

1 April	Last Day of Term 1 – School closes 3.00pm
19 April	First Day of Term 2
20 April	PTA Meeting: 7pm
26 April	Entertainment Books out
27 April	BOT Meeting: 6.15pm
30 April	Disco Night – Sports Theme

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

MRS PAM SMITH (Retired)

Since 1970 Mrs Smith has been a teacher at Sunnynook Primary School. In that time Mrs Smith would have taught well over a thousand children and all of them would no doubt have gone away richer for the experience.

Mrs Smith has been a significant person in the history of Sunnynook School. She has been a teacher in the Junior and Middle area for a number of years and leaves us as the Middle School Senior Teacher. Pam has been a strong link to our local community.

Mrs Smith has been acknowledged for her teaching through her nomination last year to the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (*NEiTA*). This nomination recognised her skills as a teacher of knowledge. As a teacher of knowledge she used her experience to provide interesting and educationally sound programmes for her classes. These are qualities we have grown to expect from Pam and she never let her standards slip.

I would like to thank Pam for her gift to the school of a bench seat and pohutukawa tree by the soccer field. The pohutukawa is a lovely legacy from Pam to the school. Its shade will be lovely in summer and the blossoms will be a beautiful splash of colour.

On behalf of everyone I wish Pam a long and happy retirement.

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

I ask that you seriously consider nominations to the Board of Trustees that will govern Sunnynook School for the next 3 years.

At this stage the Returning Officer has received no nominations. The nominations close on April 23 which is the first week of Term 2. Nominations can be mailed to Ivan Dunn, c/- Sunnynook School, Lyford Crescent, Sunnynook 0620. Ivan can also be contacted on phone 410-7063.

Key Dates:

23 April	Nominations close noon
28 April	Voting papers must be distributed
7 May	Voting day
13 May	Count votes 13 May
14 May	Board takes office

PTA and BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The PTA will be meeting on Tuesday **20 April** in the school staffroom at **7.00pm**.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday **27 April** in the school staffroom at **6.15pm**.

FOUND – BRIGHTLY COLOURED BUDGIE

A yellow and green adult male budgie was found yesterday afternoon close to Room 18. If this budgie belongs to you or you know of someone who has lost a budgie, please leave a message on the school answer phone. This budgie is friendly and is very tame.

ICAS TEST

Every year we invite selected Year 5 and 6 pupils to take part in the International Tests for Spelling, Writing, Maths and English. Notices for selected children will be going home in Week 1 of Term 2. If your child doesn't get an invitation and you wish your child to take part, please contact Mrs Montague.



**HEY SUNNYSNOOK KIDS - START SAVING YOUR POCKET MONEY
BECAUSE *THERE'S A SPORTS PARTY HAPPENING!!***

Term 2 School Disco 30 April 2010 - Sports Party Theme.
Junior School 5pm to 6.15pm. Senior School 6.30pm to 8pm.



Further details to hand!! Tickets cost \$6 each. This includes a bottle of water and a sausage on a stick. There will be prizes so practice your dance moves and get working on your costume. Start saving your pocket money as there will be treats on sale. Tickets will be on sale first week of Term 2 so keep an eye out for the notice. Parents are welcome to wait in the staffroom during the disco - enter via the courtyard door by the library. There will be hot drinks available for a donation.

SHORE TO SHORE FUN RUN

A big thank you to all the people who participated from our school. We were impressed with the number of entrants from Sunnynook. As a school we are committed to getting our children active and involved in physical activities. Thanks to our supporters for the chance to get funding for sports gear. Thanks to the PTA Team for the drinks at the end – and I hope you saw the banner to show where our tent was – wasn't it great!

SPORTS

Flippa Ball: Sunnynook Stars played their final game for term one winning 8-1 against Forrest Hill. This put the team in third place for Grade C. The team has continued to improve throughout the term, with some great blocking and stealing in defence, excellent teamwork shown in passing the ball, allowing a quick transition from defence to attack, which won us the game. Well done team!

Miniball Year 4: Year 4 Miniball team played Albany Primary and won 12-0. It was a great game and everyone played really well together as a team, Minko, Logan, Tingle, Amelia (4), Michael (2), Cameron (2), Dylan (4).

Miniball Year 5: Sunnynook Slammers played Verran Cougars and won 7/2 in a great team work game with excellent goal shooting. Well done Team.

BOOSTER SEATS

Don't take children out of boosters too soon. Did you know that to stay safe in cars, children up to 148cm still need to be in booster seats. Without a booster seat, an adult seat belt sits too high across the neck and the stomach of a child, which can increase the risk of injuries in a road crash.

Last week, North Shore City Council, Safekids and Plunket launched the North Shore Booster Rooster campaign to educate parents and children of the need to stay in booster seats for longer.

North Shore retailers have come onboard and Repco, Baby Factory and The Warehouse are offering various incentives, including money off and free products, to encourage people to buy booster seats. Visit www.northshorecity.govt.nz/childrenincars to find out more and to download your child car seat discount coupon or call Actionline on 486-8600 or email actionline@northshorecity.govt.nz and request leaflets and your child car seat discount coupons.

LEARN TO SWIM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME INTENSIVE AT SUNNYSNOOK SCHOOL POOL

We regret to advise that the Learn to Swim Holiday Programme will not be going ahead due to lack of numbers. We apologise to the parents whose children were interested in participating in this programme.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Allstar Cheerleader Holiday Programme: during the second week of the April school holidays (12th-16th). Phone Anne on 027 325548 or Nicky on 021 528955 or email cheerleadingholidayprogram@xtra.co.nz.

YMCA North Shore: are offering excellent gymnastics classes for boys and girls 2-10 years. For further information call 480-7099 or email northshore@nzymca.com.

Auckland Cricket Association: April 2010 School Holiday Clinics. Contact Jamie Lloyd on 845-7444, mob 021 240 9586, email jlloyd@aucklandcricket.co.nz.

Boot Camp: starts soon - great fun, tone up and get fit. Email chook.jen@xtra.co.nz to receive flyer for first time free.

Yours sincerely

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL