



Vardon School Newsletter

16th June 2011

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena Koutou Katoa

Nga mihi atu kia Koutou i teenei waa

From The Principall's Desk

Greetings to you all

One of the my main focuses for my recent visit to schools in Queensland was to look at how they use ICT to support student learning and try and bring home some new thinking. Vardon School is a long way ahead with its thinking and use of ICT to support and enhance learning when compared to the schools I visited.

One thing we are doing well that the Queensland schools hadn't even considered is the reflective e-portfolios (blogs) that our children are writing. There is a lot of research which shows that it is extremely useful for students, and teachers, to reflect on their learning, celebrate what they are doing well and plan the next steps to continue their progress. Traditionally we have used Learning Journals for this where the students paste in samples of work and the teachers make comments on their learning. Our Blogs are exactly the same only in a digital format. The key difference with the blogs is that our parents and caregivers can access them at anytime from anywhere and add comments or ask questions about what the students are doing. Parent input is a huge motivator for the children and I encourage everyone to check their child/rens blogs and post a comment. For those of you don't have ready access to the Internet our local library has public access and we will also make the computers in the school library available for this purpose before and after school for a short period of time. We will advise you when this will start. Children quickly become experts at how to use technology and are often the best ones to show their parents how to use it. You may be interested to know that our teachers are using the same process to reflect on their own learning journeys, using blogs and ICT to support and enhance learning.

Congratulations to the students who played in the Year 5 & 6 Combined League team. They defeated Melville to make it through to the semi-finals of the Shaun Kenny-Dowl Cup at the regional tournament. The team play on the 11th August to see if they can make the finals.

Thanks to the PTA we now have a new set of Ukuleles for the students to play. Mrs Thomas plans on starting a group this term. The Art Club also now have the resources to start their mosaics which will be used to brighten up the Junior Lunch area. Don't forget to support the PTA, and school by attending the Elvis night on the 30th of June. We also have plenty of New World vouchers available at the office.

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

Marcus Freke

Principal

SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS

We apologise for the confusion over the Sushi Lunch Orders. We are definitely providing Sushi as a lunch option but it is through our current lunch provider – Lunch Box Canteen. The lunch packs provided are a 4 roll pack made up of two Vegetable and two Chicken Sushi rolls. The rolls are a substantial size and the cost is \$5.50 per pack.

The packs are available every day and can be ordered through the existing Lunch box canteen order forms located at the office. These orders must be completed by 9AM. If you require more information, please see the ladies in the office.



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

Room 6 Hayley Turnbull

Room 15 Trey Morgan



Junior Syndicate visit to the St Andrews' Public Library

On Tuesday afternoon Rooms 3, 4 and 6 visited the St Andrews' Public Library. Then on Wednesday afternoon, it was Room 1 and Room 2's turn. We left during lunchtime and we walked quickly down to the library at the Braid Rd shops.



Cathy welcomed us and we all went in and sat quietly in the junior section. We found out about joining the library and what you can borrow. We saw picture books and nonfiction books, magazines and puzzles, CD's, DVD's, and talking books... Wow! It's worth getting a Library card. The ladies that work at the Library are very kind. They love to help children find what they are looking for. Cathy encouraged all the children to join the Library because it's a great way to have lots of different books to read and it doesn't cost anything!



Some of us already have Library cards. Lots of us are going to join soon. That was an interesting trip for KC kids who love to read.



Ah McCains you have done it again!

On Tuesday 14th June the Enviro Agents from every Syndicate, Whanau Atawhai and the Green Fingers Club met a man called Tony who told us all about Plants and Seeds. Tony is a Vegetable grower and works for McCains. He came to Vardon School in a bright red McCains Truck. After he had inspected our Vegetable patches and finished telling us all about growing vegetables he gave us a badge each and some more gardening tools for the school. This will help us plant more plants around our school. By Oliver Houlahan.



CLASSROOM DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS



These are the URL addresses for each of our amazing classroom Blogs!!!

