

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Dec 12	Final School Assembly 9.30am Year 6 Graduation / Social
Dec 15	Junior School Fun Day
Dec 16	Middle School Fun Day BOT Meeting 6pm
Dec 17	School closes 1.00pm for 2008
Jan 28	Enrolment Day
Feb 03	School re-opens for 2009

Dear Parents / Caregivers

It has been a busy year for Sunnynook Primary with sports events, cultural events and academic work. The children and staff have worked hard to fit everything in and I hope everyone has a restful holiday. The support given over the year to the school by parents has been appreciated and I thank you all very much. I would also like to acknowledge the work and commitment put into Sunnynook School by all the staff over 2008.

School finishes next **Wednesday 17**

**December at 1.00pm.** Holiday Fun will have their After School Care operating from this time. In 2009 we will have an Enrolment Day on Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am for any parents wishing to enrol students for the New Year with school starting on Tuesday 3 February 2009 at 8.50am.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday break, keep safe and we look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

**XMAS SHOPPING NIGHT:**

The Xmas Shopping Night was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and members of our community supporting the school. I felt there was a very strong community feel to the evening and everyone was having fun. The children entertained us with a variety of songs and dances on the stage while the stalls and events kept us busy. Final figures are not available at this stage yet we are hoping to raise over \$6000. Grateful thanks to Keryn Bradley and her marvellous band of helpers for the huge effort.

**PUPIL REPORTS:**

The children's Reports and Portfolios go home with the children tomorrow. The Portfolio Books need to be returned to school before **Wednesday 17th December** (except Year 6).

Inside the sealed envelope will be a notice, advising parents of their child's class for 2009. In 2009 the Senior Syndicate will comprise of four Year 5 and 6 classes, these are all composite classes. This class arrangement has been very successful in the past with our Enrichment Class and has been based on numbers allowing for 28 pupils in each class.

**STAFFING**

Mrs Andreena Broadley, our wonderful School Secretary, has advised the Board of Trustees that she will be resigning from Sunnynook at the end of February in 2009. Andreena is one of our longest serving staff members and will be sorely missed in the Office. Andreena and her family will be moving from Auckland to the centre of the North Island next year and we wish them all the best.

**END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY:**

The End of Year Assembly will be at 9.30am tomorrow under the shade canopy if fine. Each team will present an item and the School Cups will be presented to the Year 6 recipients. Cups are awarded for

Academic Excellence	Sporting Achievement
Sportsmanship	Performing Arts
Visual Arts	Citizenship
Speech	Technology

All parents are welcome to attend. If the weather is wet, an alternative ceremony will be held in the hall.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

The Year 6 Social is from 5.30 to 8.00pm in the hall. Parents are invited to attend the Graduation Ceremony at 7.30pm

Our very best wishes to the children and their families who are leaving us to move on to Intermediate

**SCHOOL INTERIOR REDECORATION**

As mentioned last week 14 classrooms will receive some interior work over the holiday period. This project is a major refit to give our classrooms the ability to be more technologically capable.

The classrooms involved in the refit will be cleared of wall displays from Monday 15 December. On the final school day Rooms 14 to 17 will be emptied of furniture to allow the builders immediate access. This is unfortunately necessary to get the project completed over the holidays so we can be ready for the new year.

**KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE: Internet safety**

The Keeping Ourselves Safe programme has been running over the term with Police Officer Michelle Blumel supporting the classes. Michelle presented a slideshow on Cyber Safety to the Year 5 and 6 pupils this week. She suggested interested parents might want to visit: [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz) for information.

**SCHOOL REMINDERS:**

**Lost Property**

The Lost Property is stored in Room 6 toilet area. There is quite a range of clothing in the box and if you are missing some clothes please take the time to come in and check.

**Sports Uniforms**

All Uniforms are to be returned washed and in a named plastic bag to the School Office before Tuesday 16 December.

**Costs for 2009**

A separate notice regarding costs for next year will be sent home early next week so parents can plan their finances.

**Pool**

The Pool is not available for use by Key Holders until the end of the school year.

**Lunchroom**

The lunchroom will close tomorrow and re-open again for 2009 in early February.

**Dental Clinic**

The Dental Clinic will be re-opening at Sunnynook School on Monday 4 February 2008. In the meantime, for urgent treatment contact Wairau Intermediate School. For details contact 0800 433 6825.

Yours sincerely

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**PRINCIPAL**