

**IMPORTANT DATES**

9 August	Chocolates begin
10 August	ESOL Luncheon
12 August	Literacy/Numeracy Parent Evening
17 August	ICAS Maths School Cross Country PTA Meeting – 7.00pm
18 August	Speeches School Cross Country save day
19 August	Rugby Day

Dear Parents / Caregivers  
Kia Ora

**PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

The mid year parent teacher interviews were held last night. It was a pity the weather was a bit rough at times! Thank you very much for helping with the organisation of the interviews by collecting children early yesterday.

It was pleasing to see that nearly 80% of our parents took the opportunity to visit and meet with their child's teacher. Education of a child requires three

groups forming a triangle – student, parent and teacher – in equal balance. It was great to see the triangle being completed last night with students being involved in interviews and sharing their progress with their parents.

Teachers are continuing to work with the National Standards to gain a clearer understanding of the particular levels. Our main focus has been on ensuring we are putting the children at the correct standard and that we are consistent across the school. This has always been a focus for teachers whenever we gather school-wide information yet the standards are new and we are making sure we get it right. At a recent staff meeting we moderated some Mathematic samples across the school and I was very pleased with the accuracy of teachers in placing children onto the correct standards.

I have placed a display up in the foyer with examples from some of the standards. I am also working on the end of year report to ensure it is clear, informative and also meets the requirements of the new Education policy. When I have a working document, I will be sharing it with members of the school community to get some feedback.

**SENIOR SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION**

The Senior School pupils will soon be presenting their speeches in their classes to find the finalists for the School Competition. The School Finals will be held on Wednesday 18 August. At this competition we will find a Year 5 or 6 pupil to represent our school at the Inter-School Zone Finals on Monday 23 August.

**SCHOOL HEALTH SURVEY**

Every two years the Board of Trustees must conduct community consultation on the teaching of the Health Curriculum in the school. A School Survey will go out **next week** to help the Board address this requirement. Each family will be given one survey form to complete.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

From Monday 9 August onwards, the Uniform Shop hours will be reduced to afternoons only - 2.45-3.30pm each Monday (term time only). This is due to an amazing response in children now currently wearing the uniform – there is only a few children left to purchase the uniform.

The School Uniform Policy has been amended and a copy will be sent out to parents once it is signed by the Board Chairman, Richard Allan. The consistent wearing of the correct uniform will encouraged once the Policy has been circulated.

**TIPS FOR PARENTING**

A Teacher for Learning and Behaviour recently gave me some information for parents on bedtimes and speaking to your children.

**Speaking to your child:**

It is important that children learn to listen well when you give them instructions or have something important to say.

1. **Say the child's name** and wait till the child stops and listens. Repeat if necessary.
2. **Make sure the child is looking at your face** (your facial expression often gives a lot of information about what you say).

3. **Perhaps move closer to the child.**
4. **Speak clearly without shouting.**
5. **Sometimes you may get the child to repeat what you have said – just to check they understood you.**

**Bedtimes - Regular bedtimes are an important routine to establish.** Children need regular sleeping patterns. Once children are sleeping through the night the following bedtimes can serve as a guide:

<b>2 - 4 years</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm</b>	<b>9 - 10 years</b>	<b>8.00-9.00pm</b>
<b>5 - 6 years</b>	<b>7.00-7.30pm</b>	<b>11- 12 years</b>	<b>8.30-9.30pm</b>
<b>7 - 8 years</b>	<b>7.30-8.30pm</b>	<b>13 - 14 years</b>	<b>9.00pm-10.00pm</b>
<b>15-16 years</b>	<b>by 10.30pm</b>		

**16+ years - after 16 years of child raising you'll probably need regular bedtimes more than them.**

The bedtime guidelines are extremely important as children lead busy lives and getting adequate rest helps the learning process.

## **PTA FUNDRAISING**

On Monday 9 August the big Fundraising Campaign of selling Cadbury Chocolate begins. This campaign is an important fundraiser as last year we raised over \$5,000 from this campaign for the school. If you do not wish a box of chocolates to be sent home to your family please advise the office.

At school we are educating the children that the eating of chocolate would fall into the "occasionally" category of once a term and believe the education of moderate eating habits is a very effective way to grow healthy adults.

**PRIZES:** The top three sellers will get to choose from a Wii Fit with bundle of accessories, a digital camera and a portable DVD (the top seller will be able to choose first followed by the next two top sellers). Each syndicate will have prizes of first to third, these being Westfield vouchers. There will be a class prize for each syndicate up to a specific value – the children will be able to choose their treat. There will also be daily draws with a chocolate bar given as a prize.

## **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to Caltex Energy for the Learning Resource Grant of \$300 and the four Constable Keith & Sniff's Greatest Hits CDs. The grant will go towards extra reading resources for students in our Reading Recovery programme. The CDs are a resource that the teachers can use in a different, fun and interactive way of teaching children road safety rules during singalong time.

## **SPORTS**

**Flippa Ball:** A terrific first game of flippa ball for term 3 against Kristin – we won 5-3.

**Mini Ball Year 4:** Played a fantastic game – won 22-3.

**Mini Ball Year 6:** Sunnynook vs Upper Harbour and won 16-10.

**Hockey Year 4:** Sunnynook vs Red Beach and drew 3-3. A well played game with terrific passing amongst the team. Player of the Day: Courtney Jansen.

**Netball Year 5:** Another tough game against St Josephs 5 - lost 7-10. Girls, this grade is a good challenge for you and you are doing well. Player of the Day: Courtney - You had a great game and won lots of ball for the team; good focus on the ball and you got a lot of intercepts by driving hard into the space to reach the ball, making good use of your height. Thanks to Carina Sykes for umpiring, and our supporters.

## **JUNIOR NETBALL**

**Year 4:** A terrific game, each girl focused on their role within the team. 16-5 win against Torbay. Player of the Day: Olivia Hogan.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**For Sale:** 2x Murray's Bay Intermediate skirts (size 72). In good condition. Phone Kala Pathumanithy on 476-7323 or 027 232 2006.

Regards

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