

NEWSLETTER NO. 3 - TERM 1

3 MARCH 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

What a productive and busy week it has been! Congratulations to all the Senior School students for their efforts both on and off the field last Wednesday at our School Athletics Sports. We were very fortunate to have such a fantastic day for the Athletics.

Sadly I wasn't able to see the wonderful array of colours as I was in Rotorua with 9 other Southland Principals at an ICT Conference for three days. This Conference was to showcase the latest technologies for schools and we attended workshops by presenters on a wide range of topics. Ascot School belongs to an ICT Cluster of schools for the next 3 years. This cluster is working on enhancing our Pedagogy and Technologies in ICT (Information Communication Technology). The other schools in the Cluster are Makarewa, Donovan, Invercargill Middle, Winton, Lochiel, Waihopai, Myross Bush, St Thomas's (Winton) and New River.

Thank you to the parents who came out last week to our first round of Parent-Teacher Interviews in the Junior School. Our Senior School students will hold their Goal Setting Interviews with parents next week. We value your input into your child's schooling and find the interviews very productive and a great way of building and sustaining positive home-school relationships.

Our Year 7 students are camping at Borland this week. They will be involved in a wide range of activities which include Kayaking, Cycling, Rock Climbing and Caving.

Finally, we are looking forward to our Bi-Annual Fair on Saturday 27 March. Mark it in your diary. It will be a fun family day.

Regards,
Wendy Ryan
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1: Tuesday 2 February - Thursday 1 April

1-4 March: Yr 7 Borland Camp

8 March: Support Group AGM Meeting-Staffroom-7pm

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

25-28 May: Yr 6 Camp - Tautuku

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)

YEAR 6 CAMP

The 2010 Year 6 Camp at Tautuku will be held earlier in the year. Please note the dates for this are 25-28 May. If you would like to be a Parent Helper, please leave your name at the Office for Miss Morrison.



2010 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION - 7 MAY 2010

Nominations are being sought for the election of five parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will shortly be posted to all eligible voters. Nomination forms will be able to be obtained from the School Office. Nominations close at noon on Friday 23 April and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement. The poll closes at noon on Friday 7 May 2010.



SCHOOL NOTICES

STUDENT SECTION

Athletics Day

On Wednesday 24 February, we had Athletics. We were wearing blue. First we went to the Hall and we lined up in our age group. Then my group went to Discus. I didn't throw the Discus very far. After Discus we went to Shot Put. I was pretty good at that. Next was Long Jump but I couldn't wait until we got to High Jump. We went running first and I ran the 100 & 200 metres. Then I went to my favourite event ... High Jump! I wanted to run 800 metres too. I came 4th. We watched the Relays. The teachers came 1st. Room 5 came 2nd. We are the fastest class in the School.

By Joseph Kubala

Touch Rugby

I went to Auckland for Touch and stayed at a Marae in Mangere. Nathan (a Referee) said that if we win by 5, we get to shave his hair. We played against Auckland, North Harbour and Counties Manakau. The first game we won 6-2. The next game we lost 6-2 and the next game we had a Draw 3-3. The next day we won the first game 15-1 and we won the second game 4-3. We came 5th when we should have been 2nd. My 3 favourite things in Auckland were going to the swimming pool, going up the Sky Tower and shaving Nathan's head.



By Shannon Emerson

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 this Saturday for any period of time. We usually go on for 2 hour shifts.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

We are including in this Newsletter, a copy of our School's Complaints Procedure.

If you have any concerns during the year, please contact us so we can remedy this situation as soon as possible. The earlier we know about a concern, the earlier we can deal with it.

SCHOOL FAIR NEWS

As you are aware, we are holding our School Fair on Saturday 27 March. We would love to have some adult helpers for a number of stalls and activities including Horse Riding and Face Painting. If you can help, please leave a message for Vanessa or Mrs Maher at the Office 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. Any ideas are very welcome.

SCHOOL FAIR

Yes, I can help at the School Fair on Saturday 27 March

Time I am available to help is

NAME

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