

March 30	Swimming finishes for Rooms 1, 2 and 3
April 9	Last Day of Term 1 – School closes 3.00pm
April 27	First Day of Term 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:



It was very positive to see 317 separate interviews with the teachers last night and with more parents also booked in for tonight. Thanks parents for taking the opportunity to come along and discuss your child's education with the class teacher. Parent involvement in children's education is seen as crucial in developing and maintaining the Home – School Partnership we encourage at Sunnynook. Thank you also to our teaching staff for providing the opportunity for our busy parents to learn about their children's education.

### ASSEMBLY

Last week at the School Assembly Mrs Lister's class of Room 6 received the School Banner for the great letters they wrote to me about an idea I had and also the interesting wall display on "responsibility". Well Done Room 6! At the Assembly the children were also reminded of their responsibilities at school; responsibilities that include looking after the school and their own property. A concrete example of that is keeping our school environment clean by putting their rubbish in the bin.

Tim, our swimming coach, recommended Room 5 for the Respect Trophy for their excellent behaviour in the swimming pool. Tim will be finishing the swimming programme at school early next week. Tim has been a real asset to our school over this past term getting involved with the children – he has supervised lunchtime class swims and been a superb soccer player at lunchtime. He is a credit to **Helen's School of Swimming** and we wish him all the best in the future.

### STAFF

Mrs Yolanda Harvey will be joining the school staff as the Senior Team Leader for Year 5 and 6, and classroom teacher in Room 2. Mrs Harvey is an experienced teacher with several years teaching in this age group. She will be starting her job here at the start of Term 2.

Mrs Varadi will be joining Mrs Frost in a job share teaching position in our New Entrant class that will be opening in Room 14 at the start of Term 2. Both teachers are experienced New Entrant teachers and we look forward to their continued association with the school.

### BANKING

The ASB are beginning School Banking at Sunnynook. We have a "Kashan" drop off in the foyer already established. Today the children will be bringing home individual packs. The instructions on how to set up your child for ASB School Banking are inside the envelope. If your child already has an ASB HeadStart account they will simply need to complete the tear-off slip and return it to the School Office. If your child does not have an ASB HeadStart account you will need to complete the tear-off slip, an application pack and present your child's birth certificate as proof of their identity to either the school or a local ASB. The contact person at school is Mrs Kelly Bates. Our Banking Day will be set to begin in Term 2.

### SHORE TO SHORE FUN RUN:

A big thank you to all the people who participated from our school. I was impressed with the number of entrants from Sunnynook. As a school we are committed to getting our children active and involved in physical activities. Last year the money went towards new soccer goal posts that have received a lot of use. The children love them with the field always having several soccer games going – sometimes simultaneously. To continue our drive to motivate our children to continue to be physically active we are applying for funds for "Active Packs" that are made up of small balls, large balls, cones, ropes and more for the children to use at lunchtime. We are aiming for a pack between two classes. Thanks to our supporters for the chance to get funding for these packs.

Special thanks to Mrs Naran and Mrs Fritsch for organising our team.  
Thanks to the PTA Team for the sausages and drinks at the end – and I hope you saw the new banner to show where our tent was!

### **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.

### **DENTAL THERAPIST**

The dental therapist, Carol Taylor, will be returning to Sunnynook School Dental Clinic on 30 March 2009.

### **SPORT:**

**Rugby** - I will be conducting the trials for:

#### **Rippa Rugby**

**Wednesday 1 April (12.30pm)**

We have entered two teams for the event that will involve 24 children (and 36 have put their names down). The Rugby Tournament is a competitive event, which occurs in Term 2 and 3. As it is competitive I will be selecting the best squad for both teams from all children who express an interest. If your child has been selected for the team, they will be expected to attend all practices and games. The teams will be announced on Monday April 6 when notices will go home.

**Netball (Year 4).** If your child is interested in playing netball this year please contact Sue on phone 476-4961 or Noelene on 410-5548.

**Netball (Year 1).** To date, 3 parents have expressed interest in forming a Year 1 Netball Team. At least 7 more children are required to be able to enter a team. If your child is interested please contact Linda de Kriek on ph. 479-3424 by tomorrow, Friday 27 March – otherwise the Year 1 team will not be established.

### **SPELL-ATHON**

This year the Athon will be a Spell-athon! The Spell-Athon will begin in Term 2 with children being tested in the first week to make sure they are at the correct level, this is followed by two weeks of children learning and gathering sponsors. The big test will be in Week 4. Mrs Montague is organising this event and is pretty keen to better last years Walkathon total of \$7,000.50

### **PTA NEWS:**



**HEY SUNNYSOOK KIDS - START SAVING YOUR POCKET MONEY  
BECAUSE *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!! Order forms for tickets are going home tonight.

### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:**

The campaign for Entertainment Books begins today. The books are \$65.00 each with the books going home to all families. If you don't want the book please return it to school or send us \$65.00!

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

ASB Royal Easter Show 9-13 April 2009. There are 2 for 1 carnival ride coupons available from the school office.

Yours sincerely

Peter Mulcahy  
**PRINCIPAL**