

LIZ SHAW

We are all saddened by the passing of Miss Liz Shaw from Room 5. Liz was a huge asset to Stoke School and she will be sadly missed by all the staff, students and families. We send our love and thoughts to the family of Liz.

The funeral service will be held today, Friday 3pm at the Nelson Yacht Club. We will be taking tributes from the school children to give to the family.

WE WELCOME: Samiuela Moimoi, Janigua Takimoana Johnstone and Eru-Hatene Brown to Room 4 Mrs Kemp, Melissa Hedge to Room 1 Mrs Russell and Nikayla Hedge to Room 8 Ms Rawson.

RABBIT ISLAND OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY: The sun shone for us this year and a great day was had by all. Thanks so much to the parents/caregivers and helpers. We could not manage this day without you.

MEET THE TEACHER PICNIC: There was a great turn out for this on Wednesday night. Thanks to all those parents and students who attended.

WE NEED YOU: BOARD ELECTIONS: This year is BOT elections and we would love to have an election by having lots of nominations. The Board of Trustees is an exciting /vital part of our school system and requires parents to act as trustees of our school for the development of all students. If you would like to know more about the role of the BOT members come in and have a chat with Pete Mitchener or pick up an information sheet from the office. Nominations for BOT members open on the 15th of March, Nominations close on the 23rd of April, voting papers distributed by the 28th, voting day is on the 7th of May, votes counted by the 13th of May.

INCREDIBLE YEARS: Attached to this newsletter is a flyer about this fantastic parenting programme. We have engaged the support of GSE to deliver The Incredible Years programme, this is a very well known, rigorous programme facilitated by professionals. It will be operating out of Stoke School and hopefully we will have a large buy in rate from our community.

PTA NEWS

Term 1 Helping year 6 fundraise for their camp

Term 2 Horse racing evening

Disco

Term 4 Family evening on out backfield with bands, food, stalls, etc

Disco

We will be purchasing Netbooks, Kapa Haka uniforms, small size sports tops, and finance the swimming coach with money raised last year.

Our next meeting is on Monday 8th March at 7pm in the Staffroom. All new members welcome so come along and join us.

ABSENCES: If your child is going to be absent from school can you please ring on 547 7582 and leave a message on the absentee line before 9am.

T BALL: Practices will be held Thursday afternoons on the backfield straight after school. Cost is \$15 for Term 1 and Term 2 inclusive. Any quires see Mr Mitchener or Ph Tania Armstrong on 547 8486. Games start this Saturday.

2010 UPDATES: Thank you for returning the two forms to update our files. These are Parent/Caregiver details and Permission for Educational Visits.

If you are still to return these please do so asap. If they have been mislaid at home please obtain new forms from the office.

YEAR 6 CAMP TO MARAHAU EDUCATION CENTRE: Notices for this will be going home soon but just a reminder for your convenience you can start paying off the \$100.00 camp fees as of now at the school office.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB: Please return your order with payment by cash, credit card or cheque (payable to Scholastic New Zealand) and return to the school office no later than **Tuesday 23rd February.**

SPORTS NEWS

Minisoccer Started Tuesday 16th Feb, Saxton Field, \$5 per player.
Kiwi Cricket Starts Saturday 20th Feb, Saxton Field, \$10 per player.
Rippa Rugby Starts Friday 19th Feb, Tahunanui Fields, \$2 per player.
Volleyball Started Wednesday 17th Feb, Badminton Hall, Richmond, \$30 per player.
T Ball Start date to follow:\$15 per player for Terms 1 and 4 inclusive.
Softball Start date to follow:\$40 per player for Terms 1 and 4 inclusive.

MINISOCCER: A fantastic start! Great turn out and enthusiasm!

Players of the Day this week are:

Stoke France - Zanin Pearce	Stoke Italy - Jacob Tippett
Stoke Holland – Pukawa Turu	Stoke Argentina - Lilly Morrison
Stoke Mexico - Jontee Taylor	Stoke Paraguay - Kiana Mason
Stoke Portugal - Chelsea Neame	Stoke Spain - Logan Barnes
Stoke Brazil - Levi Pohutuhutu.	

Certificates will be given out at the Monday assembly.

FOUND: Near swimming pool, silver/pink kiwi link bracelet. See office.

POWERZONE AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Pick-up available from Stoke School. OSCAR/CYF - WINZ subsidy available. 625 Main Road Stoke. For more information please call Elim Christian Centre on 547 2533.