

April 03	Parent Teacher Interviews – School closes 3.00pm
April 04	Last day of swimming for Rooms 16 and 12
April 07	Last day of swimming for Rooms 10 and 11
April 15	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
April 16	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
April 18	Last Day of Term 1 – School closes 3.00pm
May 05	First Day of Term 2

Dear Parents / Caregivers
Kia Ora

It was very positive to see 320 separate interviews with the teachers last night and with more parents also booked in for tonight. Thanks parents for taking the opportunity to come along and discuss your child's education with the class teacher. Parent involvement in children's education is seen as crucial in developing and maintaining the Home – School Partnership we encourage at Sunnynook. Thank you also to our teaching staff for providing the opportunity for our busy parents to learn about their children's education.

Last week at the School Assembly Mrs Grigg's class of Room 7 received the School Banner for the great learning environment they have established in their classroom. Well Done Room 7! At the Assembly the children were also reminded of their responsibilities at school; responsibilities that include looking after school property which two of our young students did when they reported some tagging on a school sign. As soon as we heard Mr O'Connell was able to clean it off quickly!

SHORE TO SHORE FUN RUN:

A big thank you to the 160 people who participated from our school. I was impressed with our students who took part in the Fun Run– not only one of our best ever turn outs for this event yet the children participated so happily. Congratulations to the speedy children who completed the race under my time of 1 hour 23 minutes (I blame my 5 year old son for playing on the beach). It was a beautiful day for a walk and I would recommend all families sign up for the run next year. Special thanks to Mrs Naran and Mrs Fritsch for organising our team.

Thanks to the PTA Team for the Sausages and drinks at the end – and YES we are getting a banner to show where our tent is for future events!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Board of Trustees are delighted to announce that it intends to select Adrian Munt as a new Board member effective from its next meeting. Adrian has provided some of his background information:

"I have a long standing association with Sunnynook Primary School as two of my brothers and I were pupils. In 1976 I met my wife Alli there. Our family consists of four children. The two eldest, Nick (Room 1) and Sam (Room 4) are at Sunnynook.

Since High School I have been a business owner of both service and manufacturing companies. My current business is Image Enhancement Services Ltd and Easy~Pay Cleaning, a nationwide carpet and upholstery cleaning company. I am looking forward to applying my business experience to the governance of the school and the opportunity to help facilitate change and growth for Sunnynook. I am eager to ensure that my children have the same level of fond memories of being at Sunnynook as Alli and I do."

Adrian will be taking on the Property portfolio on the board.

MINDLAB

As we have sufficient children interested in MindLab we will be beginning the programme in Term 2. We still have to finalise times for the classes and once that has been confirmed a separate notice will be sent home to those families involved. We have room for pupils in our younger class if anyone is still keen.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR CLASSES FOR KOREAN PARENTS:

Wairau Intermediate School are holding English Grammar classes for local Korean parents from 6 May to 1 July (9 weeks) from 1.15 – 2.45pm each Tuesday at a cost of \$81.00. For further information contact Chris Jun on 415-0075 or 021 412 5166.

한국인을 위한 성인영어교실 개강합니다. 와이라우 중학교의 지원으로 영어교실을 준비하였습니다.

두 팀 완성과정이며, 적은 비용으로 학부모님들의 영어실력 향상에 많은 효과를 얻으시길 바랍니다.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS / CONTACT NUMBERS / PERSONAL DETAILS:

A form giving your child's current contact details will be coming home early next week. Please check all details are correct. If there are any changes to your personal situation please make a note of this. It makes our job much easier to contact a parent in the case of an emergency if our records are all current.

PEANUT / NUT ALLERGY:

We have several children attending school who have a severe allergic reaction to peanuts (or any product containing nuts). We ask that parents be mindful of this and avoid sending lunches / morning tea to school that may contain traces of nuts particularly in the Junior School.

SPORT:

Rugby - I will be conducting the trials for:

Rugby Tackle
Rippa Rugby
Rugby Tackle

Tuesday 8 April (12.30pm)
Wednesday 9 April (12.30pm)
Thursday 10 April (12.30pm)

The children for Tackle **must** have a mouthguard or they will not be allowed on the field. A change of clothing would also be appropriate for the trials. The Rugby Tournament is a competitive event, which occurs in Term 2 and 3. As it is competitive I will be selecting the best squad for both teams from all children who express an interest and as selector, I will have the final say as to who is in each team. If your child has been selected for the team, they will be expected to attend all practices and games. The teams will be announced on Friday 11 April when final notices will go home.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Netball Skills Coaching Clinic – Carmel College Senior Netball Team together with Senior Netball Coach Michelle Wallace are hosting this skills and drills clinic for Primary School Netballers for Years 3 – 6 on Sunday 6 April from 9.30 to 12noon at a cost of \$25.00. The venue is at Netball North Harbour Netball Centre, 44 Northcote Road, Takapuna. Registration forms are available from the school office or phone 410-6062 or 027 224 0862 for further information.

Holiday Fun – Are you wondering how to entertain your children during the school holidays? Holiday Fun provides exciting activities for 5 – 12 year old children every weekday during the school holidays (excluding statutory holidays). The programme operates from 9am to 3pm with Before Programme Care (from 7.30am) and After Programme Care (until 6pm) available at an extra cost. For more information phone 475-5386 or www.holidayfun.co.nz

Yours sincerely

Peter Mulcahy
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