'd like to give a big shout of thanks to Joan, for always doing such a stellar job keeping things running smoothly at school, and to Ronny Tankersley, for continually stepping in and doing such a great job relieving in the classrooms!

Thanks also to all of the community members who nominated Tuturumuri School to earn cash from the PGG Wrightson “Cash for Communities” scheme. Our school has just received a cheque for $244.00!

Ka kite ano,

Lisa
NEWSLETTER 8th AUGUST, 2013

As many of you will know, we concentrated on Persuasive Writing last term, which is writing that aligns the reader with the writer’s point of view. In our case, the students wrote to various businesses throughout New Zealand, attempting to persuade them to provide the school with resources (and, in Ella’s case, popcorn!). We were astounded by the results of Josh Arnold’s letter, sent to Mitre 10, requesting that we pay $250 for a hooded BBQ, with Mitre 10 picking up the difference. The letter, posted on Mitre 10’s website, has gone viral, resulting in both Martinborough’s Mitre 10 and the National Office of Mitre 10 both donating $250 each to provide the school with a gorgeous new, hooded BBQ. I will post photos when we receive the BBQ, which should be soon. Well done, Josh, and a huge shout of appreciation to Mitre 10! We are truly overwhelmed by your generosity! To view Josh’s letter, and the thousands of replies, see their facebook site.

Ella Dow, on the other hand, had a much simpler request, from our local P&K 4 Square. Her letter is below, along with a photo of the result. We all enjoyed the spoils of her labour on the Thursday before Term 2 broke up. Other products and letters continue to roll in from various businesses. It is wonderful for the students to see results from their hard work and we are now concentrating on how to write a proper Thank you letter.

To Edd Dow

Can you send us some popcon?
Kohatu School so we can have a BBQ, please.

Happy if you sent us some popcon

From Ella I am 8 years old

DATES TO REMEMBER

Playgroup Term 3, 2013 Tutu School Activity Room
10am 15th, 29th Aug and 26th Sept.
Tuturumuri Hall AGM & Working Bee
10.30am Sunday 18th August
Wot to Wear & Not to Wear
28th Aug, Martinborough Town Hall
Term 3 Technology
2/9, 9/9, 16/9, 23/9
Term 3 finishes Monday 14th October
Term 3 finishes Friday 27th Sept
Term 4 begins Monday 14th October
Tuturumuri A & P Show Friday October 25th
School Year ends Friday 13th December

Check us out!
www.tuturumuri.school.nz

TUTURUMURI HALL AGM and WORKING BEE
SUNDAY, 18th AUGUST, 2013 at 10.30am
Tuturumuri Hall
Morning tea provided

Please feel free to email any items you want added to the Agenda to Kathryn Elworthy at littletora@xtra.co.nz
Come along and support this important Community asset.

2012 Tuturumuri Trail Bike Ride

THANK YOU from Kath Elworthy: This is a very belated notice to say a huge thank you to Amanda and Simon Bargh, Michelle McKee and all the wonderful volunteers who successfully ran the 2012 Tuturumuri trail bike ride fundraiser at Te Awaiti station. A grand total of $3590.00 was raised for our community.

Thank you to Dan and Diana Riddiford for allowing us to use Te Awaiti Station to hold this event and to all the staff at Te Awaiti Station for the support and assistance needed to make the day such a success.

To everybody who donated the delicious home-baking and the meat for the sausages - thank you for your time and generosity!

A very special mention must go to Michelle McKee who declared the 2012 Trail Bike fundraiser her last for the Tuturumuri community. For the past 4 years Michelle has managed the food tent - her professional manner, high standards and eye for detail ensured the mammoth task of feeding lunch to anywhere between 250 to 400 riders was completed with perfection. Thank you Michelle — you will be missed.

Important Notice - Parents who have applied for boarding allowances

The Ministry has advised us that there have been technical issues with boarding allowance applicants. If you know anyone who may have applied for this allowance in the last week, please ask them to email boarding.allowances@minedu.govt.nz.

The Ministry has extended the deadline for submissions until 31 August 2013 to help compensate for the issues people are currently experiencing.

Important Notice - Students to see results from their hard work

The students are very much looking forward to seeing results from their hard work and we are now concentrating on how to write a proper Thank you letter.

Community Notices:

MEADOWFRESH MILK AND YOGHURT PROMOTION
The “Cool Our Schools” promotion has begun. Bring your stickers from specially marked Meadow Fresh milk and yoghurt products to school. We will add them to our collection to get our share of sports and art gear for the school.

WOT TO WEAR & NOT TO WEAR - A HILAROUS COMEDY - FUNNY, QUIRKY, AND RAW
Wednesday, 28 August @ Martinborough Town Hall - 7pm - Fundraiser for Pirinoa School
Tickets $25 available from all South Wairarapa Libraries, Martinborough Info Centre, and Pirinoa School 307 7829 Supper provided.

FREE PARENTING PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 3 - 7,
14 weeks, Monday evenings beginning 19 August.
This course is partly funded by generous grants from Wairarapa Families Anglican Trust, NZ Lottery Grants Board, and Carterton Rotary.
Content: Play, Praise and Rewards, Effective Limit Setting, Handling Misbehaviour
For more info and enrolment contact Susan Walker ph 021 297 1125 or Vicki Nelson 027 474 5075 or visit www.incrediblefamilies.com

STARSHPY/CALTEX MOBILE PHONE APPEAL
In 4 years Starship Mobile Phone Appeal has raised over 2 million dollars to keep the Starship National Air Ambulance Service flying. Caltex has very kindly now donated $5,000 worth of Caltex Starcash Cards to help support this great work. For every mobile phone collected our school receives one entry into this contest which runs from 14th August to 6th December, 2013. Caltex gives the winning school $3,000 of starcash for their school and $2,000 to the family of the winning entry.

PLEASE BRING ALL YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES TO SCHOOL - WE WILL SEND THEM TO AUCKLAND AND RECEIVE ENTRIES INTO THIS CONTEST.

GARAGE SALE
Proceeds to Koranui School. Saturday, 10 August from 8 a.m.
Koranui School Hall, 17 Kairimu Street, Stokes Valley