

NEWSLETTER NO. 2 - TERM 1

17 February 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Waitangi weekend.

The term is well underway with the children settled and into the wide range of activities both in and outside the classroom.

You may have seen me speaking recently on TV or in the paper in relation to the National Standards, which have been legislated into schools from the beginning of the 2010 school year. This is in my capacity as the President of the Southland Primary Principals' Association, which covers all of southland.

I have enclosed some information in this Newsletter to try and help you to understand the issues surrounding National Standards. They are however, complex so I encourage you to read further to help clarify your understanding on what they are about.

We all want the best for our students and want to be positively more forward with all parties to provide stimulating and productive education outcomes. To do this we need time and dialogue. These standards were sent to schools in November to be implemented on 2 February 2010.

Regards,

W Ryan
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1: Tuesday 2 February - Thursday 1 April
24 Feb: Senior School Athletics (Rms 4, 5, 9 & 10)
1-4 March: Yr 7 Borland Camp
11 March: Zone Athletics
16 March: Junior School Sports (Rms 1, 2, 7 & 8)
20 March: Southland Primary School Athletics
27 March: School Fair
Good Friday: 2 April
Term 2: Monday 19 April - Friday 2 July
Queen's B/day: Monday 7 June
Term 3: Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September
Term 4: Monday 11 October - Wednesday 15 December (depends on Teacher Only Day/s)

BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS

The Bibles-in-Schools Programme will begin for Rooms 7, 9 & 10 on Monday 1 March.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the Programme, please send a written note to your child's teacher.

There is a \$5.00 cost for materials.

ABSENT REPORTING

Please phone the School Office between 8.30am - 9.15am. If you have an absence to report - phone 217-5196 or Fax 217-5850 or e-mail: admin@ascot.school.nz or leave a message on the Answerphone.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember that if you need to wear a poly-prop under your t-shirt, it is to be a plain blue or white one (NO multi-stripes).

No make-up, lip gloss or nail polish is to be worn and if hair is touching the collar, it should be tied up.



SCHOOL JOURNALS & READING RESOURCES

Please look for any books you may have and return these to School as soon as possible.

We still have a large number of books missing from last year and would appreciate their return - no questions asked.

SCHOOL NOTICES

SCHOOL FAIR NEWS

As you may be aware, we are holding our School Fair on Saturday 27 March. We would love to have some adult helpers for Horse Riding and Face Painting. If you can help, please leave a message for Vanessa or Mrs Maher and they will contact you.

We are also looking for any Prize donations for the chocolate wheel or any items for our Garage Sale in the Hall.

If you have any food speciality, we are interested in having stalls like last time ie. Indian Food, Sushi etc.

SCHOOL SUPPORT NEWS

We will be fundraising again this year with Barbeques at the Warehouse on the following dates:

6 March, 29 May, 14 August & 30 October

Please ring and let the Office know if you are able to help on 6 March for any period of time. We usually go on for 2 hour shifts.

SCHOOL PINAFORES

We have had a new stock of school pinafores arrive. These look fantastic on the girls and are selling for \$75.00 from the School Office.

For all inquiries, please see Mrs Maher.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be sent home fortnightly on a Wednesday. These are numbered eg. No. 1 - Term 1 so if at some stage you do not receive one, extra copies are available at the Office.

SUNHATS

We strongly encourage the wearing of sunhats. There are school hats for sale at the Office at the following prices:

Legionaire Caps - \$7.00

Drill Hats - \$10.00

Caps - \$10.00

These hats are navy. Drill hats come in a variety of sizes so check these out at the School Office.



YEAR 7 CAMP

The Year 7 students will be attending a Camp at Borland from Monday 1 March - Thursday 4 March. An individual note will go home regarding this.

The cost of the Camp is \$125.00 and can be paid to the Office. Direct Credit forms are available to pay for the Camp if you wish and can be obtained at the Office.

Any parents who wish to go to Camp, should please contact the School Office.

Thank you to those wonderful parents who have offered to join us. It is much appreciated.



SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

Please do not come up the school driveway to drop off your child as we have a number of vehicles who need to have access such as Taxis with Special Needs students. Too much traffic causes a danger to our students.