

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Dec 05	Xmas Shopping Night 5-8pm
Dec 08	Mediators' Fun Day
Dec 12	End of Year Assembly Year 6 Graduation / Social
Dec 15	Junior School Fun Day
Dec 16	Middle School Fun Day
Dec 17	School closes 1.00pm for 2008
Feb 03	School re-opens for 2009

Dear Parents / Caregivers

**STAFFING**

In 2009 Sunnynook School welcomes four new teachers to Sunnynook School. We welcome Philippa Kelsall (Year 2 Team Leader), Fiona Lister (Year 4), Karen Blume (Year 2) and Shelley Eaton (Year 2). These teachers will all be permanent teachers whom we look forward to joining our teaching team.

We wish Natasha Petersen, Rebecca Bridgman, Audrey Cadness and Diane Thompson all the best in their in their new ventures in 2009. I have appreciated the work and commitment these teachers have given to Sunnynook Primary School over the year and thank them for their work with our children.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY:**

At our School Assembly last week, Room 10 won the school banner for their poems on Umbrellas and their work with Harold from Life Education.

**MINDLAB:**

MindLab is operating at Sunnynook in 2009! MindLab is a special thinking programme that has been operating at Sunnynook School since Term 2. A notice is going home about 2009 Mindlab today. If you filled out a form from the last newsletter you do not need to reply as we have your details.

**SCHOOL EVENTS**

Over the next two weeks we are acknowledging our Year 6 students for their dedication to our school over the year. They have been a great group of children who have contributed well to the running of the school. We will be recognising their support through the:

- ❖ Road Patrol – Rainbows End today
- ❖ Mediators Day– Monday 8 December
- ❖ Librarians Lunch – Date to be confirmed
- ❖ *Year 6 Graduation & Social Evening – Wednesday 19 December*

The whole school will be celebrating the End of Year Assembly on **Friday 12 December at 9.30am**. We look forward to seeing as many parents attending as possible.

**SCHOOL INTERIOR REDECORATION**

The Board of Trustees has just accepted the IPM tender for the refurbishment of a large number of classes over the holiday. As part of the Five Year Property Plan 14 classes will receive some interior work over the holiday period. The work will range from electrical and data upgrades to full interior refit. For example Rooms 14 and 15 will be relined, interior painted, have more electrical power points and data cabling added. All 14 rooms will have the wiring installed for data projectors and eventually mimeo boards installed. This project is a major refit to give our classrooms the ability to be more technologically capable.

The classrooms involved in a major refit will be cleared of wall displays from Monday 15 December. On the final school day specific classrooms will be emptied of furniture to allow

the builders immediate access. This is necessary to get the project completed over the holidays.

### **INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

In last weeks newsletter some results were incorrect – the correct results were:

### **SCHOOL DATES**

A reminder that school **closes at 1pm on Wednesday 17 December**. 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.

### **2009 Term Dates:**

Term 1	Tuesday 3 February to Thursday 9 April
Term 2	Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July
Term 3	Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
Term 4	Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December

**Please note Waitangi Day is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Easter Holidays fall during the first Term break.**

### **SCHOOL REPORTS:**

Teachers have been working on the End of Year Reports, which will come home with Portfolios on **Friday December 12**. The reports are a summary of the children's results over the year.

### **LIBRARY BOOKS:**

All children's library books were back this week so that Mrs Soutar, our Librarian, can start stocktaking. Please also check at home for reading books your child may still have.

### **SPORT:**

The Sunnynook Slammers finished second in the Miniball Division 2 finals against Onepoto School. The team were very competitive over the season and only a basket separated the teams in the final. Well played team!

Last week the Sunnynook Cricket team played Target Road in the annual Cricket game. Target Road were the winners on the day. The team gave it a good shot and we are looking forward to the new pitch being laid over the holidays. The pitch will be a sand based artificial pitch and is being made possible through a grant from the Auckland Cricket Association.

### **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.*