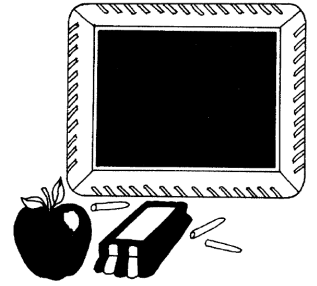


# Berkley Korero

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## Outstanding Response!

A very big thank you for supporting us in making a great start. We are very appreciative of the percentage of families who have paid our compulsory printing fee and/or school donation. These contributions are the only fundraising activities that we derive “additional” funding from, to complement funding from central government. These funds enable us to provide a myriad of extra curricula opportunities, facilities and equipment.

## Making the most of what's available

Life can be very confusing at the beginning of a new school year. This is particularly so if students are new to our school. Students are made aware of what choices are available to them through our “Informer” - a daily news sheet that lists what’s on and how they can become involved.

The Informer is placed on our website [www.berkley.school.nz](http://www.berkley.school.nz) each day. We suggest parents visit this site with their child and discuss what is available and encourage them to “take up the challenge” of participating in what is being offered.

Frequently, students need that special level of encouragement to overcome their shyness or lack of confidence. We are providing an environment that promotes students taking increasing responsibility for their own learning but until they have settled into their new school they often need our support.

## New Horizons

This year our outdoors education programme provides a myriad of activities to select from. A booklet with choices will come home with this newsletter. It is essential that selections be

returned to school by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. Groups will be finalised by Tuesday. Late applications will be slotted into what is left! If you are out of town and unable to meet the deadline, email through your choices to - [office@berkley.school.nz](mailto:office@berkley.school.nz)

The cost of some options is significant. These reflect the expertise and safety factors necessary to have in place for such a diverse set of exciting adventures.

**Parents Helpers:** Teachers will require volunteers to assist as parent supervisors in many of the activities. Please indicate on the return form your availability. Groups that have an overnight stay component will have meetings to finalise arrangements early in March.

## I-Pod Touch

Over 250 students are using these to support their learning. Before they can be used in our school environment they must be registered and tuned into our system.

If this is yet to be done students need to see Miss Rimmer. These are very “mobile” tools, which will be a real asset when synchronised with the new learning management system we are in the process of introducing.

## School Transport Information

### Cars

Users of Mullane Street are to be congratulated for the manner in which they are following some basic rules. Early arrivals are helping by turning their cars to face up the street, yellow lines are being observed, and both turnaround bays are being kept clear.

An increasing number of parents are picking students up by parking on Morrinsville Road and having them walk a little further. These actions are reducing congestion. A pattern worth sharing, for those who want even less challenge

from congestion, is that the street is almost empty of cars from 3.25pm. By delaying your pick up time 10 minutes will give you an uncluttered Mullane Street!

### **Buses**

Too many students are forgetting to sign themselves off if they are not going home on the bus. Failure to do so does make it difficult to assist if a student doesn't arrive home as expected. If a pattern of non-compliance in this respect develops then it could lead to the privilege of bus travel being lost for a period.

## **Meet the Teacher Evening**

**When :** **Tuesday 1 March**  
*Tainui – Learning Centre,*  
*Mahi Tahi – Room 8b,*  
*Ararua – Cultural Centre*

**Wednesday 2 March**  
*Aranu – Room 8b,*  
*Manawanui – Cultural Centre*  
*Te Aroha – Learning Centre*  
*Kia Kaha – TV Studio*

**Time:** 6.00-7.00 pm

**Agenda:** Outline of the year's expectations, New Horizons, meet the teacher, see the learning environment, ask questions, find out about promotions etc. We look forward to meeting you there.

## **International Educational Trips Information Meeting**

Students who are interested in being a part of a Waikato Schools' group trip to Japan on 21<sup>st</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October or Noumea 10 -17th November are invited to one of two meetings in Room 8b on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> or Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00pm (after Meet the Teacher).

This is an opportunity to find out more about these "special" experiences and to ask questions. There are a limited number of places available so attendance at this meeting is important to enhance prospects of selection.