Room 1	http://room1slearningjourney.blogspot.com
Room 2	http://room2slearningjourney.blogspot.com
Room 3	http://room3slearningjourney.blogspot.com
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Room 12	http://room12sawesomelearningjourney.blogspot.com/
Room 13	http://room13soutstandingblogoflearning.blogspot.com/
Room 14	http://room14sleaning.blogspot.com/
Room 15	http://powerfulroom15vardon.blogspot.com/

Your child(ren) would love you to visit their classroom e-portfolio, view their work and make a comment. Their individual portfolio (for middle and senior school) is linked to their classroom portfolio so you can also view and make comments on this as well. We would love your feedback on these e-portfolios!!! 😊

New Entrants School Visits

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

Wednesday 17th August 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.***



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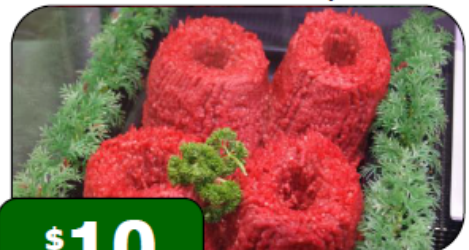
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COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Mark Cossey Coaching – July School Holiday Football Program** – Programs will be held both weeks of the July holidays at Peachgrove Intermediate School, Peachgrove Road. Monday 18th July to Thursday 21st July, Monday 25th July to Thursday 28th July, 9am to 3pm. All children from 5-12 years welcome to register. For more details or to register please contact us at cosseycoaching@gmail.com
- **2nd Year Otago University Student** available to work 4 – 15th July. Data Entry, Shop, Factory Work – **anything considered.** Contact Myra Paton on 849 2451 (wk) or 853 5924 (Home).

Sports Results



The Preliminary round has now started and teams have been placed in their appropriate Divisions after playing their 3 grading games. There was no play for all Waikato Junior Football over the long weekend, so players and parents had a well deserved break!

Vardon has been lucky enough to enter another 5th grade team into the competition, so go the Vardon Alleycats!

Results from last Saturday's games are as follows:

GRADE	DIVISION	TEAM		OPPOSITION	SCORE	PLAYER OF THE GAME
5 th	3a	Alleycats	VS	Glenview United Dragons	WON by default	
5 th	2a	Stingers	VS	Western United Sheriffs	LOST 2-5	Hayden Frankhouser
6 th	1b	Chargers	VS	Forest Lake Pukekos	WON 7-1	Gina Hafliger
6 th	5b	Pirates	VS	St Joseph Cheetahs	WON 11-0	Mac Winter
6 th	6a	Storm	VS	Knighton Wolves	WON 7-2	Niall Fletcher
7 th	3b	Strikers	VS	Ohaupo Blades	LOST 1-3	Sam Musty
8 th	4b	Wizards	VS	St Josephs Sparks	WON 4-1	Ashton Manders
9 th	4a	Scorpions	VS	HRFC Colts	DREW 3-3	Lucas Prall
10 th	2a	Cougars	VS	Huntly Thistle Hurricanes	LOST 0-6	Killian Prall
10 th	5a	Vipers	VS	Raglan Bull Sharks	LOST 2-3	Jack Chaplow
11 th	1b	Thundercats	VS	Cambridge Steelers	WON 3-2	Tex Masters
Open	5a	Dominators	VS	Ham Marist Keas	WON 8-0	Tyler Lankon

Congratulations to all the players who have been awarded the "Player of the Game" and to all members of the above teams for their contribution to the games.

Thank you to all parents who get along and help support the teams each week and of course to our Coaches and Managers who give up their valuable time to coach and look after our teams.

Keep up the great work and I look forward to keeping you updated with the progress of the teams in the next newsletter.

Michelle Gaylor
Results Secretary

Forthcoming events

Friday 17th June
Monday 20th June
Thursday 23rd June
Tuesday 5th July
Thursday 7th July
Monday 11th July
Friday 15th July

Learn-A-Thon Testing
PTA Meeting
Hearing and Vision Checks
Yr1 to Yr3 Interviews
School Disco
ASA Meeting
Term 2 Ends

Kind regards

Marcus Freke
Principal

Netball Results - Vardon Magic – Yr 6

21/05 Played Hukanui, Won 13-1, *Player of the Day* **Helena Reid** for great defence, chasing of the ball and support of her team mates.

28/5 Played Ham East Ferns, Lost 9-2, *Player of the Day* **Chili Matson** for amazing defence and watching the ball all the time

4/6 Played Noera Kawea, Lost 23-4, *Player of the Day* **Devon Bannister**, great team support, backing up in Defence the whole game.

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