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Dear Parents/Caregivers and children,

Greetings to you all,

Unfortunately bullying is back in the headlines at the moment and it is probably timely to take stock on what we do at our school in this area. Let me say that as much as I'd like to believe that it doesn't exist here, I'd be fooling myself if I took this stance. It happens everywhere - in the workplace, at church, down on the farm... everywhere that one person wrongly uses the power that they have over others.

Let's try and define what we mean by bullying at our school. "Bullying is when somebody who is less powerful than another person or group is deliberately and typically repeatedly hurt without in anyway deserving the treatment." There are some key words here - **less powerful, deliberately, repeatedly hurt without deserving.** It is not the same thing as conflict, violence or disagreement - although it may involve all of these. So does the odd push, trip up etc constitute bullying? Yes if it deliberate, repeated and not deserving. A one off is not!

Ken Rigby from the University of South Australia tells us that teachers are often the last to know that a child in their class is being bullied. Typically the child being bullied will tell a friend, who informs his own parents who contact the parents of the child being bullied. They then contact the teacher who can then begin to deal with it.

How do we deal with it at our school once we become aware of bullying? Usually very careful interviewing with the child being bullied will reveal who is causing them grief. We then cross reference that with other students and once a clear picture emerges we confront the bully. Parents are then contacted to inform them of what we have discovered and ask them for their support at home. The bully is removed from the play ground for a period of time with clear guidelines as to the next step which could be standing down, suspension and ultimately exclusion from the school.

I will often work with the child being bullied setting up role-play situations where they work on their assertiveness, as well as setting up a '**secret support group**' who watches the child's back and reports back to both the teacher and me what is going on in class and out in the playground. This has worked very successfully - the child being bullied doesn't know who is in this group - as an important member of this group is the bully identified by the child being bullied. You are changing the roll of the bully from hurting to supporting. Surprisingly it actually works.

If your child has a problem with another child at school can you please let us know - through their class teacher in the first instance - as we can't deal with something that we don't know about.

For those of you who are interested in your child's mathematics and wishing to assist them at home using the same methods as we use at school, there is a meeting on **Wednesday 8th June at 1:30pm.** Tutors from the Teacher's Support Centre will be taking it specifically for parents.

Late children - There are quite a number of children who are constantly late for school. **A reminder that school starts at 8.55am** and we ask that you have the children at school on time. Constant lateness not only jeopardises their learning but also the learning of others as the teacher has to repeat any instructions that they have given, thus wasting time. Things can happen that make us occasionally late - perhaps forward planning might lessen this.

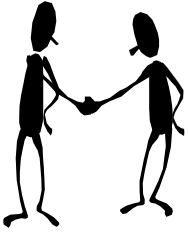
We would like to purchase some guitars for school and by buying in bulk will make these cheaper. If you would like to purchase a 3/4 guitar for approximately \$130 please contact Stephanie Landon (8555991). The price will be dependent upon how many guitars are purchased.

Regards, David and the staff.



Rugby jersey and back pack that are 1st and 2nd prize in the Rm 1 & 2 raffle.

**KEEP UP THE
GOOD WORK**



FRIDAYS ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

- Room 1 Grace Strong and Cheyenne Howser
 - Room 2 Caleb Owsley and Gunn Kim
 - Room 3 Ju Won Jung and Briana Scanlon
 - Room 4 Ella McConnell and Blake Worthington
 - Room 5 Ryan Sim and Alexa Kestle
 - Room 6 Cohen O'Donoghue and Miya Commerer
 - Room 7 Carys Morgan and Nathan Bateson
 - Room 8 Preity Kaur and Sasan Danawala Gamage
 - Room 9 Quinn Loomans and Emma Walsingham
- Congratulations to all these children and keep up the good work.



WHAT'S NEW IN THIS NEWSLETTER... (get your calendar and cell phone calendar out and make a note of what's happening in the school so that you don't forget)

- Gala Day meeting
- Bobby Calf fundraiser
- Orange Pumpkin Festival flyer
- Sausage sizzle for Rm 1 & 2 camp fundraiser

**NEWS FROM
THE PTA...**

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SELL SOME? - If anyone would like to sell Cadbury marshmallow/chocolate Easter Bunnies as a PTA fundraiser please contact Sally Stewart - details from the office. They come individually wrapped and sell for \$1 each. One box has 20 items.

