



**SCHOOL SWIMMING DISPLAY:** Thank you to the parents who could make it to our swimming display. This was a time to show you what we have been working on with the able assistance of our swimming coach Karin Price. The ability as a whole group has continued to strengthen and the children are showing confidence and ability in the pool.

**INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING:** On Wednesday we had the Interschool Swimming at Nayland Park Pool. Stoke was very well represented with swimmers and supporters. Stand out performers were Matthew Waine who won the 9 year old freestyle and Chelsea Neame who came 3rd in 10 year old Breaststroke. We had a lot of our swimmers make the finals and our relay teams competed fiercely. Once again thank you for the parents/supporters who could make it to support the team it gave the team a lot of confidence.



**ERO POWHIRI:** On Monday at 9:30am we will be having a special welcome for the team from the Education Review Office. They will be in the school until Thursday and will be visiting classrooms, talking to students, BOT members, staff and parents. The Kapa Haka group and the band will be performing at the Powhiri, all parents and community are very welcome to attend.

**TRANSITION TO STOKE SCHOOL MEETING:** We had a great turn out at the meeting last night. If you know someone who missed the meeting please get them to come in and have a chat with Pete, Gaye or Sarah.

**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.

**OVERDUE SPORTS FEES:** *Please pay sports fees now at the office as they are overdue.* T-Ball \$15.00, Softball \$40.00, Mini-cricket \$10.00, Ripa Rugby \$2.00. Thank you.

**MINISOCCKER:** Great that so many people turned up even though the weather wasn't the best!

**Players of the Day this week are:**

Stoke France	Nicole Byrman	Stoke Italy	Tom Wilson
Stoke Holland	Caleb Andrews	Stoke Argentina	Daniel Oldham
Stoke Mexico	Joshua Gilchrist	Stoke Paraguay	Georgia Haenga
Stoke Portugal	Brayden Windleborn	Stoke Spain	Lisa Vercoe
Stoke Brazil	Philip Sanderson		

**Certificates will be given at Monday's assembly.** There is no fee this term.

**The draws for each week will now be on the notice board outside Mr Logan's Room 10, on Mondays.**

**PTA MEETING**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Staffroom. New members welcome.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS:** Upcoming dates:

Nomination forms will be posted next week to all parents/caregivers appearing on the electoral roll. The roll is available for inspection at the school office now.

April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nominations for BOT elections close at 12 noon.
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Voting papers posted
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Election date/BOT elections/polls close at 12 noon.
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Results of BOT elections cleared
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	New BOT takes office

**BIKE WISE FAMILY FUN RIDE: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March.** The ride starts at ASB Aquatic Centre at 10am and has both a long and short route so is ideal for all ages and abilities. The ride is a totally free event with heaps of spot prizes to give away (including a new bike and helmet!).

**KAPAHAKA:** Learn waiata, poi and haka in preparation for the up and coming South Island Kapahaka Competitions. Starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and will be held every Monday of school term 3.45pm to 5.15pm for children aged 5 – 13 yrs at Victory Community Centre. Enquires ph Miranda Hart-Tava 538 0026.

**'PEE WEE' FAMILY FUN DAY:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10am to 2pm at Kevin King's Farm on Stringer Rd (off the Coastal Highway). For children 12 and under, \$15 per rider. For further contact Nic Picard 540 3010 or 021 448571.

**DOWN SYNDROME ART EXHIBITION:** to Celebrate "World Down Syndrome day" - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 4pm to 7pm at the Moutere Hills Community Complex. Also open Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 10am to 1pm. Some art will be for sale with proceeds going to the artist. Contact Erana Powell 528 0044 or email [powell@ts.co.nz](mailto:powell@ts.co.nz)

**ST JOHN YOUTH:** A fun and dynamic programme that will encourage discovery, adventure and learning. We focus on teaching First Aid, Leadership and Life Skills, with fantastic opportunities to participate in camps and competitions. The Penguin Programme is for 6-8 year olds while the Cadet Programme for those 9-18. We also welcome any new leaders, where we provide support and resources to make a difference to the lives of Young People.

For further information e-mail: [tracy.simonsen@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:tracy.simonsen@stjohn.org.nz) or phone Tracy on 544 5002, or check out [www.stjohn.org.nz/youth](http://www.stjohn.org.nz/youth).

**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.