

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 7 Rippa and Tackle Rugby Day
 Aug 8 Yr 6 visit to MBIS
 Aug 14 MindLab Catch-up
 Aug 19 Board Meeting 6.30pm
 Aug 20 Olympic Day Yr 1 – 4

Dear Parents / Caregivers
 Kia Ora

Welcome to the new families who have joined our school community this week.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

The mid year parent teacher interviews were held last night. Thank you very much for helping with the organization of the interviews by collecting children early yesterday.

It was pleasing to see that nearly 80% of our parents took the opportunity to visit and meet with their child's teacher. Education of a child requires three groups forming a triangle – student, parent and teacher – in equal balance. It was great to see the triangle being completed in interviews last night with students being involved in interviews and sharing their progress with their parents.

BOT ELECTIONS:

In 2007, the Board of Trustees opted to enter into the Mid Term Election term whereby we had parents who stand for an 18 month term and parents who stand for the 3 year term. As a consequence of this, it is now time for us to hold a Mid Term Election for the 18 month period. The present Board members who are in office for the 18 month term are legally bound to stand-down and nominations will be sought for the two vacant positions in the forthcoming election which will be held on 12 September 2008. A separate notice is coming home with your child today.

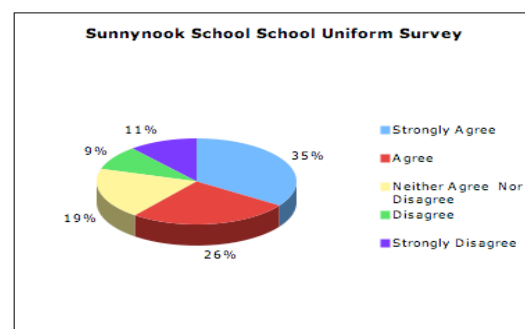
SENIOR SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION:

The Speech Finals results were incorrect in last week's newsletter with Jessica Hawkins coming 2nd – not 3rd as reported. Due to Eduard's illness, Jessica went on to represent the school at the Zone Finals. Ms Smith reported back that she acquitted herself well in her speech on Drugs.

SCHOOL SURVEY: UNIFORMS

The Board were pleased to receive nearly 300 responses to the survey on Health Education and Uniforms. The responses for the Uniform were:

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
77	58	43	20	25
35%	26%	19%	9%	11%



The Board decided to investigate the introduction of a uniform as a result of getting numerous requests from parents especially in the Junior School and also from parents transferring from schools where uniform is compulsory. Our results show we have a mandate to continue looking into introducing a Uniform.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER:

The Chocolate fundraising is progressing extremely well with the chocolates literally melting out the door. The major prizes are: LCD Television, DVD, plus the three Sony PSP's. The TV in the foyer showing school pictures is the same as the prize. Well done to all pupils who have won a daily prize.

We would appreciate any unsold chocolate boxes being returned to school as soon as possible so we can circulate them to children who are desperate to have them for selling. If you are sitting on unsold boxes at home please send them back to school, as we have several urgent sales waiting for chocolate.

SPORT:

Cross Country - The Senior School are training each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Cross Country.

Rippa and Tackle Rugby - The Rippa and Tackle teams are playing in the second day of the tournament today. There are three days with the last being in the last week of the term.

Miniball – The school Miniball Team participated in the School Cluster Group Competition this week and played extremely well and had a lot of fun. We would like to thank Peter Nathan and Nicole Te Miha for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations and well done team!

Netball – The **Sunnynook Stars** Year 2 Netball team achieved an 8-3 win over Target Stars last Saturday playing a fast paced game. Congratulations to Olivia Hogan for earning the Player of the Day award in recognition of how well she kept moving the ball quickly down to the shooters. Well done team.

Sunnynook Force beat Kristen3 12 – 7. It was a great start to the competition round. Danielle Moore was Player of the Day for her awesome shooting and finding space on the court.

Sunnynook Flyers beat Target Road 14 – 3. Player of the Day was Rosie Shepherd for good intercepts and finding space.

Sunnynook First – Finally a game after a long break! We played Milford Glamorous and won 4-1. A brilliant game with everyone playing their position well. Player of the Day was Renee Te Miha

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

A friendly reminder to you that school starts at **8.50am**. It has been noticed that a number of children are arriving at school before 8.30am. Staff are not available before 8.30am to supervise children and we **cannot** guarantee their safety. Staff need time before school to prepare for the day, and are often not in their rooms until closer to school start time. We also notice that some children are still at school well after 3.15pm. School finishes at **3.00pm** and we ask that the children be collected from school at this time. The Holiday Fun operates a Before and After School programme from 7am to 8.30am and 3.00 to 6.00pm and their staff are available to discuss possible arrangements.

TIPS FOR PARENTING:

A Teacher for Learning and Behaviour recently gave me some information for parents on bedtimes and speaking to your children.

Speaking to your child:

It is important that children learn to listen well when you give them instructions or have something important to say.

1. **Say the child's name** and wait till the child stops and listens. Repeat if necessary.
2. **Make sure the child is looking at your face** (your facial expression often gives a lot of information about what you say).
3. **Perhaps move closer to the child.**
4. **Speak clearly without shouting.**
5. **Sometimes you may get the child to repeat what you have said** – just to check they understood you.

Bedtimes - Regular bedtimes are an important routine to establish. Children need regular sleeping patterns. Once children are sleeping through the night the following bedtimes can serve as a guide:

2-4 years	6.30-7.30pm	9-10 years	8.00-9.00pm
5-6 years	7.00-7.30pm	11-12 years	8.30-9.30pm
7-8 years	7.30-8.30pm	13-14 years	9.00pm-10.00pm
15-16 years	by 10.30pm		

16+ years - after 16 years of child raising you'll probably need regular bedtimes more than them formation.

The bedtime guidelines are extremely important as children lead busy lives and getting adequate rest helps the learning process.

PTA FUNDRAISING:

Positive Negatives Photo Session – A flyer concerning this is coming home with the children today.

Yours sincerely

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PRINCIPAL