



# Vardon School Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> July 2009

No. 11/09

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

***Tena Koutou Katoa***

**Nga mihi atu kia Koutou i teenei waa**

## *From The Principal's Desk*

Greetings to you all

Welcome to all our new families to Vardon School and a special welcome to Mrs Myra Paton who has joined us this term. Mrs Paton is our new Deputy Principal and will be taking over most of the jobs that Mrs Anderson did for us in Terms One and Two. Mrs Anderson is now teaching in our Reception Class and will be working with all our New Entrants for the rest of the year. Thanks again Mrs Anderson for the wonderful job you did acting in the Deputy Principal role. Some of you may remember Mrs Paton from when she worked at Vardon School as an RTL. I am sure all the new members of the Vardon School community will find it a great place to live and learn.

Over the break I read a piece of research done by a New Zealander named John Hattie. Hattie did an analysis of thousands of pieces of research on what impacts most on student learning. What he discovered was that the one thing that has the biggest positive impact on a child's learning is (drum roll please), Home/School partnerships.

So what does an effective Home/School partnership look like? It is certainly more than just attending Parent/Teacher Interviews twice a year. It requires us as parents and caregivers to become involved in our children's learning: find out what their strengths and needs are and work with the school to support their learning. It requires regular communication with the Classroom Teacher to see how you can help and to find out what sort of learning needs to be happening at home. I challenge you all this Term to develop or strengthen your partnership with our school. Don't wait until the next Parent Evening of which we have two of this Term, pop down and see what's going on. Make an appointment to see your child's teacher, find out what's happening with your child's learning and how it can be supported at home. I look forward to seeing you all here soon.

This week has been an extremely busy week at Vardon School. We have had teachers from Gisborne working with our Junior Teachers exploring Quality New Entrant Teaching, a group of Principals looking at Leading for Learning and advisors from Literacy and Numeracy contracts which we are involved in. This is to be expected in a busy learning community such as ours. It is a great sign our school is learning and growing.

Good luck to all those involved in sport this week and go the All Blacks.

Marcus Freke

## **Assembly - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

Please note that the Assembly this week has been cancelled. Instead, Rm 8's Assembly will now run next Friday - 7<sup>th</sup> August.

## **Pre-School Visit**

**Please note that the date has changed for this, it is now on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August from 1.30 pm – 3 pm in Room 5 with Mrs Anderson.**

***On behalf of Vardon School staff and children we would like to welcome the following children to our school:***

Room 2	Enoka Ham
Room 2	Jeremy Davis
Room 4	Rebecca Davis
Room 5	Ashlee Gaylor
Room 5	La-Eeqah Abrahams
Room 5	Jack Collins
Room 5	Brandon-Lee Barac
Room 5	Brennan Standing
Room 5	Tawhiao Rangi
Room 12	Joshua Mafi
Room 15	Shenika Sharma

## **Flu Pandemic**

### **Key messages**

#### **Be prepared**

**If you've got flu symptoms**, stay at home until essentially well, that is, not sneezing and coughing as this is how the virus spreads. This is usually around three to four days after symptoms start, but may be up to a week.

#### **Stop the spread of flu germs by:**

- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Regularly washing your hands and drying them thoroughly
- Avoiding contact with sick people and reducing time spent in crowded settings.

**If your condition worsens**, seek medical advice by PHONING Healthline 0800 611 116 or your healthcare provider.

**Get medical advice if you have a serious condition** including respiratory disease, heart disease, liver disease, blood disorders and neurological conditions or have immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by HIV).

### **Updating Parent/Caregiver Details**

If you have had a change of address or work phone numbers please make sure the school office has the updated information. It is essential for contacting parents/caregivers in an emergency.

# **Library Week 10th-16th August**

Library Week is a week long celebration of libraries and librarianship in New Zealand taking place in libraries all throughout the country. Library Week has been running for over 35 years and honours the important roles our libraries play in our communities.

To celebrate we will be having a **Book Character Day** where students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on **Friday the 14th August**.



This will be our way of showing how much we appreciate our own Vardon School library and all of the awesome books that are available for our students to read



## **Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Evening**

This Term, our teaching staff are required to teach a safety programme called Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) to all the children that attend Vardon School.

