

NEWSLETTER NO. 2 - TERM 4

28 OCTOBER 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers

How fantastic to be a Southlander. This week's win of the Ranfurly Shield has put smiles of joy on the faces of many as we celebrate as a province, the Stags success. The win also celebrates many of the qualities we so aspire to give our children - that of loyalty, respect and the celebration of success by others who have worked hard to achieve a goal. A wonderful group of our students and staff were among the many to welcome the team home at the airport last Friday.

Our Year 6 students are away to Tautuku Camp this week to experience a wonderful array of environmental and outdoor activities.

During the week the Government have released the 'National Standards' via the media. You will see these have caused much controversy in the educational sector as Principals and educationalists wish to have much further discussion and consultation with the Government on this whole issue. We have for a long time now had 'tools' which are designed to tell you as parents where your children stand against national norms. However, many educationalists are concerned that the latest standards look like they may require a different philosophy in the way we teach our students as it would appear curriculum will be test driven. This is not the desire of schools who are embarking and celebrating the teaching of a wonderful new curriculum.

Our wonderful Caretaker, Innes, will be retiring at the end of the year. Innes is much loved and respected by all around the school and will be sadly missed but we wish him and Sheila all the best for a happy and long retirement.

Good luck to the Year 7 & 8 students participating in tonight's SMAC Maths Competition.
Regards.

Wendy Ryan
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

27-30 Oct: Y6 Tautuku Camp
28 Oct: SMAC Maths Competition
30 Oct: Halloween Disco
5 Nov: Pet Show
23-27 Nov: Y8 Deep Cove Camp
15 Dec: Term 4 Ends

PET SHOW

The School Pet Show is to be held on Thursday 5 November. Pets are to arrive at School from 12.50pm and are to be in the correct area for judging, which will begin at 1.15pm. So that all students can be involved in the day, those that don't have pets, may bring a soft toy animal or have their face painted as an animal.

If the weather is unsuitable, cancellation will be broadcast over both Radio Stations after 11.00am.



BANDANNAS

Our School is supporting CanTeen to fundraise by selling their Bandannas. As from tomorrow, these will be available for purchase at the School Office from 8.30-9.00am.

Cost: \$4.00 per Bandanna

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 NOTICES

SERVICE AWARDS

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

Grace Humphrey & Angel Taylor-Templeton - For being responsible and reliable students.



We want to celebrate your fantastic children. Thanks.

Rae Maher

STUDENTS SECTION

Konnichiwa

Japanese is a great experience for young people. We learn about great people in Japan and to write full sentences in Japanese.

Our Sensi also tells us about Japanese history and we listen to Japanese music. We are going to make sushi at the end of the term.

Sayonara

By Harlem Hall & Blair Ladbrook

BP Technology Challenge

On Thursday 22 October a group of students attended the Annual BP Technology Challenge. We had two challenges to complete as well as a mystery challenge. We made a hard hat out of newspaper, a bridge and a fishing hook that had to hold the weight of a paint can! We walked away with the "Best Town School" Award plus a prize pack each. It was a great day.

By Morgan, James, Bradley & Devon
Rooms 9 & 13

PUBLIC NOTICES

For Sale: Wooden toys and furniture. Host a party and receive a free toy or see display at School Office.

Prices range between \$10-\$50. Contact Sally Hamilton 9310081 or 027-360-1868 for party bookings.

NOTICE FROM PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP BARBEQUE

On Saturday 7 November we are having a BBQ at the Warehouse. We are still looking for a parent helper for this event between 1-4pm so if you can spare some time, please phone the School Office and leave your name.

HALLOWEEN DISCO - 30 October - 6.30-8.00pm "DJ in the House"

This will be held in the School Hall so come dressed up and have fun - only \$2.00 a ticket. Available to be purchased on the night are:

- Potato Chips - \$1.50
- Lollies - 50c & \$1.00 mixtures
- Drinks - \$1.00
- Lightsavers - 50c



CALENDARS

Children are designing their masterpieces now so think about purchasing some for Christmas presents for yourself, Grandparents or Aunts and Uncles.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be having a Christmas Raffle again this year. Can we please have a donation of a non-perishable item brought into the School Office as soon as possible.

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.