

31 August 2011 Term 3 Week 5

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ICAS Writing: Congratulations to all the students who took part in this international examination. Many of our children have done extremely well! A huge well done to our two Year 6 girls and one Year 5 girl who gained *High Distinction*. An amazing effort. *Distinction* was obtained by two year 6 boys, two year 5 boys and four year 4 girls. Eleven of our Year 6 students received *Credit* along with two year 5 and five year four students

- High Distinction - Top 1% of NZ entries
- Distinction - In top 10% of NZ entries
- Credit - In top 30% of NZ entries

These children have been compared to some of the best students across the country as most schools would only enter a small number of their most able students.

Northern Zone Swimming Sports: Our team competed well at this event. They were a credit to the school. Very well done to all the students who attended. Three of our relay teams came first. These teams and ten more of our students are through to the Wellington Zone sports.

Tackle Rugby Tournament: Our Y5/6 students played in this tournament and they won 3 and drew 1 and were top in their pool. We were also delighted to have wins in our annual games against Khandallah and Ngaio Schools. Well done boys.

“Cupcake Kids” Some of our Year 2 students sold cupcakes and coconut ice at The Warehouse, Lyall Bay on Sunday in support of SPCA’s Cupcake Day Fundraiser. They did a great job selling them all in a short time and had great fun doing it. Great *Connecting beyond the school*.

Welcome to our new student:

**PŌWHIRI WELCOME
Friday 9TH September at 8am**

The pōwhiri is held to welcome new families to the school and encourage understanding of this Māori cultural practice. All students and family members are welcome to experience this special acknowledgement of joining our school community or attend as part of the tangata whenua (host) to welcome new families. Those attending will be guided throughout the pōwhiri. Join us for refreshments at completion of the welcome.

ABLE STUDENTS AREAS OF INTEREST

There are a small number of highly talented students who often have intense curiosities in areas that are beyond the scope of the normal primary school curriculum.

These children would benefit from interacting with adults who have similar interests or expertise and are very talented or experienced in a particular field. It may be an area of employment (e.g. writer, architect) or an area of interest or study. Please fill out the form below and return to the school office if you would like to be involved. Don’t be shy – it’s a great opportunity to work with a small number of really neat kids. A teaching member of staff will work with you.

**AMI TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Girls 12th October & Boys 27th – 29th September 2011**

If your child plays competitive tennis and would like to enter an inter-school tennis tournament please see Mr Elliott or email office@cashmere-ave.school.nz.

TODAY’S SCHOOL ROLL NUMBER - 361

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK & NEXT WEEK

Week 5	Friday	2 Sep		No Assembly
	Saturday	3 Sep	2pm – 5pm	St Brigids Kapa Haka Festival Newlands Intermediate
Week 6	Monday	5 Sep	7pm-8pm	Home and School meeting. Staffroom. All welcome.
	Friday	9 Sep	8am-8.30am 2.15pm-2.45pm 7.45pm–8.30pm	Powhiri welcome Whole school assembly Dancesplash – Opera House

BOARD SHORTS

- **Home and School Donation**

The Board would like to once again thank the Home and School for their continued support. They have recently contributed \$25,000 to the school budget to ensure we can continue to provide the students with a good learning environment.

- **PE & Health Curriculum Review**

Phil Rodley and Blair Elliott attended the last board meeting and provided the board with information on how the PE & Health curriculum are covered at Cashmere Avenue. The Board found the school to be well resourced and the staff effective in delivering this curriculum area.

- **St Brigids Kapa Haka Festival**

Good luck to all the students performing this Saturday. We know you will do a spectacular job. Thank you to Mrs Antipas, Mrs Clearwater, Mrs Palairet, Miss Welsh, Mr Dick and all those who have helped work with the students to perform at this fabulous event.

- **Dancesplash & Artsplash Choir**

Good luck to the Dancesplash team and the choir for the upcoming performances. We know you will enjoy the experience and we look forward to attending these events. Thank you to Miss Wood for her work with the Dancesplash team and to Mrs Ralfe and Mrs McKinley for their work with the Artsplash choir.

- **Board Audit – Health & Safety Review**

The board is about to review Health and Safety practices and procedures at Cashmere Avenue School. Any school families that have suggestions of areas to be covered by this review are welcome to contact the school office.

Our year 5 student’s winning entry in the story lines festival.

The aeroscooter

Vrrrrr...! With sweaty hands desperately trying to get a tight grasp on slippery handlebars and feet barely touching the board, dizziness took me over, and neither up nor down seemed to go anywhere. A deafening rattle echoed violently inside my terrified ears. My sense of balance was stolen by confusion, and an ever-lasting earthquake didn't help. Nowhere was up, nowhere was down.

Suddenly, there was a blast of air as the machine levitated into the finally still sky. Upside down or not, the feeling was incredible. While a cool breeze chilled my shaky body, I was lifted higher and higher. Looking up, a beautiful blue carried on for eternity. Looking down, I saw ants walking across concrete. I'd gone too far. With a soft whirring noise, some small puffs of air burst out, making my hovering aircraft lower itself down, like a deflating helium balloon. The wind created a mid-air roller coaster, and with all the jerks and bumps I began to feel sick.

My wheel-less aeroscooter was no match for the strong westerly gusts. As the sun drooped down the sky and flopped behind some shadowy mountains, the atmosphere gave off an eerie orange glow. It looked as if the sun was surrendering and giving a magnanimous gift to the night. Meanwhile, a disturbing dimness swallowed me up.

Descending through puffy clouds and soaring over brick and metal rooftops, I felt an uneasy feeling inside me. Slowly, I clambered down the invisible ladder in the sky. Unfortunately, the transparent rungs were like ice rinks.

As the engine groaned, trying to slow the aeroscooter down as it fell rapidly towards a rough landing, I lost control of the handlebars as the flying scooter began to vibrate, especially it's surfboard-like footplate. Crack! Two small jets made a noise like a whip while they started to puff air downwards to balance the aeroscooter. Soon, rattling began to control my body, and the whole world turned upside down...

CRASH! My body was jerked so violently my mind became nothing but shock. Smoke billowed up around me, as if it were glad to escape. After an annoying fit of coughing, my eyes began to adjust. My backyard closed in around me, like it wanted to corner me. There I was, sitting raggedly next to my aeroscooter. My brain was straining to decide what emotion to give me. Nervous, confused, terrified, relieved, worried, scared, disturbed, uneasy and shocked. I'd been through all of them. Whatever it was, I was glad to be alive and that I'd made that journey.

I was back.

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ABLE STUDENTS INTEREST AREA

YES I would like to come and work with a small group of students

Name: _____ Phone: _____ My Students Name _____

Area of interest or expertise:

St Brigids Kapahaka Festival

September 3rd 2pm – 7pm
at Newlands Intermediate

A fantastic day of kapahaka by tamariki from:

Te Kohanga Reo o Ngaio, Onslow College, Bellevue School,
Newlands Intermediate, Johnsonville School,
Cashmere Avenue School, St Brigids,
Nga Hau e Wha o Paparangi, Ngaio School,
Raroa Normal Intermediate, Te Kura o Otari and
Newlands College

Come along and support tamariki from
your community!

Food and drink will be available for purchase from after the
Powhiri at 2pm until the Poroporoaki at approximately
7.10pm

Any queries, please contact Quinessa.Sullivan on
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