PTA MILK / ICEBLOCKS / CHOCOLATE MARSHMELLOW BUNNIES FOR SALE - Every Wednesday flavoured Anchor Milk, Iceblocks and Chocolate Marshmallow Bunnies, will be for sale at lunchtime. (The Iceblocks will only be sold during term 1). These will be sold under the shade sail on the quad at lunchtime if the weather is good or they will be brought around to classrooms if it is raining. Milk flavours available are Chocolate/Strawberry/Caramel/Banana and will be \$1 each. Iceblocks are 50c each and Chocolate Marshmallow Bunnies for \$1 each. Just bring your money along at lunchtime, no slip required.

PUMPKIN HARVEST FESTIVAL - PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2011 - This Friday, 1st April, 5pm at school, please see the orange flyer with this newsletter. If the weather is wet the competitions will go on! We look forward to seeing you there.

GALA DAY MEETING - The PTA are looking to hold a Gala Day in November. We are holding our first meeting regarding the Gala on **Wednesday 6th April 7.30pm @ 885 Piako Road (Alison & Wayne Matthews)**. Do you have any great ideas for the Gala? We would love to have you along to brainstorm any ideas! Are you able to support us on our fundraising drive?? Come one, come all... We look forward to having you join us. For more information please phone Alison at 8243220.



**DON'T FORGET
TO ORDER**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER FOR ROOM 1 / 2 CAMP

There will be a sausage sizzle this Friday to fundraise for the Room 1 and 2 camp. Sausages \$1.50 and drinks \$1, Please fill in the order form with this newsletter and return by **Thursday morning**, as we need to know how many of the above to purchase.

**WOULD YOU
LIKE ONE?**



RMS 1 & 2 RAFFLE FOR CAMP

We have been fortunate enough to have had donated a Canterbury World Cup rugby jersey (1st prize) from **Stirling Sports**, and a Rugby World cup back pack (2nd prize) from **RD1**. We are raffling these at \$1 per ticket. The money is fundraising for our up coming camp. You can purchase a ticket from the school office or fill in the slip provided and send it, along with the money, to school.

**IS YOUR CHILD
INTERESTED?**



PIANO TUTOR AVAILABLE FROM EXPERIENCED TEACHER

Hi! My name is Robyn Smith and I would enjoy teaching your children the piano. I am a trained primary teacher and music teacher, having taught in Hamilton for the last fifteen years. I have ATCL (Teachers) in piano and have been involved in school music, directing productions and accompanying choral singing in the past. My fees are \$17 per half hour lesson and these lessons would incorporate Wilbecks' "Easy Notes" theory if parents wish it. Lessons would take place at school, during school hours, at a time agreed by parents and teachers. I look forward to hearing from you. Contact details: Ph: 8561404, Mob 0273547598, Email: robysmith@slingshot.co.nz

**COME AND
JOIN US**



FRIDAYS SHARING ASSEMBLY

Every Friday we have a sharing assembly from 2.20pm, in the school hall. Classes alternate - odds and evens - each week to share with everyone the work they have been doing in class. We also sing a couple of songs. We invite you, your extended family and friends to join us for this assembly.

PLEASE
SUPPORT
THESE
FUNDRAISERS

Thank
you

PGG WRIGHTSON & BALLANCE FUNDRAISER

Purchase Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser from PGG Wrightson to ear \$\$\$ for our school. They will donate \$2 for every tonne you buy. We will also receive \$2 for every \$500 you spend on selected agri-chemicals or seed at PGG Wrightson. Go to www.pggwrightson.co.nz to register.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

In early December 2010 100% Heathcote Appliances ran a **Cost + 10% campaign** which you named our school. They refunded 4% of those sales to us and we have been given a credit of \$249.86. We would like to thank you for supporting this campaign, and 100% Heathcotes for running it, and we now have to decide how to use the credit.

BOBBY CALF FUND RAISER

AFFCO is again running the **Cash for Schools** bobby calf fund raising programme this season. This is a fantastic opportunity to generate cash for the school. Last year AFFCO donated more than \$80,000 to local schools as a result of the programme and **we as a school received \$1240.80, which was the highest amount donated to any school!!! THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO SIGNED UP FOR THIS LAST YEAR.** All you have to do is register your bobby calves with AFFCO for the current season, and nominate our school for the donation. Forms will be sent home next week along with a freepost envelope for you. If you register before 1 May 2011 you will go into a draw for 1 of 3 trips for 2 to Melbourne! Plus 10 pamper packs are up for grabs as well. It doesn't cost you anything, because AFFCO pays the donation over and above normal supplier payments. If you don't have a dairy farm sign up your neighbours, friends and family. So get in behind our school, and register your bobby calves today.



