

# NEWSLETTER NO. 3 - TERM 3

## 19 AUGUST 2009

### Dear Parents/Caregivers

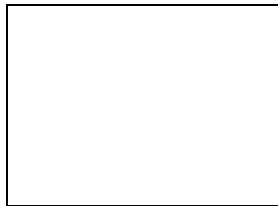
The year continues to disappear with the winter activities almost coming to an end. It is pleasing to see that over the past fortnight, the number of people affected by the 'flu' appears to be dropping with most students in good health. Thank you for keeping your children home if they have been unwell as it certainly helps prevent the spread of bugs.

Mrs Elford, Mrs Calder-Wood and Mrs Russell have all been evaluating their specialist programmes with them all reporting excellent shifts in achievement levels by the students involved in these. We are very privileged to have such experienced teachers offering a wide range of small group and individual activities for our children in the areas of Reading, Computers, Maths, Music and Science.

We are looking forward to our Annual Book Fair on 7 September. The theme is 'Safari' and already the students are designing and talking about their costumes for the end of that week.

Thank you to all the wonderful coaches who have so willingly given their time for the winter sports. Your help is very much appreciated.

Regards,



**Wendy Ryan**  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 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:* ILT Singout - 1970's 'A Blast from the Past' - Civic Theatre
- 25 Sept:* End of Term 3
- 12 Oct:* Term 4 starts

### 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.

### BOOK WEEK – 7-11 SEPTEMBER

Theme: "SAFARI"

Dress-Up Day: Friday 11 September

Theme for Dress-Up Day: Safari (jungle animals, hunters, camouflage, Tarzan/Jane etc.)

If anyone has artificial vines/ivy or toy snakes that we can borrow, please bring these to Mrs Doherty.

### 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.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## SERVICE AWARDS

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

**Cody McKenzie For being a diligent & responsible student around the School.**

**Ryan Greer – Always a diligent and conscientious worker in class.**

**Theresa Brown-Ogilvy – Always a kind and responsible student.**

We want to celebrate your fantastic children. Thanks.

Rae Maher

## 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 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.

## SCHOOL SPORTS NOTICES

Congratulations to Kaea Page-Bishop, Shannon Emerson & Callum Swan who are in the Southland Under 38kg Rugby Team. Kaea also made the South Town and Southland Teams and Callum the North Town and Southland Teams.

Congratulations also to Patrick Turnhout who is representing our province in the Southland Soccer Team and to Miss Jones who is in the Southland Women's Hockey Team.

### 2009 Netball Season

Yesterday was our last game of Netball for this season. Mrs Kempton and I have been very impressed with the development of all our players. Thank you to our fabulous parents who came each week to support their children.

Many thanks to Reece from Ricoh for tickets to the Southland Stags game on Saturday. These were awarded to Isaac Thompson Rm 9 and Riley Forde Rm 2.

## REMINDER FOOD FOR BRAIN BREAK

Brain Break is only 10 minutes for children to have a healthy snack. Suitable foods could be:

**Vegetables:** Cherry tomatoes, sliced cucumber, carrot sticks, celery sticks, green salad

**Fruits:** Apples, bananas, blueberries, cherries, grapes, nectarines, orange sections, peaches, pears, pineapple, strawberries.

**Snacks:** Nuts, dried cranberries or fruit, cheese slices or sticks, cottage cheese with fruit, hard-boiled egg, popcorn, pretzels, wheat crackers, vanilla yoghurt with fruit, trail mix.

**Sandwich Fillings:** Chicken, chicken salad, egg salad, organic peanut butter and all-fruit jelly, roast beef, chunk light tuna fish, tuna salad, turkey, turkey salad.

**Beverages:** Bottled water (preferred option), skim or 1% fat milk. If you do choose to pack a juice box on occasion, make sure the juice is 100% fruit juice.