

IMPORTANT DATES

June 20 Book Character Parade 9.15am
followed by our Ruby Anniversary
Celebrations and Open Day
June 27 Trivial Pursuit Evening
July 02 Maori Parents Meeting 7.30pm
July 03 Year 6 visiting Wairau Intermediate
School

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Book Week finishes tomorrow with the Book Character Parade where all children and staff dress in their favourite book character costume. The Book Parade will begin at 9.30am on the Junior Courtyard. All children are expected to come to school dressed in their costume and will parade in their costumes in their teams for us all to enjoy. After the Parade, we will celebrate our school's 40th Anniversary by singing Happy Birthday and enjoying some cake together.

Each child will receive a cup cake to celebrate the day. One of our parents has kindly offered to make a batch of cupcakes for children who have allergies. Please inform the office if your child requires on of these cupcakes.

Parents are welcome to attend the parade, have a cup of tea / coffee with a slice of cake and then view the classrooms until 12 noon. If it is wet or too cold, the Parade will be in the hall. Room 6 (classroom next to the hall) has been set up as an Archive Room for people to view old photographs, books and newspaper clippings. I look forward to seeing you at school on Friday.

BOOK WEEK:

The Book Week has been a fun and educational week. We have had authors and illustrators talking about their books and the drama group Perform has entertained the children. The library has examples of the children's competitions as well as a Book Donation section. The Book Donations is where parents can bring their child to the library to choose a book for purchase and the book is then donated to the school library with the child's name inside stating they have donated the book.

FAIRY TALE & FOLK TALE LITERATURE QUIZ:

The nailbiting finals were held yesterday and the teams were amazing. Well done to all the teams who competed throughout our first time Literature Quiz and THE WINNERS WERE: Year 1 – 3 the Shooting Stars Team of Jessica Martin, Courtney Watkins and Renatta Oswaldi. The Harry Potter final quiz winners for Year 4 – 6 were The Voldemort's Minions team of Calvin Lee, Corey Woodward and Joshua Zhang. Congratulations to those people.

DENTAL CLINIC:

The clinic will be closed for a few weeks but will be open during the term break from July 7 to July 18. The clinic will be contacting some parents for appointments during this time. Please feel free to ring 410-0306 anytime and leave a message, as the phone will be cleared regularly.

INVENTOR COMING TO YEAR 5 & 6:

We are very fortunate to have Mr Chris Chitty, one of New Zealand's leading technical innovators and entrepreneurs and a lecturer at Massey University, Auckland, coming to talk to Year 5 & 6 students next Wednesday 25 June. His speciality is in the design and construction of robotics, especially in the education and entertainment industries, and also with patient simulators for training medical staff. Some may know him from the Young Inventors programme, "Let's Get Inventing" on TV2, which received a Qantas TV Award. Chris has received a variety of awards, including a BAFTA nomination for the 12 animatronic sheep who made an appearance in the film "Babe".

SCHOOL SURVEY:

On Monday 23 June, a School Survey will be coming home with each child. We ask that you complete **one survey for each child** you have attending school. The survey is part of our consultation process with the school community and covers the Health Curriculum topics and School Uniforms. Please return to school by **Friday 4 July**.

MAORI PARENTS MEETING:

This will be held on **Wednesday 2 July at 7.30pm** in the staffroom and will look at Maori Pupil Achievement and Kapa Haka. We look forward to seeing you there.



Sunnynook School joined the “Travelwise School” programme earlier this year. You may remember filling out a survey to help us identify trends in the way you travel to and from school. The Travelwise project focuses on encouraging all sustainable travel modes – walking, cycling, car

pooling/ride sharing, and catching a bus. Sunnynook School has two successful Walking School Buses running from Tonkin Drive and Regency Place – each of these routes contribute to the goals of a School Travel Plan.

Sustainable transport is a term that is receiving lots of attention in the media, and can be difficult to explain. In a nut-shell, sustainable transport means ways of travelling that do less damage to the environment; create less congestion on our road networks; encourage more physical activity; create more independence for students and their parents; and improve road and personal safety skills. The Travelwise Group is meeting soon to develop a school travel plan for Sunnynook School. This will help to reduce the traffic outside the school gate and make your child’s journey to and from school safer. We would like parents to get involved in developing the plan and projects that will work in your school. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 24 June, from 2.00-3.00pm**, in the staff room. Please attend, or give us your ideas if you can’t make this time slot. See Peter Mulcahy for information on the school travel plan. Or email the School Travel Co-ordinator, Toni Dale, for more information, on toni.dale@arta.co.nz.

LUNCHROOM MENU:

A new menu was sent home with your child earlier in the week. If you did not receive one, a copy is available from the school office.

SPORT:

Netball – Sunnynook Flyers won 16-0 against Murrays Bay on Monday night in very wet conditions! Player of the Day was Chloe Bentley. A great team effort girls. Well done.

Sunnynook First played Long Bay Super Shots and won 19-1 on 7 June. The opposition was not strong so we had the opportunity to show some really great moves and passes. Player of the Day was Courtney Kapi with great court play and shooting. Our last grading game is this Saturday. Thanks to all our supporters and well done girls. Last week we played Mairangi Silver Stars and won 14-0. Another fine game. Player of the Day was Sandra Habib. We are in Grade 3B. Well done girls.

Sunnynook Gold played an awesome game last Saturday against Sherwood Rockets winning 6-0. Well done girls! Player of the Day was Amy Doran.

Sunnynook Stars fought hard against a strong opposing team last Saturday and stayed focused throughout the whole game and showed great team spirit. We won 18-1 to Chelsea Stars. Player of the Day was Julia Wilkinson. Well done to all the team.

Sunnynook Ferns won 23-1 against Coatsville. Well done girls and ‘Go the Ferns’.

Sunnynook Force lost against St Marys. One more grading game to go before the competition starts. Player of the Day was Irene Liu for her awesome intercepts and defence.

Rugby / Ripa – The Field Day was held last week and the teams played excellent games. The Ripa played 3 and lost 3 close games. The Tackle Rugby played 4 games and won 2 and lost 2. A big thank you to all the parents for your huge support on the day.

TEA TOWELS:

The templates for the tea towels are on display in the hall for parents to view. There will be a few for sale tomorrow and when the tea towels are completed, each child will be given one to bring home for purchasing.

PTA TRIVIAL PURSUIT EVENING:

The PTA are holding a Trivial Pursuit Evening next **Friday 27 June at 7.30pm** in the school hall. There will be great prizes, spot prizes and raffles. Arrange your babysitter now and get a team together and enjoy a fun night out. The cost is \$15 per person or \$80 per table of eight. BYO Drinks & Nibbles. The order form was sent home with the children yesterday. Please return your order form as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely
Peter Mulcahy - **PRINCIPAL**