

# Te Kura Māori o Porirua



Rangi: 31 Poutū-te-rangi 2010

Tēnā koutou,

Last week the Board of Trustees received the official resignation from the Board of Trustees by Meka Whaitiri. Meka has been a member of our Board of Trustees since the first elected BoT. She has been chairperson for 5 years. Many whānau will know that Meka returned to work in Kahungunu last year and has been commuting to and from Wellington since. This is no longer practical and Meka signaled in 2009 that she would resign this year before the BoT elections. As a kura we have been very fortunate in the guidance Meka has provided over the past 5 years. We appreciate the support her whānau has given to the kura and wish them all the very best.

#### Last Day of Term

Kura will finish at **1pm** tomorrow to enable kaimahi to pack up and ensure resources are returned to the correct places. The school buses will be running to this time. Term 2 will start on Tuesday 20 April.

#### Teacher Only Day

Monday 19 April is our Teacher Only Day. This year all staff are learning more about the Marautanga o Aotearoa and the whanaketanga – these documents are the equivalent of the New Zealand Curriculum and the Nationals Standards for Level 1 and 2 Immersion Programmes. The kaimahi will be trialing programmes and hope to be able to provide feedback in regard to the final drafts of these resources and teaching tools.

#### Kaiako hou

Last week the kura appointed Frances Barnsley to the position of kaiako for Te Rōpū Titoki in Pakiaka. Heoi nau mai haere mai Frances.

#### Art Auction

As mentioned in last weeks panui we will be holding our Art Auction on Thursday 6 May. We are still seeking donations of art from whānau whānui. Items like kete, whakairo and paintings will all be gratefully accepted. If you know of people who would prefer a formal invitation please contact Naere, we will arrange a letter to be sent.

#### Board of Trustees Elections

We have received 2 parent nominations to date. Whanau have until Friday 23 April, 12 noon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact current members: Michelle Hippolite, Sarah McDonald, Conway Matthews and/or Herani DeMuth. Or leave a message for Dave Carpenter our returning officer in the tari.

#### Swimming sports

Thanks to whānau who attended the kura swimming sports last Friday at kura – everyone really enjoyed seeing the tremendous progress of all students and their enjoyment and confidence in swimming - heoi te mihi. Congratulations also to Te Whānau Mahuri who won the Ngake rāua ko Whātaitai trophy for the highest total points scored.

#### Te Rauparaha Arena Netball Season

Yesterday our tau 7-8 competed in the semi-finals against Tairangi. Although unsuccessful in gaining a position in the finals a great season was had by all players. Thank you again to the coaches, players and whānau who help make the season as successful as it was. We hope to organise the end of the season swim early next term.

#### Kapi Mana Netball Season

Players have registered their interest and coaches, managers and umpires are being finalised. At the moment we have 4 teams in the Kapi Mana Season are are looking at an alternative for our tau 3-4 players. We will provide another update early next term.

#### Handball and Unihoc

At this stage we are unable to host Handball and Unihoc teams to participate in the Te Rauparaha Arena season in term 2.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

##### **31 March**

Pou Speech presentations  
NCEA Oral Language assessment

##### **1 Apr**

Last Day of Term 1

##### **20 Apr**

First Day of Term 2

##### **23 Apr**

BoT Election nominations close

##### **23 Apr**

Dawn Opening for te akomanga pūtaiao

##### **28-30 Apr**

Pou Mua Hopuni (Camp)

##### **6 May**

Kura Art Auction

##### **6 May**

Board of Trustees Hui

##### **13-16 May**

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#### **TE TŪWHERATANGA O TE AKOMANGA PŪTAIAO**

The building of our whare hou is almost complete so on Friday 23 April the whakaruruhau will open Te akomanga Pūtaiao at 6am, this will be followed by parakuihi in the hall. Whanau are invited to help us prepare kai and tākahi the whare.

#### **National Secondary School Waka Ama Sprints Competition**

Tēnā koutou katoa. Tēnei te mihi atu ki a koutou e te whānau whānui i kaha tautoko mai i te tira haere i kauria ai ngā wai korakora o Tikitapu o roto o Te Arawa.

We had great success at the National Secondary School Waka Ama competitions last week in Rotorua. The final results were: Plate final 500m Senior Boys. Junior Girls Plate final 500m Junior Boys TKMP3 Plate final 500m. Junior Boys TKMP2 Champ final 250m, 6<sup>th</sup> Champ final 500m 1<sup>st</sup> – National Champions Junior 16 Boys 2010 – Gold Medal. Jacob Wilkins Hodges Finalist Junior 19 Boys W1 Champ finals. Kawai Winiata Junior 16 girls National Champion W1 2010 – Gold Medal.

All teams performed to their highest standard both on the water and off. The administrative and management team and the pastoral support from whānau were fantastic. Our gratitude and thanks to all of our support people, managers, coaching team, kaimahi o te whanau whānui, bus driver and Rangataua Mauriora for the tent.