

May 15	Family Day lunch 12.30pm
May 19	Spell-Athon Test
May 19	MOE Consultation 1 – 3pm
May 19	Board of Trustees Meeting (6.15pm)
May 27	Community Meeting (Curriculum)
June 1	Queen's Birthday

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CONSULTATION

These meetings are being held at specially selected schools all over New Zealand and Sunnynook School has been chosen for the Auckland region.

The meetings are to give parents an opportunity to have their say on how schools should report to parents on children's achievement. It is very important that you take the time to come in and make a comment. The Ministry representatives will be taking the meeting and you are welcome to stay the whole time or just pop in for a few minutes.

CONSULTATION

The Government is going to introduce National Standards in reading, writing and maths in all primary and intermediate schools in 2010. An important part of this new approach is that schools will provide plain-language reports to parents about their children's progress against these National Standards.

The Ministry of Education wants to find out the most helpful ways to report to parents and how you think you can be supported to be involved in your child's learning. Consultation meetings with parents, caregivers, family and whānau members are being held throughout New Zealand. Our school has agreed to host a meeting so that parents get a chance to have their say. The meeting will be held:

When: 1.00-3.00pm, Tuesday 19 May

Where: Sunnynook School

At the meeting you will:

- find out more about reporting to parents on children's achievement against the National Standards so you know what it's all about
- see some examples of possible school reports
- have the chance for a discussion with other parents at the meeting
- be asked to fill out a feedback form so the Ministry knows what your views are

Book your place

If you can attend, please book your place by telephoning the school. We hope you can make it – we would really like to see lots of our parents contribute to this important discussion.

Unable to make the meeting?

If you can't go to the meeting, you can still have your say in a number of other ways. Our school will have consultation packs and can share these with you or help you to get one of your own. You can also fill in your feedback online from mid May by going to the Ministry of Education website:

www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/Consultation/NationalStandards

All feedback is due by 5pm, Friday 3 July 2009.

More information

For more information about the National Standards and reporting to parents see the Ministry of Education website: www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/Consultation/NationalStandards

FAMILY DAY LUNCH TOMORROW AT 12.30PM

Tomorrow we would like to invite parents to have lunch with their children as a celebration of Family Day. Please put it in your diary now for a 12.30pm lunch at school. If you would like to purchase your lunch through the School, please have your order in to your child's teacher first thing tomorrow morning with name and room number clearly stated.

SPELLATHON

To promote our Spellathon, we have set up a display wall in the Office. The children are encouraged to enter the following competition:

How many words can you make from.... constantinople - Year 1-3
supercalafragilisticexpialidocious - Year 4-6

Entries close on Friday, 22 May.

SPORTS

Rippa Rugby: Last Thursday our Rippa Rugby teams competed in the annual Rugby Tournament, with the results being as follows: **Sunny 1** v Oteha Valley 1 – Tied 5-5 **Sunny 2** v Oteha Valley 2 – Lost 6-4
v Torbay – Won 10-5 v Oteha Valley 1 – Lost 5-1
v Murray's Bay – Won 6-5 v Torbay 3 – Lost 12-2
v Browns Bay – Won 8-5

Netball

Year 1/2: Sunnynook Fantails had their first game. Even though they played an excellent game against Ridgeview Butterflies we lost 4-1. Our Player of the Day was Sarah Ali. Good try girls and boys.

Year 2: Sunnynook Golds lost to Browns Bay Shooting Stars 2-1. The girls had a fantastic first game!

Year 2: Sunnynook Cats had a convincing win against BBS Superstars 5-0. Player of the Day was Paige.

Year 4: Sunnynook Tigers played CBS Force. This was a fast and athletic game, with the final score being 3-12. Courtney Kapi earned Player of the Day, Renee Te Miha earned Fair Play Award, Lelea Maritz earned Achievement for Intercepts.

POOL KEYS

The Pool Keys should have been returned by now and I hope the families that used the Pool over the summer had a great time – if you still have a key please send it to the Office.

Pool Keys are hired out each year for \$50 each. There are only 47 keys available and the school has a special system to distribute them. The keys are made available to parents who have been regular supporters of the PTA or been classroom helpers or library helpers or on school committees or have done some other regular service to the school over the year. Staff and PTA identify these people, and they are invited to a "Thank You Afternoon Tea" later in the year. At this event the keys are made available. Any remaining keys (and this is not usually the case) are made available to the general school parent community.

PTA NEWS:

The PTA are looking for helpers in the following events planned this term and year:

- Quiz Night helpers – Friday 19 June
- Co-ordinator for Calendars – Term 3 event that requires a person to collect the calendars, check they are named and send them to the supplier (about 4 mornings work)
- Co-ordinator for a Subway Lunch Day – co-ordinate with Subway in Wairau Park to have a Subway Day (about two mornings work)
- Committee member for the Sunnynook Traditional School Fair – Saturday 14 November 10am – 2pm

If you are available or interested please contact the School Office.

(Involvement in these events is an avenue to being eligible for a School Pool Key)

QUIZ NIGHT:

Get a team or join a team on the night and study for the big Quiz championship at Sunnynook on 19 June – information next week!!

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Survivor Castaway at Long Bay: North Shore Libraries and NZ Post are holding a Dig For Treasure at Long Bay Regional Park Site 5 on Saturday 16th May 1-4pm. For more information ph. 486-8528 or email fonas@shorelibraries.govt.nz

Takapuna Library: Cathy Cassidy will be introducing her new book 'Angel Cake' at Takapuna Library at 6.00pm. If your child is interested in attending, please contact Belynda Smith on ph. 486-8464.

Yours sincerely

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PRINCIPAL