

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

The staff and children have been enjoying the beautiful weather so far this year and have been very busy at lunchtime playing games on the field. The fields have been marked out and our plan to purchase new soccer goals this year from the Shore-to-Shore funds will make them even more professional.

We welcome the following new pupils to our School community, Zayne Wind, Ananya Kumar and Gisella Fleming. We also welcome all the children who have joined our school community this year.

We are making plans to open our fourth New Entrant class in Term 2 and would encourage any parents with young children nearing school age to contact us so we are able to organise staffing for later in the year. It was great to see a very full Junior area last Friday evening when the Broadland's Kindergarten used the area for their Wheel Evening.

#### **BOT MEETING**

The April Board of Trustees meeting will be held this coming Tuesday in the Staffroom at 6.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

#### **TRAVELWISE**

The North Shore City Council TravelWise team were delighted to receive so many surveys returned by our parents regarding how our children get to school. They have drawn the three families who will soon receive Family Movie passes. Congratulations to the Jun, Bentley, and Rusli Families.

The "Planning for Real" Map has been pinned up on the wall in Room 6 for parents to go in and view. The map has stickers showing the location of all our children and each sticker shows how they get to school, whether it be by walking, biking or car. The children were also asked to identify ISSUES on the way to school, such as dogs, broken footpaths, etc. If any parent would like to add an ISSUE to the map they are welcome to come and do so.

#### **TROLLEY DERBY**

Miss Natasha Smith and her team of drivers and pit crew entered the NSCC Trolley Derby last Sunday. The team drove the white "Sunnynook Flyer" down Kaipatiki Road in Glenfield in competition against a wide range of schools. All schools are given similar carts to drive down the hill with five different drivers. Even though two of our five drivers did win their heat our average time wasn't quick enough to progress into the finals. The children learnt a lot and are looking forward to 2009.

#### **CAUGHT BEING GOOD**

In the foyer we have two containers for Junior and Senior children to put in their "Caught Being Good" certificates for the School Assembly prize draw. These certificates are for children who have been caught being good by teachers and School Mediators in the playground. It is one of the many ways we aim to encourage and reward positive behaviour.

#### **SWIMMING**

Our swimming sessions have finished for the session. We are very grateful to our specialist coach Sally Frandsen who did an incredible job in the pool with our children. Thanks Sally and if any

parent wishes to continue with her coaching on Saturdays at Northcote please contact the Helens School of Swimming on 483-8294.

### **MINDLAB**

As we have sufficient children interested in MindLab we will be beginning the programme in Term 2. We have room for pupils in our younger class if anyone is still keen.

### **POOL KEYS:**

A reminder that the swimming season has now closed and all pool keys should be returned to school by next week.



### **TRANSLATOR REQUIRED:**

We are still looking for a Korean parent to help with our School Orientation Programme for Korean International Students. The person we are seeking should be able to converse in both English and Korean. The programme involves helping a teacher and children for 3 – 4 afternoons from 1.30 – 3.00pm (we can choose afternoons to suit you). Please contact the School Secretary, Andreena Broadley, on 410-6534.

### **CONTACT DETAILS:**

A copy of the contact details we have for each child was sent home earlier this week. Please check these details, amend where necessary and include if appropriate, any change in your personal details. Please return the form to school as soon as possible so that we can update our records.

### **SPORT:**

#### **Rugby**

I have been conducting the trials for Tackle and Rippa Rugby over the past three days. The Rugby Tournament is a competitive event, which occurs in Terms 2 and 3. As it is competitive I will be selecting the best squad for both teams from all children who express an interest. If your child has been selected for the team, they will be expected to attend all practices and games. The team was expected to be announced tomorrow but this will be delayed until next week due to the number of interested players.

#### **Miniball:**

The Sunnynook Slammers Year 5 - 6 Miniball team are playing each Friday night at the YMCA. Last Friday they played the KP Blasters and won 10 – 0. Great Result.

### **PTA NEWS:**

**PTA Meeting** – 16 April: 7.30pm in the Staffroom with all welcome. Some items on the agenda will be: Positive Negatives, Ruby Anniversary, Trivial Pursuit Evening and Tea-towels.

**Entertainment Books** – We will again be selling these popular books this year and these will come home with the children on May 5.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

**Toolbox Parenting Groups** starting Sunday 1 June for 6 weeks from 2.15 – 4.15pm at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship. Phone 444-8722 for further information.

**Artz on Show** – Artz on Show Ltd is a Performing Artz Company and is holding a School Holiday Performing Artz Workshop Monday to Friday 9.00 to 4.00pm at Carmel College, 108 Shakespeare Road, Milford. The workshops feature Dance, Drama, Vocal Coaching, Presentation Skills and Artz. Bring your lunch and water, comfortable clothing, lunchtime activities e.g., book / ball. This programme increases self-confidence, self-esteem, and focuses on small classes. Enrolment forms available from the school office.

**Kids 4 Drama – Lunchtime Drama Club** – Teaching the magic of drama in your local area. Ages 6 – 11 years. Practical, fun classes that build confidence. Classes are held every Thursday lunchtime here at school. Come along for your free trial session (no obligation). Cost \$65 per term.

Yours sincerely

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