

NEWSLETTER NO. 2 - TERM 3

5 AUGUST 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I hope you have all been keeping well during the wintery conditions we have been experiencing over the past fortnight. Thank you for keeping your children home if they are unwell as this certainly helps keep the bugs from spreading further. We have had both staff and children affected by the flu over the past fortnight.

The lightning caused us many technical problems including putting our phone system out for three days as a card was "fried" by the strike. The frustrating thing was that some calls were getting through while others were not so Telecom was informing us we had a clear line. We also had to wait some time for the fault to be fixed; so as you can appreciate, we were one of many in the queue waiting for Phonselink and were in the line behind big companies such as Tiwai, so thank you for your patience on this matter.

We welcome Harold and the Life Education Bus to our school this week. Always popular with the students, the programme covers many aspects of the Health Curriculum and is very ably delivered by the wonderful Theresa Wallace.

Wishing you all good health over the next fortnight.

Regards.

Wendy Ryan
Principal



SCHOOL DATABASE

It would be appreciated if you could please notify the School Office of any change of contact details for your child eg. New cellphone number, address, landline, work details, emergency contacts etc.

IMPORTANT DATES

5 Aug: Swimming Starts for Rms 2, 7 & 13
7 Aug: Swimming starts for Rms 3, 4 & 10
25 Aug: Southland Primary Schools Science Fair
31 Aug: Teachers Only Day - School Closed
4 Sept: Dreamweaver Storyteller Visit
7-11 Sept: School Book Fair
17 Sept: Choir Performance at Civic Theatre
25 Sept: End of Term 3

TEACHER ONLY DAY

We will be having a Teacher Only Day on Monday 31 August as our teachers continue their work in implementing the new curriculum changes to begin in 2010. This means that School **will be closed** on this day for instruction as teachers will be off site working with Alison Davies who is a leading Literacy expert.

HOCKEY NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected from 120 students for the Hockey Southland Development Squad:

Isaac Thompson & Sam Maher

CANTEEN NEWS

We will be offering Cheese Rolls every Monday from 10 August until stocks last.

The cost of these are:

80cents for 1 Cheese Roll or
\$1.20 for 2 Cheese Rolls

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

We are concerned with the number of cars who still use the school driveway. In the interests of student safety, which we take very seriously, can you please not use the driveway unless you have a child with special requirements ie. crutches.



SCHOOL NOTICES

SERVICE AWARDS

To acknowledge all those students who go the extra mile and show great responsibility around the school:

Jessica Reid - Showing initiative and dedication to Netball

**Samantha Leighton, Robbie Gill, Caleb Driver & Katherine Cade
- Worm Farm Leaders. Awesome job and showing commitment**

Tara Ballie & Jade Jackson - for being great role models in the classroom and the playground

We want to celebrate your fantastic children. Thanks.

Rae Maher



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

At our last Board Meeting, we received the resignation of Dean Reid from our Board of Trustees. Dean will be sadly missed as he has worked tirelessly during his time on the Board in many, many ways for our school. He has been a wonderful supportive member who spent many hours attending to Property, Discipline and Security matters around the School.

We warmly welcome Harry Thompson who has been co-opted to our Board for his expertise in Property. Harry comes to the Board as we begin our new 10 Year Property Plan for the School.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

These are now due and payable at the School Office. Sports Fees need to be paid immediately please as these have to be paid to the Associations concerned. A reminder that Automatic Payment forms are available from the School Office.

Overdue accounts will be sent onto Southern Debt Collectors for collection as the school cannot absorb these debts.

You are invited to an evening with
Laughton King,

Psychologist, Mediator and Author, well known public speaker and trainer. Laughton will be speaking on topics of learning difficulties (including "dyslexia"), and co-operative parenting.

Date: 13 August

Venue: Otatara Community Meeting Room

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$5 payable at the door

To register your interest, phone 213-1009

SCHOOL SPORTS NOTICES

Hockey Players of the Day are:

Ascot 1: Brodie Bissett, Isobel Thompson & Blair McKenzie

Ascot 3: Amber Emerson & Tiffany Wilson

Congratulations to these children.

SUPPORT GROUP

The Support Group are presently selling pies, lamingtons and sausage rolls. The forms are to be returned by Friday 7 August with collection day being 21 August. The goods will be supplied by the Winton Bakery. Extra forms are available from the School Office.

There is a BBQ at the Warehouse this Saturday 8 August. Thank you.

Ascot School Support Group