THE GREAT ANCHOR MILK RUN

This starts on Monday 4 April and over 80 days Anchor are giving schools and consumers the chance to win their share of \$500,000 cash by simply purchasing any specially marked Anchor milk. Every litre of milk equals 1 entry into the draw. To be in to win, enter the unique code on the reverse of Anchor milk bottles by texting to 311 or enter online at www.anchor milkrun.co.nz. One lucky winner will be drawn each day to win \$2,500 cash and \$2,500 for the school of their choice. All entrants go in the draw to win the grand prize of \$50,000 and \$50,000 for their nominated school.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMING UP (get your calendar and cell phone calendar out and make a note of what's happening in the school so that you don't forget)

April	1	Pumpkin festival - 5pm in school hall
	6	Gala Day meeting - 7.30pm at 885 Piako Rd
	11-13	Room 1 & 2 camp
	15	Last day of Term 1
May	2	First day of Term 2
June	8	Maths tutoring for parents/caregivers - 1.30pm



Regards,

David, Mary, Brian, Grant, Lisa, Genevieve, Jaimee, Sam, Karen, Diana, Bridget, Marie, Julie W, Michelle, Julie F, Alison T, Carol, Fiona, Alison M and Dennis.

OUT AND ABOUT

COMMUNITY NOTICES



DINNERS @ FIREPOT CAFÉ - Casual Dining | Beer | Wine | platters. **Every Friday Night.** Bookings essential, phone 8242006

BUDGIES FOR SALE - Yellow/Green Colourings, Males \$12.50. Please Phone Alison Matthews on 8243220 or see me at school.



WOBBLE – essentials for little kids – everything for babies and toddlers. **March Specials:** 10% off Amber Teething Necklaces; HOT Mountain Buggy Deals; Specials on Cots & Bugaboo Strollers and much more! Located in the Rototuna Shopping Centre. Phone: 855-3630. Open 9am-5pm Monday – Friday, 10am-4pm Saturday. Email info@wobble.co.nz. Webstore www.wobble.co.nz.



TAUPIRI JUNIOR RUGBY - WEIGH IN / MUSTER / TRAINING - On Thursday 31 March at Taupiri Rugby Club at 5.30pm we will be having our first training. When you arrive I will put the children who have been weighed in out to training, so please bring footwear. We will also be doing another weigh in for those children who have not weighed in. If you are a new player could you please bring a **photocopy** of your birth certificate or plunket book please. Fees are payable on the night - \$30 for single and \$40 for family. For further information please contact Leah Scott at 8243894 or 0276869499.



RUGBY & SOCCER BOOTS FOR SALE - Soccer boots - white, size 6 - \$5. Rugby / soccer boots, size 1 and 3 - \$5. Rugby / soccer boots, size 6 - \$10. All worn one season only - feet are growing too much! Phone Sally-Ann Riddell at 8243850.



GREAT BEGINNINGS EARLY LEARNING CENTRE - We are now OPEN! Ages 0 - 6 years. Directly opposite Gordonton School. We are open from 7.30am - 5.30pm. Extensive rural outdoor area. Great beginnings....where children are only limited by their imagination. **Phone 8243227 - please note correct phone number.**



SHEEP FOR SALE - 2 x Suffolk cross ewes, approx 4 years old. \$125 each. Phone 8242142.

WANTED - 2 x 20" BMX front wheels and brakes for entry in the 2011 Redbull Trolley Grandprix. If you are able to assist with these please contact Tim Young at 8243155 or 0277881969.

RAFFLE TICKET (RUGBY JERSEY & BACK PACK) ORDER FORM - \$1 per ticket	
I would like to purchase raffle tickets.	
I enclose \$.....	
Name.....	Phone.....

SAUSAGES IN BREAD & DRINK ORDER FORM			
SAUSAGES - \$1.50, DRINKS - \$1			
Family Name.....			
Pupil Name	Room.....	No.of Sausages	No. of drinks
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Amount enclosed			
Please specify if you do not want tomato sauce put on your sausage.			