

March 4–15	Testing Week begins
March 9	Teacher Only Day – School closed for tuition
March 11	Swimming starts for Rooms 4, 16 & 17
March 11	Tiri Tiri Matangi trip Rooms 5, 19 & half 18
March 14	PTA Kids Camp Out at school
March 20	Swimming starts for Rooms 3, 2 & 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

FAREWELL TO MRS BROADLEY

Last week Sunnynook School had a lovely farewell ceremony for our secretary of 23 years - Mrs Broadley. Andreena was piped into the Assembly by Mr John Downie. At the Assembly Andreena was presented with cards and gifts from the three syndicates. The Junior School sang a humorous song all about Mrs Broadley to the tune of "You are my Sunshine". The PTA presented Andreena with a Sun Umbrella stand for her years of loyal support to the PTA while the School Community presented her with a beautiful print of Rangitoto taken from Takapuna Beach shown below.

Mrs Broadley in turn donated a trophy to be presented at our School Assembly's for children or classes who demonstrate RESPECT. The trophy is named the Andreena Broadley Class Trophy for "Respect" and has the inscription:

"Please remember never forget
That wonderful word 'Respect'
Excuse me, Please and Thank You too
Will always earn respect for you"

WELCOME TO MRS BATES:

We welcome Mrs Kelly Bates as our new secretary. She comes from a legal background, having spent the past 9 years working as a legal secretary in various law firms in both Auckland and Wellington. The Administration Team of Mrs Bates, Mrs Bindoff and Mrs Burton are available in the office from 8.00am to 4.00pm daily.

TEACHER ONLY DAY:

We are having a Teacher Only Day on **Monday 9 March**. The school will not be open for tuition on that day. This is a day that has been granted by the Ministry of Education to all schools in NZ to work on the new NZ Curriculum. Sunnynook teachers will be joining teachers from Wairau Intermediate, Forrest Hill and Target Road to hear a renowned NZ expert on reading – Alison Davies.

On this day Holiday Fun will be operating a stay and play programme based at the school at a cost of \$25 per child from 8.30 to 3.00pm. To book your child for this session please contact Fiona on 443-5386. Their normal Before and After School Care programme will still be available. If your child will not be using this service and is already booked for the Before and After School Programme they still require 2 weeks written notice to cancel and credit the sessions already booked / charged. Please note, there will be no on the day registrations as this would affect their Staff:Child ratio.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

A notice regarding Parent / Teacher Interviews will be coming home with the children this week. Please complete the form and return to the school by **Friday 13 March**. Appointment times will come home with your child on **Monday 23 March**.

The interviews are 10 minutes each and are held over the two nights of **Wednesday 25 March** and **Thursday 26 March**.

SPORT:

Shore to Shore Fun 5km Run / Walk Sunday 22 March. Entries have now closed for the Shore to Shore Fun 5km Run/Walk. Thank you to all those children who are participating and we wish you well on the day. Further information will be coming home with your child shortly.

Hockey Team (Year 5 and 6). Children that are interested in playing hockey for Sunnynook School had a meeting this week. Games will be played on Monday nights starting in April. If your child was not at the meeting but is interested in playing please see Mrs Naran (Room 4).

Netball Trials (Year 5 and 6). Trials will be held on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March at 12.30pm. If your child is interested in playing netball this year and did not take an information letter home today please see Mrs Naran urgently (Room 4).

Netball (Year 2). There will be a meeting on the junior courts for the parents on Tuesday 10th March at 3.00pm.

Help – Donation of Outgrown Netball Uniforms. If there are any unused netball uniforms or bibs from teams that have competed in the Pinehurst Competition, we would appreciate if they could be donated to the School. These will be passed on to new teams when required. Thank you.

Cricket Coach. On Wednesday and Friday this week we are fortunate to have Reza and Jamie from the Auckland Cricket Association visit to take some cricket training sessions. The two coaches were very impressed with the new artificial pitch and used it to demonstrate proper bowling techniques. They will be working with Year 4-6 children and hope to come back regularly over the year.

PTA Annual Meeting:

The next PTA Meeting is on Wednesday 11th March and involves the AGM. The AGM takes up the first session of the meeting and is followed by a monthly meeting. Please come along to hear about and support the events of 2009.

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE PLANS:

In the first weeks of the year each class has discussed what learning looks like in their classroom and what behaviours are linked to this learning. These behaviours have been clearly spelt out in the Classroom Discipline Plan.

Over the next week each class will be sending home their classroom discipline plan for parents to view, share with children and sign. The signed plans may be returned to school or kept at home for your information.

UNITE:

Unite, the people who will be sponsoring our newsletter this year ask if anyone is interested in having an advertisement on the back page to contact Kim on 021 938 627.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Glenfield Greyhounds Rugby League are holding a Junior Muster on Sunday 8 March at 10am at Sunnynook Park. There will be Bouncy Castles, Sausage Sizzles, Warrior Players and lots of fun and games. All are welcome. Registration forms will be available on the day.

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service – Saturday 25th April. The Takapuna Service this year will take place in The Strand Plaza, The Strand, Takapuna commencing at 9.30am.

Dutch Classes for Kids: Dutch classes for kids are held on Thursdays from 3.30-5.30 Albany and Grey Lynn. For more information and enrolment please phone Sabine Berkman 4734268 or email dutchschool@xtra.co.nz

Yours sincerely

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