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# COLWILL SCHOOL

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## Newsletter. No 39

Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakalofa, lahi atu, Kia Orana, Talofa, Shalom, Malo e lelei, Taloha ni, Guten Tag, Bonjour, Dobro Dosli, Croeso, Sawadee, Goeie Dag, An Nyung ha seayo, Asalamu Alaikum, Prevet,

COLWILL STAFF WISH ALL OUR FAMILIES AND WHANAU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE VERY BEST FOR 2011.



### TERM DATES FOR 2012

#### Term 1 2012

Begins Thursday 2nd February @ 8.50am and

ends on Thursday 5th April

#### Term 2 2012

Begins Monday 23rd April and ends on Friday 29th June

#### Term 3 2012

Begins Monday 16th July and ends on Friday 28th September

#### Term 4 2012

Monday 15th October and ends on Tuesday 18th December

### READING

Please encourage your child to carry on with the reading habit at home over the holidays.

### NEW STATIONERY PACKS FOR 2012

Stationery for 2012 will only be available from the school.

To make life easier for you there will be a **one off** cost at the beginning of the school year for all stationery needed by your child for the whole year. Please read your end of year information packs carefully. These stationery packs can be purchased on Thursday 26th January at a discounted price or at the school office from Thursday 3rd February at the normal price.

### OPEN DAY

The school will open on Thursday 26th January 2012 for the purchase of uniforms, stationery and for enrolments between 9:00 am and 3:00pm.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all those of you who have stepped up to help the school out over the last year.

Whether with fundraising, parent help, with positive comments and saying a kind 'thank you' to a staff member.

I wish to acknowledge the fine work of the Board of Trustees throughout this year. We have worked well together for the good of the school and this along with the amazingly hard work by a dedicated staff resulted in an outstanding ERO report in May this year. Thank you to you all.

We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2012. We will see the establishment of the Colwill Academy. This area will be a new innovation for the school and will be dedicated to lifting the achievement levels of our most 'at risk' students. They are those students identified as not being able to have their learning needs fully met in a normal classroom setting. They will include the students operating below National Standard and those operating well above National Standard.

We will be continuing to improve the property facilities throughout the school and plan to upgrade all our ICT equipment so that children have improved access to technology in their classrooms. We are enjoying our new stage in the hall and the school's fencing is helping to keep our students and school safe. We will be adding extra basketball hoops and rugby posts as part of the ongoing improving of our sport facilities. Additional storage space will provide an area where we can store surplus equipment and archive our records. We will see the installation of the mobile dental clinic pad and will then be able to utilise our current clinic as our new community room.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish teachers and teacher aides who are moving on to new schools or whose fixed term positions have come to an end. We say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Pienaar, Mr Vega, Mrs Hogan, Mrs Prosser, Mrs Venter, Mrs Alford, Mrs Whyte and Mrs Hargraves. We wish you all well in your next endeavour.

I thank you all for your ongoing support and loyalty to the school, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season with your children.

Kindest Regards, Rob Taylor

Colwill Fundraising Update:

## **FRIDAY FUNDAY**

This Week

### **Mufti Day**

Cost \$ **Gold Coin**

Wear what you like, it's the last day of school for the year.

### **LAST WEEK: Disco Night**

We raised **\$485.00**

Wow, what a fun night. Those that came had a great time, we had some who could really limbo and get down low and quite a few who knew how to do the bird dance.

It was really nice to see all your children together Juniors and Seniors alike.

This is my last post for the year and I would like to say a really big thank you to all the families, children and teachers who have supported our fundraising efforts this year. We got started a bit late into the year, but with all your help we have done pretty well.

You have all helped raise over \$4000.00 in the last two terms.

What is this money being spent on.

We purchased the new lights for the Disco, so you can have cool lights every time now.

We donated \$480.00 to the Year 8 Graduates.

We donated \$400.00 to your big day out trip to the movies.

Last but not least, we have donated \$3000.00 towards getting you your new basketball hoops. These should be here in the new year for you.

Whanau House results for the year

1<sup>st</sup> Harakeke

2<sup>nd</sup> Kowhai

3<sup>rd</sup> Pohutukawa

Top three Classrooms

1<sup>st</sup> Room 20

2<sup>nd</sup> Room 13

3<sup>rd</sup> Room 12

There have been some fun ideas put forward for next year, so if you have someone in your family who can help out or you have some really cool ideas, please contact the office and they will pass your information on.

Zumba is on tonight for the last night of the year. Come along for some fun.

We will be starting again next year when school starts.

Hope you all have a safe and merry Christmas and New Year.

Sheryl Lord and the Colwill School Fundraising Group