

April 3	Disco Night – Beach Theme
April 9	Last Day of Term 1 – School closes 3.00pm
April 27	First Day of Term 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

In the newsletter last year I wrote “the staff and children have been enjoying the beautiful weather so far this year and have been very busy at lunchtime playing games on the field” and the same could be said for this year! The Year 5 and 6 children have been organised into four teams and over the year they will be competing against each other in lunchtime games. We are playing Non-stop Cricket on the new pitch at the moment and the game on Tuesday was very close and competitive. The four teams play in a round robin tournament with an eventual final playoff. The children are also enjoying the volleyball, miniball, soccer and cricket games that are available during lunchtime.

We will be opening a New Entrant class from the start of Term 2 and would encourage any parents with young children nearing school age to contact us so we are able to organise staffing for later in the year.

BOT MEETING

The March Board of Trustees meeting was held on Tuesday in the Staffroom at 6.15pm. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings. The minutes of these meetings are available in the foyer. The meetings over the year are:

19 May	15 September
16 June	20 October
28 July	17 November
18 August	15 December

NEW ZEALAND CURRICULUM

In 2010 all schools in New Zealand must be teaching according to the new NZ Curriculum. Sunnynook teachers have been working hard to ensure we meet this goal. In Term 2 I will be holding a Parent Evening to share and discuss with interested parents the direction the school will be taking under the new Curriculum.

At present the staff are developing a Vision of our school with our children being: **LIFE LONG LEARNERS** due to a **HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION** and are **SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE** within a **GLOBAL COMMUNITY**.

TRAVELWISE

On Wednesday the classes completed a “Hands Up” survey on how they come to school. The options were: walk, Walking School Bus, bike, car with parents, car with friend or other. This is an annual survey to check how well the TravelWise Programme is working.

The survey will be counted by the North Shore City Council yet a quick viewing showed most of our children come to school by walking or family car.

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

In the foyer we have two containers for Junior and Senior children to put in their “Caught Being Good” certificates for the School Assembly prize draw. These certificates are for children who have been caught being good by teachers and School Mediators in the playground. It is one of the many ways we aim to encourage and reward positive behaviour.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

The Interviews for the start of the year were completed last week yet if you wish to discuss your child's education with the classroom teacher please do not hesitate in making an appointment. It is better to make an appointment rather than catch teachers on the move – it allows the teacher to gather information and address your concerns after some thought.

Please be aware that we do have Team and Staff meetings on Monday or Tuesday.

ICAS TEST

Every year we invite selected Year 5 and 6 pupils to take part in the International Tests for Spelling and Writing. These invitations will be going home on Friday. If your child doesn't get an invitation and you wish your child to take part, please contact Jan Bibby. The Maths and English tests will be held later in the year.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

I have noticed children arriving early to school. For the safety of your children we would like to remind parents that children should not be at school before 8.30am. After 8.30am teachers are in their classrooms and can provide supervision/cover for children. We would appreciate your help in this matter.

If you do need to drop your children at school early "Holiday Fun" run a Before School programme from 7.00am to 8.30am at the cost of \$6.50 per morning. If you are interested please contact Fiona on ph. 443-5386 or call in at the School Hall or check website www.holidayfun.co.nz .

POOL KEYS

The last day for use of the school pool is 3 April 2009. Could all keys please be returned to the office no later than 9 April.

SPORT:

Netball (Year 1). If your child is interested please contact Linda de Kriek on ph. 479-3424.

Helen's School of Swimming has kindly donated a \$50 voucher towards swimming lessons at the swimming school in Birkdale. If you are interested, the voucher can be collected in person from the office. **FIRST IN – FIRST SERVED**. (Valid to 30/09/09).

PTA NEWS:

HEY SUNNYSOOK KIDS - THERE'S A BEACH PARTY HAPPENING!!



Term 1 School Disco 3rd April 2009 - Beach Party Theme. Junior School 5pm to 6.15pm. Senior School 6.30pm to 8pm.



There will be prizes for the best 'Beach Party' costumes & disco games. Glow sticks & snacks will also be available for purchase on the night. Tickets are \$6 each and that includes an ice-block, a bottle of water & entry to an awesome event!! Tickets are still available.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

The campaign for Entertainment Books began last week. Thanks to those parents who have supported the school by purchasing a book – we get \$10 per book. If you have decided not to buy a book please send it back to school

Yours sincerely

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL