

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 1	Rainbows End Trip – Road Patrol
Dec 2	Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea
Dec 6	Mediators Day
Dec 10	Final School Assembly Reports Home
Dec 13	Junior Team Activity Day Year 6 Graduation
Dec 14	Middle Team Activity Day
Dec 15	BOT Meeting
Dec 16	School closes at 1pm
Feb 1	2011 School Year Begins

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Kia Ora

This week we have had the ASB Get Wise Programme at school working with each classroom.

It is quite good timing with the Get Wise team promoting savings as even Reserve Bank governor Alan Bollard yesterday suggested that an increase in national savings would improve the New Zealand's medium-term economic growth. From small beginnings, big things come!

REPORTS (National Standards)

The teaching staff are finalising the end of year reports this week so they are ready to go out on Friday December 10. The reports are a summary of the year and report on all areas of the curriculum as well as the Key Competency's.

This year the report format has been changed in reading, writing and mathematics. Each of these areas will have a section for:

- Achievement in relation to National Standards
- Next Learning Steps
- How you can help at home

These new areas reflect the request by the Ministry of Education for schools to report to parents on their child's progress against the National Standard.

Achievement in relation to National Standards

This is a statement saying how they are achieving in relation to the National Standards of the year group. Teachers have made judgements looking at the whole year and have used evidence from test results, bookwork, conversations with children, and observations. It is NOT based on one test result.

Next Learning Steps

Teachers will be listing your child's next learning steps for the National Standards.

How you can help at home

Teachers will be listing ideas you could use at home to help your child with the National Standards. Some of these ideas are games, websites or activities.

Next week I will share information about the new English Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) Report.

KAPA HAKA GROUP

The Kapa Haka Group participated in the Onepoto School Festival last Friday. The children had worked very hard and this showed through in their performance. They were a credit to our school. Thanks to Margot for your hard work with the group. Also thanks to parents for supporting the school and the children.

ROAD PATROL SAFETY

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Constable Keith and Sniff Greatest Hits CD sponsored by Caltex Energy. The CD is a resource that your child can use while learning road safety rules during sing-along time in the car. We are grateful to Adam Buckingham for making this gift possible.

CRICKET

Tomorrow at 12.30pm Sunnynook plays Target Road School for the annual Cricket Trophy at Sunnynook School.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Our Team went to Sovereign Stadium on Tuesday to compete against cluster schools at our annual athletics competition. Unfortunately the weather prevented the children from completing all events. In spite of the early finish, the children competed in many events and achieved some great results. They performed and behaved wonderfully, and achieved the following results:

Hanalei Kanter	100m Sprint (3 rd), 60m Sprint (3 rd)
Gary McRae	100m Sprint (3 rd)
Amy Lambert	High Jump (2 nd), 60m Sprint (3 rd)
Oriana Follas	200m Sprint (3 rd)
Tyrone Stretton	60m Sprint (3 rd)
Byron Smith	High Jump (1 st)
Courtney Kapi	100m Sprint (1 st), 60m Sprint (1 st)
Danielle Bound	200m Sprint (1 st), 100m Sprint (1 st), 60m Sprint (1 st)

Congratulations to our Team. Thanks to all the parents/grandparents and staff who helped on the day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The School Uniform Committee wish to advise that the replacement polo shirts will be arriving in December. It is planned to have a transfer afternoon on 10 December 2010 when all old polo shirts are to be returned and new garments issued. A notice explaining exact details will be sent home next week.

Yesterday I visited most classrooms checking on Uniforms and sent reminder notices home with pupils if they were wearing the wrong uniform. If a specific item of uniform is not available for a day (i.e in the wash or getting mended) I would appreciate a note being sent to the teacher.

PARENT HELPERS AFTERNOON TEA

A reminder to the Parents who have been invited to the Afternoon Tea to contact the office. Look forward to seeing you.

SCHOOL DATES

A reminder that school closes at 1pm on Thursday 16 December. In 2011 school starts on Tuesday 1 February 2011 at 8.50am

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Intensive Swimming Lessons: The Millennium Swim School is running week long intensive swimming lessons for the following weeks – 10-14 January, 17-21 January and 24-28 January. These classes are suitable for all children over 5 years of age. Availability is limited. Phone 477 2074 for more info or to make a booking. Please note payment is due at time of booking.

North Shore Junior Orchestra: are holding auditions for the 2011 orchestra on Wednesday 15 December, for children between the ages of 8 and 14, who play a musical instrument. Phone David Kay - conductor - (09) 440 9075 or see our website www.nsj.o.org.nz for an audition form.

Pop Star School - Rock Stars!: Come join us for a day of singing and dancing to your favourite Pop Stars. With our vocal training and fun theatresport games, we'll build your confidence so you can strut your stuff on-stage and live the pop star dream! Book yourself a spot today on 0800 444886 - www.partyatyours.co.nz. Venue - The Rose Centre, Belmont 25th January 2011 at 9am - 3pm.

Yours sincerely

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