If you are unable to attend then please indicate your level of interest by emailing: [office@berkley.school.nz](mailto:office@berkley.school.nz) prior to the meeting.

## **Out of School Music**

We have had a great response to OOSM, with over 260 students enrolled. At the end of next

week the enrolment form will be returned to each student, with the day and time for their lesson, along with an information sheet. To help us set your child up for success, please read and discuss the info on the back of the enrolment form with your child. Lessons start in week 4 (beginning 28 Feb). Fees must be paid before students can attend their 1<sup>st</sup> lesson.

## **Orchestra/Choir**

Practices are already underway for both the Orchestra and Choir. Students are still able to join either group by making contact with the music teachers.

## **ICAS**

The 2011, ICAS (International Competitions and assessments for Schools or formerly NSW Exams) are taking place this year in terms two and three.

Computer Skills	25 May
Science	09 June
English	03 August
Maths	17 August

Information and payment forms to enter these competitions will come home with your child on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Early Finish for Professional Development**

We have two early finish days during term one to release staff for Professional Development. School will finish at 2.45pm on the following days:

Thursday	03	March
Monday	28	March

Ministry buses will continue at normal times however, the Berkley bus will leave 15 minutes earlier. We thank you for your support.

## **School Immunisations 2011**

Public health nurses will be delivering two school-based immunisation programmes in your child's school this year.

### **Year seven students**

These students will be offered the Boostrix vaccine which is a booster for their early childhood immunisations of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).

Information about the year seven programme will be given to students at school and this session may include watching the Ministry of Health DVD *Year Seven Immunisations*.

This DVD presentation is designed specifically for this age group.

At this information session, your child will given a consent form to bring home for you to read and choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the public health nurses at school.

### Year eight students

These students will be offered the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine which is available **free** to girls and young women aged 12-18 years.

Information will given to the students about the HPV vaccination programme at school. This may include viewing the Ministry of Health DVD *HPV Vaccine Information – a vaccine to help prevent cervical cancer*. This DVD presentation is designed specifically for this age group.

Your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the public health nurses at school.

- Information on the immunisations is included on the consent form which will be given to your son / daughter at the information session.
- Please complete the consent form and answer all the questions and return the form to school.
- If your child is not being vaccinated at school you still need to fill in the section with your child's name and details on it.
- Please check with your doctor or practice nurse if you are unsure if your child has had a tetanus injection in the last two years.

For information on these vaccines phone **0800 IMMUNE (466 863)**

\*Public health nurse contact details\* Antoinette Smith phone 8383565 ext; 22134 or 021341896

## Community News

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**ENQUIRIES: Roslyn 027 248 2888** or email **info@chatterbox.net.nz**  
**www.chatterbox.net.nz**

### MATHZWISE

Expert Maths Tuition is held after school at Berkley Normal Middle School. Give your child the opportunity to be more confident and successful in Maths.

**Contact Lesley Ashman 829 8749 or 021 122 5558**  
**lesley@mathzwise.co.nz**

### Hillcrest United Junior Soccer Club Muster

Held on 5 & 6 March at Berkley Normal Middle School. You are welcome to register on the day or online.

Only 8th grade and above need to trial so they can be placed in appropriate teams.

**Saturday 5th March:** 1pm - 8th Grade  
2pm - 9th Grade 3pm - 10th Grade

**Sunday 6th March:** 1pm - 11th Grade  
2-4pm Open Grade

Please be on time. Bring shin guards and boots, and water bottle. For more information

**www.hillcrestsoccer.org.nz or 021 737 172**

### Wool

If anyone has any spare, unwanted wool, suitable for crochet and are able to send it in to the school office, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### February

Monday	21	New Horizons choices deadline
Tuesday	22	BOT Meeting
Thursday	24	Education Day for HPV & Boostrix.
Monday	28	Inter-school Swimming OOSM starts

### March

Tuesday	01	Meet the teacher evening Tainui /Mahi Tahu /Ararua
Wednesday	02	Meet the Teacher evening Aranui /Manawanui/ Kia Kaha
Tuesday	08	Inter-school Cricket
Wednesday	09	Focus – Team Singing

Thursday	10	Next Korero home
Friday	11	Focus – Team Singing