

Home and School Fair Thank You

What a fantastic day! A HUGE thank to Sandy Wills and her team of fabulous parents who worked so hard to ensure this event was a great success despite the weather raining on our parade. The support and contribution of the whole school community was amazing. Thank you one and all.

James Painter Board Resignation

Our thanks to James Painter, who has been a board member since April 2007. James daughters have completed schooling at Cashmere Avenue and we are very thankful of his continued service into 2011. James has been part of the Finance and Audit committee and his skills in knowledge have been particularly valuable in this area and his work that has led to the revitisation of the school pool has been greatly appreciated by the school. Thanks again, James.

Six Year Olds Literacy Observation Survey (6 year net)

All students at Cashmere Avenue School are given a number of early literacy assessments when they turn six. Each year a summary of the analysed results for the previous year are reported to the board. This is a very good way to monitor achievement against early literacy goals, which are so vital to students achievement in later years.

The results from last year were particularly pleasing with 81% of our students achieving at or above the national standard for reading after one year at school. There were also several target areas that had been identified from the previous year's report and good progress has been made in relation to these. A copy of the full report is available from the school office.

Y5/6 Camp Review

A big thank you to all the staff and parents who assisted with this year's camp. The board were provided with a review of the camp. The students and staff enjoyed the experience, apart from the duck itch! One of the successes of the camp was that there were a number of children who had real concerns about attending the camp, but with good preparation beforehand, quality instructors for the activities and excellent staff and parent support during the camp they came through the experience well. The students are looking forward to Camp 2012 at Forest Lakes.

Booster Seats

A group of parents raised a concern with the board about safety of students when travelling in cars on school trips. The safety advantages of using booster seats for children under 148cm was evident in the information they presented. Using booster seats is not compulsory for children over five, however the school will look into ways to encourage parents to provide a booster seat for students to use on school trips. We would like to thank the parents involved for bringing this matter to the attention of the board.

Pool Grant Application

The Wellington City Council have a new community pool initiative. The board is applying for a grant to replace the heating unit and to provide a roof cover for the complex in the hope it can be used for a longer period each year. The board will be funding, from cyclical

maintenance, the painting of the pool and using locally raised funds to replace the pool cover.

Board Elections are in September 2011. If you have wondered about the activities of the board or considered being a board member and would like to know more please feel free to contact Craig Brown – Chair (Ph: 479 7917) or any of the board members. Contact details available from the school office.