

# NEWSLETTER NO. 1 - TERM 4

## 14 OCTOBER 2009

### Dear Parents/Caregivers

It was lovely to see all the happy, smiling faces returning on Monday. I hope you have all had a restful and wonderful break over the holidays.

Congratulations to all those children who have represented Southland over the holidays in their respective sports. Well done.

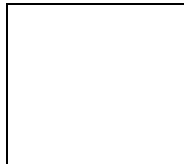
We welcome Jo Noanoa to our school for Term 4. Jo will be teaching in Room 1 as with the increased New Entrant numbers this year, we have opened up a second New Entrant classroom. Jo has relieved at Ascot a lot over the past two years so is well known to the students at the school and is an experienced classroom teacher.

We are delighted that we have become a Kiwi Can School starting this term. Kiwi Can is a programme that is offered in schools focusing on life skills and values. Kirsty and Daryn are the Co-ordinators who will visit our School weekly to deliver the programme. This includes them actively running lunchtime activities with the students to reinforce the messages that are being delivered in the classrooms. Kiwi Can encourages a 'can do' attitude to the challenges of life and encourages students to take responsibility and be accountable for their actions.

Have a great fortnight.

Regards.

**Wendy Ryan**  
Principal



### IMPORTANT DATES

**20 Oct:** School Photos  
**26 Oct:** Labour Day  
**27 Oct:** Scholastic Book Club Orders Due  
**27-30 Oct:** Y6 Tautuku Camp  
**28 Oct:** SMAC Maths Competition  
**30 Oct:** Halloween Disco  
**23-27 Nov:** Y8 Deep Cove Camp

### 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 during the next week.

Thank you for your support with this project.

### 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



### 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.

### 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 NOTICES

## SERVICE AWARDS

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

**James Matheson – For always being helpful and willing to accept new challenges.**

**Morgan Peretini - For always being a positive role model around school.**

We want to celebrate your fantastic children. Thanks.

Rae Maher



## STUDENTS SECTION

**Speech Competition** - Congratulations to the following students who won the right to represent the School at the Creative Southland Speech Contest for our cluster:

*Morgan Peretini, Alicia Turnbull, Jade Peretini & Morgan Finlay*

These students represented our School commendably. From the Cluster final held at St Johns' Girls School, Morgan Finlay was placed in the Yr 5 & 6 Competition and on Monday 14 September he spoke at the Area Final at James Hargest College. Once again he spoke very well and was placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to you all for a wonderful effort.

**Badminton** - Last Term Blair Ladbrook and I went to the Badminton Tournament. We were in the Under 13 Singles. It was a good game and I won. Next I played a person from Dunedin but he beat me 21-9. The Doubles were next. First, we had to challenge my sister and her partner but they beat us. After that game, I had to play Blair and Blair won.  
**By Ryan Greer**

### South Island Soccer Tournament

On 1 October, in the holidays, I went to Blenheim for a Soccer Tournament. It was the South Island Under 12 champs. It was heaps of fun, good weather and I scored a goal. We came 11<sup>th</sup> out of 13 teams and we scored 11 goals in total.  
**By Patrick Turnhout**

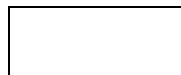
### Festival Hockey Tournament - Under 13 Boys

On 2-6 October, 3 boys from Ascot School - Cody McKenzie, Isaac Thomson & Sam Maher, went to the Festival of Hockey Tournament in Oamaru. Their first game was against Canterbury Black. Isaac scored a goal and we won 4-0. We played Otago B and West coast on Day 2 and we drew both games. On Day 3 we beat North Otago 4-0. On the final day we played off for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in the Tournament. We lost to Otago A 3-0 but we came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone for your wonderful support in our fundraising for Shanade Tallentire who is an ex-pupil of our School. Shanade attended Ascot until the beginning of 2009 and is a special friend to many of our students. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and kind donations for Shanade and have raised \$468.40 from our Sausage Sizzle, Mufti day and your donations in the last week of Term 3.

**By Ashleigh Todd  
Student President**



## NOTICE FROM PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP BARBEQUE

On Saturday 7 November we are having a BBQ at the Warehouse. Parent helpers are required so if you can help, please ring the School Office and leave your name and phone number.

### 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, Lollies, Drinks & Lightsavers. You will be notified of prices at a later date.

### CALENDARS

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

## 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.