The Keeping Ourselves Safe programme is a requirement of teaching and learning under the Health Curriculum. As this programme covers a range of sensitive topics, we will be holding a Parent Information Evening at the school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August. This gives parents the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the topics that will be covered. A letter with full details will be coming home soon with your child.

# Sports Photos

These will be taking place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 8 am sharp at the Vardon School Hall. The Soccer teams will go first followed by Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Gymnastics etc. The Manager of your team will distribute the Team Photograph order forms. These have to be handed into the school office with payment by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.



## Winter Wonderland

As Winter comes the trees sway from side to side. In the afternoon the trees shed their leaves and have no blankets to warm them through the night. In the morning they are warmed by the sunny sun of the day. As the trees awaken they see the Winter Wonderland. Some evenings the trees get to watch other leaves



dance and glide through the air, but in a couple of minutes the leaves hit the ground with a loud crunch, crackle, snap! The crunchy crispy deep-fried leaves turn cherry red and lie like a flaming blanket on the floor below.

**By Samuel Pou**

### ***New Entrants School Visits***

*If you have a child that will be starting in August/September, we are pleased to inform you that we have an afternoon for children and parents to visit on the following day:*

***Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30pm to 3.00pm***

*If you would like to attend please phone 07 849 2451 or call into the school office. **Parents must accompany their children to these visits.***

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **Marching Girls Wanted** A well established Waikato Marching Team – Railfreight Cavaliers - are currently looking for new marchers to join our Kiwi team , we are looking for girls aged between 5 and 8 who enjoy music and dance with the opportunity to make new friends and have lots of fun. If you are interested contact Sharnie on home phone 07 8558557 or mobile 027 3750434.
- **Golf Holiday Programme September 2009** – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 from 9 am to 3.30 pm. The children will be taken to five different Waikato golf courses, receive coaching daily and learn the basic techniques of golf, rules and etiquette. Open to boys & girls 9 – 12 yrs of age. Contact Waikato Golf Association (Inc). on 849 1328 or [inquiries@waikatogolf.co.nz](mailto:inquiries@waikatogolf.co.nz)
- **The Voyage That Shook the World** – Calvary Chapel, Vardon School Hall, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 1 pm, all welcome.
- **Two bedroom House plus Sunroom for rent** – Sunny deck, gas heating, references required. \$285/week. Phone 027 286 7844 or 838 1427.
- **YMCA Childrens Activities** – 36 Pembroke St, Hamilton. Y-Gymnastics. Fun educational programme for children 1 – 10 years of age. Come and try a class for free. Birthday Parties – a party with a difference. Obstacle course, party games, prizes, suitable for ages 1-10 years.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Pre-School Visits
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Sports Photos
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Character Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	School Cross Country
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Back to the 80's Party – PTA Fundraiser
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Daffodil Day

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Marcus Freke'.

Marcus Freke  
Principal

**DATE:** 25 July

**CLUB:** VARDON SOCCER CLUB

Grade	Div	Team	Score		Opposing Team	Score	Player of Day
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	1	Vardon Chargers	7	Vs	Hukanui-Rototuna Lizards	6	Finlay Shiels
	4	Vardon Strikers	2	Vs	Hukanui-Rototuna Crickets	6	Sam Musty
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>		Vardon Wizards	2	Vs	Claudeleands Rovers Raiders	7	Sarah Reed
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	9	Vardon Scorpions	2	Vs	Hamilton Marist Pandas	1	Ella Candy
	15	Vardon Stingers	1	Vs	Te Kowhai Tigers	1	Alannah McGall
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	6	Vardon Vipers	5	Vs	Te Kowhai Kiwi Kids	0	Oliver Rigg-Shiels
	17	Vardon Cougars	1	Vs	Hamilton Marist Titans	4	Azhar Ali
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	3	Vardon Thundercats	8	Vs	Southwell Diamonds	7	Gary Nyamande
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	8	Vardon Rockets	2	Vs	Hukanui-Rototuna Robots	3	Tayla Dore
<b>Open</b>	7	Vardon Dominators	5	Vs	Claudelands Rovers Red Dragons	1	Callum