

# NEWSLETTER NO. 5 - TERM 3

## 16 SEPTEMBER 2009

### Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you all for a wonderful turnout to our Annual Book Parade on Friday. A special thanks also for your support and help in getting costumes organised for our Safari Parade. It was fantastic to see the excitement of the children arriving on Friday morning in a wide range of Jungle costumes.

This Thursday our Choir will perform in the Annual ILT Sing Out at the Civic Theatre. A special thanks to Mrs Elford and Miss Asher for all their hard work in preparing the children so capably for this event.

Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed their skiing at Coronet Peak last week. We were lucky to get a fine day and many children were excited as they experienced their first time on snow.

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another term. Next term we are very pleased to be opening a new classroom to cater for the large number of New Entrants we have had this year.

On behalf of the staff, I thank you all for your continued support. We all feel very lucky to work in such a fantastic community.

Enjoy your holiday break with your children.

Regards.



### PHOTOGRAPHS FOR WEBSITE

From time to time photographs of various children engaged in school-related activities are uploaded to the school website.

If any parents object to their child/ren being included in such photos, could you please notify the School Office.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 17 Sept:** ILT Singout - 1970's 'A Blast from the Past' - Civic Theatre
- 18 Sept:** Scholastic Book Orders Due
- 25 Sept:** End of Term 3
- 12 Oct:** Term 4 starts
- 26 Oct:** Labour Day
- 27-30 Oct:** Y6 Tautuku Camp
- 23-27 Nov:** Y8 Deep Cove Camp

### BOOK WEEK

This year's Book Fair 'Jungle Safari' was another successful week of selling and promoting Scholastic Books and encouraging a love of reading for the children of Ascot School.

Last Friday's Dress-Up Day was a fantastic way to end the Book Fair Week and it was lovely to see family and friends coming out to watch the parade. It's a great way for the whole school to come together and the costumes this year were outstanding - even from the teachers!

Well done to the 2 best dressed children in each Syndicate who won books donated by Scholastic Books:

**Junior Syndicate:** Emily Cade & Izaea Hubbard

**Middle Syndicate:** Caleb Driver & Jade Jackson

**Senior Syndicate:** Morgan Peretini & Blair Ladbrook

A big thank you to our celebrity guest - Bertie Budgie - who made the day even more special. Also many thanks to the members from the Altrusa Club and Donald Thomson, who read stories in our Library each lunchtime.

The week would not be the success it is without the help of our Librarian, Kelly Blackler, who willingly gave up her own time to have the library open for sales.

Thank you.

**Myra Doherty**  
**Katie Jones**



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## SERVICE AWARDS

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

**Jacob Leighton & Tegan Sparrow- For being good all round class members in Room 2**

We want to celebrate your fantastic children. Thanks.

Rae Maher



## STUDENTS SECTION

**Rotary Merit Award** - On Thursday 10 September, I went to a Rotary Merit Award Dinner. It was held at Elmwood Gardens and started at 5.45pm. We had dinner there and then it was time for the presentations. When Mr Graham was called, I had to go with him. He talked a bit about me then we got a photo taken. The President then handed me my Award and we had another photo taken. I then had to say a couple of words. At the end, all the children that got a Merit Award, had a photo taken together.

**By Ashleigh Todd**

**Rugby** - Two weeks ago I went to Tapanui for my Southland Under 38kg Rugby. When I got there, there were a lot of people and I started getting butterflies. When I went into the Changing Rooms, I was to find jersey number '8' and sit down. The coach started talking and he said that I was the Southland Captain. I got really excited. We had 3 games. We were facing Otago Country, Otago Town and Southland Country. They were all really great games.

**By Kaea Page-Bishop**

## SPORTS NOTICE

**Netball** - 2009 has been a rewarding season and Mrs Kempton and I are very pleased with the improvement in our players. We will be having a shared lunch at school next Tuesday 22 September. Please bring a plate of finger food and we will supply a drink. Kind Regards.

**Mrs Maher & Mrs Kempton**

## TRI-NATIONS COMPETITION 2009

The Middle/Ascot Rugby team have won all their games so far in the Tri-Nations Competition against Windsor North and Waihopai. Members of the team from Ascot are Patrick Turnhout, Isaac Thompson, Cody McKenzie, Callum Swan, Shannon Emerson, Zayviyn Henry & Shylin Osborne. This has been a great experience for us all and we have loved the Competition against other schools and students our age. **Final Game** - v's Waihopai - 1.45pm on 24 September at SBHS Grounds.

## ILT SING OUT

Our School Choir is taking part in this event tomorrow **Thursday 17**

**September** at 7pm, in the Civic Theatre

Bookings are now available at the ICC Booking Office.

**Cost:** \$12.50 per adult and \$6.50 per child. A booking fee may apply.

**Remember -If your child is part of the Choir, they do not need a ticket.**

Radio Southland 96.4FM will be broadcasting the performance on Friday at 6.30pm.



## PARENT/CAREGIVER FEEDBACK

As part of a city wide collaborative project on student engagement, all Invercargill Primary Schools are gathering data to help analyse needs in individual schools as well as trends across the city.

The analysis of these surveys will provide focus areas for schools to target, in order to improve teaching and learning opportunities for students.

10% of parent/caregivers in each school will be randomly selected and a survey will be posted out to those selected.

Ascot Community School surveys will be posted out early next term.

Thank you for your support with this project.

## 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.