

**Thought of the week:** To be able to be caught up into the world of thought -- that is educated. Edith Hamilton

#### **Principal's comment**

Last week Hayden Swann, Jacqueline Bennett and Julie Scandrett began the National Aspiring Principals Programme. This Ministry of Education-funded initiative aims to develop the next 'wave' of educational leaders in schools. The absolute positive is that this high quality PLD has a direct benefit for our staff and students. More on this as the year goes on.

#### **Parent Information Evening - Assessment and Reporting**

A number of changes have been made to our process of reporting the achievement of our students to parents in 2010. To outline the changes, we will be holding a parent information evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 5:30pm. Advanced information can be found by visiting our website. Click the Parent Info Evening link on the front page.

#### **Parent interviews**

Sheets to book an interview slot for 31<sup>st</sup> March will be sent home on Wednesday of next week. Alternatively, bookings can be made as of now by calling into the office.

#### **Senior Unit Triathlon**

What great weather we had for this event on Monday of this week at Ilminster Intermediate. The top qualifiers will now go forward to the inter-school event on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Thanks to April Stevens, the Senior Unit teachers and parent helpers for a well-run event.

Results (with participants in order of run, bike, swim):

<b>Event</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Y5 Girls Team	Alice Jenkins, Lani Patumaka, Kate Taylor	Brooklyn Keenan, Emilie Skuse, Gemini McNabb	Ella Kendrew, Lucia Ramos, Grace Cleland-Pottie
Y5 Girls Individual	Haylea Rodgers	Anna Paulson	
Y5 Boys Team	Campbell Hall, Connor Putnam, Jack Ward	Caleb Baldacchino, Joe Niziolek, Luke McBride	Isaac Ramljak, Sasha Drain, Ford Baker
Y5 Boys Individual	Ben Bristow	Blake McMillan	Meihana Teneti
Y6 Girls Team	Jordan Ngarimu, Eden Madden-Ropitini, Becky Taylor	Phoebe Charteris, Paula Jeune, Jennifer Hazledon	Kirsten File, Elizabeth Hazledon, Edin Harvey
Y6 Girls Individual	Georgia Gregory	Tayla Beardsley	Kendra Tate
Y6 Boys Team	James Forey, Curtis Walsh, Liam Boyle	Zach McFarlane-Rofe, Lyndon Atkins, Nico Su	Tobias Peneha, Jack Parker, Sam Tucker
Y6 Boys Individual	George Andrew	Harry Pittar	Harry Thorp

#### **Swimming Sports**

- The senior swimming sports were held last Friday in quite cool conditions. Certificates will be given out at unit assembly on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March (2.00 pm) and the cups on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March assembly (9.00 am).
- Junior swimming sports will be held tomorrow at 1.30 pm. All children will need to bring **two** towels – one for wrapping up in at the pool and the other for drying off later. See you there!

#### **Gym Coaches**

The annual Gymnastics Festival is approaching fast. The date for our school to participate is Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. We plan to hold practice sessions on Mondays for B Grade, Tuesdays for C Grade and Wednesdays for the A and A Reserve Grades between 12.40 and 1.25 pm each week until the festival. To cope with the number of children intending to participate, we will require the services of some willing parents / caregivers to help train the children. If you are able to help, please contact the school office or Mrs Barbara in Room 10.

### **PSG Meeting**

This was scheduled for tonight but has been postponed until Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 in the staffroom.

### **Yummy Stickers**

Collect the yummy stickers off fruit and fruit bags, pass them on to your teacher and the school can benefit from free sports gear near the end of the year.

### **Community News**

- We have a family enrolled at our school that requires a 3 or 4 bedroom house to rent in the Whataupoko area from approximately 25<sup>th</sup> March. If you have one suitable, please contact the school office and we can forward the information to the family concerned.
- Children's Day is being held on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30 to 11.30 am at the A & P Show grounds. To register for the event or more information visit the website: [www.childrensday.org.nz](http://www.childrensday.org.nz) , email: [givingtime@childrensday.org.nz](mailto:givingtime@childrensday.org.nz) or ring 0800 10 33 22 or text FUN to 244.
- Girl Guides, Brownies and Pippins from Central School will be selling delicious Girl Guide biscuits Wednesday 3rd March and Thursday 4th March at 3pm at Central School. Choices are: Plain \$3.00 ea, Chocolate and Choc Minis both \$3.50 ea. Whole cartons of each choice are available as are mixed cartons (5 of each choice). Great for use in baking or for lunchboxes
- Bass guitar lessons for \$10 per 30 minute session. Need access to own bass guitar. Contact Daniel Coombes on 868 4272 or 027 288 4863.

### **Winter Sports**

- Permissions slips have been sent home today. Please return (with payment) by 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- Ngatapa muster at 10.00 am on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at the clubhouse, Patutahi. To pre-register or for further information, contact Lou Livingston [Livingston@farmside.co.nz](mailto:Livingston@farmside.co.nz) or 862 8669.

### **Coming Events Term 1**

<b>Week / Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Week 4 Thursday 25 February	JU swimming sports (Tadpole Day)
Week 5 Wednesday 3 March	Inter-school triathlon at Nelson Park
Week 5 Thursday 4 March	R8, 9, ½ Waimata to museum
Week 5 Friday 5 March	R10, 11, ½ Waimata to museum
Week 6 Tuesday 9 March	MU historical walk
Week 6 Friday 12 March	MU triathlon
Week 7 Tuesday 16 March	BoT meeting – 5.30
Week 7 Thursday 18 March	Komiti Awhina /Community Support Team meeting 3.05
Week 8 Tuesday 23 March	Parent Information Evening 5.30
Week 9 Wednesday 31 March	Parent Interviews Students home at 12:30

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