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Very busy time here at school at the moment!

Last Friday 50 students travelled up to Mt Ruapehu for our annual Ski & Snowboard Trip. The sun was shining and the snow was plentiful so everyone had a great day. A huge **'thank you'** to the staff and parents who came along, trips like this are not possible without your help. A special thank you to teacher **Anna Piper** for her wonderful organisation that made the whole day run so smoothly.



Next Tuesday is our Open Evening for 2015 enrolments. A large number of students will be taking part in the Open Evening (you will be receiving a notice if your child is taking part). Please note that we are finishing at the **earlier time of 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday 1st September**. If you are unable to make alternative arrangements for your child please let us know and we can organise supervision for the afternoon. The Westshore/Ahuriri/Hill bus will be running at the earlier time of 12.30. **However we are unable to change the time of the Bayview bus. There will be no Study Habitz.**

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS: Year 8's - don't forget to get your blue High School enrolment form into the office **before 11 September**. If you cannot find a copy of the birth certificate to attach to the form it is still important to get the form into us regardless at this stage.

CONCERT: We were treated to an amazing performance by Tauranga Boys High School's Band at Monday's assembly. They have some very talented students.



LITERACY WINNER!

Congratulations to **James McKinley-Blake** for his Bad Luck Horrorscopes which were published in this month's Upstart magazine. James received a \$50 Warehouse voucher for his efforts and perseverance. He created and entered his writing as part of his Extension Literacy class. Well done James!



Dr Suess!!

The Extension Literacy class

also went to see a Dr Suess exhibition at the Creative Arts Centre yesterday. They received a talk regarding the works and did some fun inter-active activities. A BIG thank you to our parent helpers and Jemma Thorogood for organising the trip.





2015 CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Our School Cross Country was held two weeks ago around Anderson Park. It was wonderful to see so many



enthusiastic students taking part, some pushing themselves beyond their usual ability. Below is a list of the place getters for each year group. We will have some more photos in the next newsletter. Thank you to the parents/caregivers that came along to show their support! Congratulations to:

	1 ST place	2 nd place	3 rd place
Y7 Girls	Mahina Ross	Chalee Whiunui	Chloe MacDonald
Y7 Boys	Caleb Forward	Windsor Daley	Mitchell Taylor
Y8 Girls	Brianna Lee	Ashleigh Poi	Alia Wentz
Y8 Boys	Jake Christian-Goss	Jayden Stok	Treyah Kingi-Taukamo

The Inter Intermediate Cross Country is being held at Park Island this afternoon.

Sickbay Our sickbay has been full to overflowing on occasions this term! Please remember that we are not equipped or staffed to look after sick children for any length of time in our sickbay so we will have to phone parents/caregivers to collect their child if they are not well enough to return to class. Please keep sick children at home as schools are a rapid transfer area for bugs. Thank you!



Debating!

A big humungous congratulations to our six debaters who represented our school on the 20th August at Radio Kidnappers in

Hastings. It was a hard fought battle between the affirming team (1st speaker Alia, 2nd speaker Matty, 3rd speaker Christina) and the negating team (1st speaker Amy, 2nd speaker Chris and 3rd speaker Alex), eventually seeing the negating team progress through to the next heat. It was a close score of 312 to 301. A special mention to Alia Wentz, Amy Whyman and Alex Clift who were "speakers of the debate".

By Alia Wentz, Rm 11.

WET DAYS Emails regarding short days will no longer be sent out to those who had previously signed up. Our new website is still also used to inform parents/caregivers of a short day with the **scroll bar** along the top of the page. Please either log on to our website from 11.45am if you want to check for early finishes, or 'like' our Facebook page for alerts or phone our parent line on 8449332. The new website is responsive so that it is designed to work on phones, tablets and computers.



Maths Mind Mover!!

After six games of basketball Zac had scored an average of 14 points per game. In his seventh game he scored seven points. What was his average after the seventh game?

Remember to include your name, room number and thinking and enter before the 8.40 assembly on Monday morning. Good luck.



Our Radio Station Tamatea i 106.9FM!!

I love being on the school radio because it's an experience that you can't get at most other schools. I really liked being on the radio team at SMP because if you want to be a radio presenter

in the future it gave you a taste test of how it might be in the industry of the radio. We also have all the different ways of speaking and how to use monotone so that you sound good on the radio.

As well as helping me with how I speak and giving us a taste of what it might be like as a radio presenter in the future, it has also helped me with my confidence and speaking in public. Last year or any year before that I would have never have taken up all the opportunities that I have - like going on the debating team and having a major part in the production, I would never have taken up those parts if I hadn't taken the opportunity of being on the radio team and stuck with it.

By Amy Whyman Room 11

EARLY FINISH ON TUESDAY: School will be finishing at lunchtime (12.30) on Tuesday 1st Sept so we can prepare for our Open Evening. If you cannot arrange child care for the afternoon please phone the office on 8444181 so we can make arrangements for your child to stay at school until 3pm.



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: FREE

Taekwondo classes for beginners (ITF) are being held at St Johns Hall, 366 Gloucester St, Taradale during the 2nd week of the school holidays 6-9 October. These 4x 1 hour lessons introduce participants to a disciplined art of self defence. For ages 7-14 years 10.00am – 11.00am. Please email rtrtkd@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

31 August	Science Road Show
1 September	EARLY FINISH 12.30 for OPEN EVENING
7 – 11 Sept	AIMS Tournament
11 September	HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS DUE!!!!
15 September	Year 7 Vision Testing
22 September	Production - Matinee & Evening performances (more details to come)
23 September	Production Evening Performance
25 September	Last day Term 3
12 October	First day Term 4

Regards,



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Have you had a look at our updated, new and improved website??

We are in the process of adding to it. Rooms 4 and 16 have their class blogs up and running already!!

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