

# NEWSLETTER Tuesday 10 February 2009



*Kia ora e te Whanau o Hamutana Rawhiti*

## Principal's Note

### Kia Ora e te Whanau Learning

Rather than ask your child what they did at school ask them to tell you about their learning. This is about the sort of questions they asked, what they need to spend more time on and what skills they have mastered.

### Kapa Haka

*We welcome back Anaru and Maia*

Kapa haka began today and will be on every Tuesday where possible. Rooms 9, 11 and 12 will attend 9:30, Rooms 13 -16 at 11 am. Kowhai Team will attend on the first Tuesday of each month and will have Waiata Pipi on other weeks.

Allan Bull  
Principal

## COMING EVENTS

11 February	DHB Vision and Hearing Technician visiting school
19 February	PTA Meeting 7pm School Staffroom
26 February	School Family Picnic 5-7pm
26 February	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
02 March	Teacher Only Day

### Family Picnic

This will be held on Thursday 26 February from 5 – 7 pm. Bring a picnic tea (or purchase food at the school) meet the staff, meet other families, use the pool and play some games.

If any parents would like to organise some games/sports for this evening please let the office know. We have plenty of equipment for Tee Ball, soccer etc

### Hamilton East PTA

The Hamilton East School PTA will be holding their first meeting for 2009 next Thursday at 7pm. We would love to see some new faces this year and all are welcome to come along and see what the role of the PTA is.

### Touch Rugby

Notices went out to interested Year 3 – 6 children yesterday. If you have not received a notice and wish your child to be involved, please contact the school office.

### Swimming

Swimming instruction takes place every day for all children. Please ensure that togs are in bags each day. Staff will make the decision regarding the weather as it can change during the day. The only way children can become safe around water is to be confident in water and know and practice what to do.

Teachers will have a supply of swimming togs for those who forget. If parents have any spare togs that the school could have they would be much appreciated.

Research indicates that children who are competent in the water are more confident in themselves.

### Home School Partnership 2009

What topics would you like to see covered, and what activities would you like to see the children presenting. Last year we had nutrition evenings, kapa haka, and twenty-first century literacy.

Some ideas for 2009 may include:

The revised School Curriculum, Numeracy (maths), The Hamilton East School Tool Kit.

Your ideas; \_\_\_\_\_

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ProJoe's Myth Busters!

**"An apple a day keeps the doctor away"**

### **True!**

Apples are packed full of vitamins, in particular vitamin C. Vitamin C is a strong antioxidant which helps the body to fight infection and heal cuts and wounds.



So get crunching!