

19 Feb	BOT Meeting 6.30pm in Staffroom
20 Feb	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
21 Feb	Swimming begins for Rooms 8, 7 and 4
27 Feb	Parent / Teacher Fun Night

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

A big welcome to all the new families who have joined our Sunnynook School community.

On February 27 the school will be open from 5pm for the "Meet the Teachers" Evening. All teachers will be in their classrooms until 5.45pm. There are no set times for interviews as it is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and view the classroom environment. The evening will continue with Syndicate games on the field from 6.15pm. The evening finishes at 6.45pm with a lolly scramble! It is a fun night and everyone is welcome.

RESPECT

At Sunnynook we promote and encourage our **SCHOOL CODE OF RESPECT**. The code states:

- **We respect ourselves**
 - This means presenting myself in the best way I can.
Tidy appearance, tidy speech, tidy work.
- **We respect our class members**
 - This means being kind and thinking of others feelings
- **We respect our teacher**
 - This means following directions from a teacher
- **We respect our school**
 - This means looking after school property.

At the Assembly last week I discussed this with the students and shared a simple definition which was 'Respect means treating others the way you would like to be treated'.

It would be very helpful if at home you discussed this with your children and shared with them your own definition of RESPECT.

YEAR 6 LEADERS:

Mrs Montague has requested Year 6 children who are keen to practice and develop their leadership skills to apply for the "Positions of Responsibility" being advertised across the Senior School. The students need to write a letter of application for the various positions; these are being written in class and are due in tomorrow. Positions available positions are: Flag Monitors, Wet Day Monitors, Assembly Monitors, Lost Property Monitors, Cone Monitors, Day Book, Librarians, Mediators, Caretakers Assistant and Office Assistant (Recycle Monitors). Road Crossing Wardens were trained at the end of 2007.

Mrs Goldsmith has begun the training of the 2008 Mediators. The Mediators are Senior students who are prepared to be trained in Conflict Resolution strategies and use the strategies to help other students solve disagreements in the playground. The Mediators are identified by wearing a sash and in pairs wander the playground ready to lend a hand to help their school mates. They are incredibly helpful in the playground and everyone values their service. All Year 5 & 6 children are welcome to apply to be a mediator.

SPORTS TEAMS:

Mrs Naran and Mrs Fritsch are organising the sporting teams for the year. To begin this process they have written a notice requesting parent interest in the various sporting codes. If you have any interest in helping in a sport please return the form. This form will be coming home soon.

CULTURAL GROUPS

Kapa Haka is being continued this year with the first meeting being this Friday at 8.30 am. It will be a meeting just for the previous years students. The meeting will establish how many students wish to continue and vacancies for 2008. The focus for 2008 will be on developing a performing Kapa Haka Group with Year 2 - 6 pupils.

Auditions for the Sunnynook School Choir and Orchestra (Year 5 – 6) will start next Thursday. If your child would like to be in the choir this year, please ask them to talk to Mrs Drake in Room 21. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

CHILDREN'S WORK:

I would like to share with you a poem written by Amelia, one of our Year 2 students:

The Moonlit Waves

When I walk along I hear a song
Seagulls screeching
Surfers beaching
Everything I see on the beach
Reminds me I'm looking at the ocean
Children swimming and brothers diving

NOTICES

Board of Trustees:

The first Board Meeting of the year will be on 19 February in the school staffroom at 6.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

PTA:

We would love more parents to join us in this pursuit, in fact we often just need extra pairs of hands to help out at the Disco's, count money or label products, help deliver things to classrooms, collate orders

and mark off returned products. If you are able to help us out in any way, come and say hello. Our next meeting is this Wednesday 20 February in the staffroom from 7.30 to 9.00pm.

Swimming Pool:

I would like to ask pool key holders to be considerate of our school neighbours when using the pool – the Pool is closed at 8pm and please monitor noise level.

School Banking:

School Banking (National Bank) for the children begins again next Tuesday 19 February at 8.30 in the Technology Room.

Wanted:

If anyone has a trailer which could be available for use by us once or twice a month please contact the office on 410-6534. We are prepared to contribute towards costs on the upkeep of the trailer. We urgently require one for next week.

Found:

A pair of black boots was found at the end of last year. Please contact the school office if your child has lost their boots.

Yours sincerely

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

