

3rd March 2010, Term 1 – Week 5

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Senior Camp: Congratulations to all 124 of the Year 5 and 6 students who attended last week's camp at Forest Lakes. It was wonderful to see their good spirits, co-operation and enthusiasm for tackling new challenges. Despite there being such a big group everything went very smoothly – a tribute to the senior school staff's organisation, the excellent parent support and the wonderful attitude and behaviour of the students. A special thank you to those parents who attended and helped make this such a successful and enjoyable event.

NZSTA Board of Trustees Election Launch: The triennial board elections are due to commence New Zealand wide. The NZ School Trustees Association used the school's Cochran hall to hold their media launch. Congratulations to the four students who participated in this launch. You represented the school exceedingly well.

Khandallah Toddler Pool - Design a Mural competition: Well done to all those students who submitted entries into the competition. The drawings were outstanding. Swim passes were won by four of our students.

A big FANTASTIC – WELL DONE to the Year 4 student who is the overall winner. The design will be handed over to a mural artist and translated into a new design for the toddlers pool, to be painted for the 2010/2011 season. The class will also be invited to Khandallah Pool for a party.

BIKE RACK – THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to Caleb Smith and family for installing a bike rack next to the caretaker shed. It will be fantastic. Any bikes coming to school should be placed in this rack.

PÖWHIRI WELCOME

This Friday 5th March 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.

OPEN MORNING

THURSDAY 11 MARCH 9.30am-12noon

For any families in the community interested in seeing our school in action. Come to the office and our wonderful student councillors will guide you and answer any queries or questions.

BEGINNING SCHOOL INFORMATION

THURSDAY 11 MARCH 9.15am – 10.15am

For parents of new entrants to the school. Hear how to ease your child into school life. Linda Palairt, Associate Principal-Junior School, will be running this session and is more than happy to answer your specific questions.

TERM 1 STUDENT PROFILES

Coming home Tuesday 16th March 2010

Student Profiles will give you an indication of how your child has achieved in some of the formal assessments we use in relation to our school expectations (not the National Standards – we are working towards this for the mid year reports) and give you some information about his or her social skills and work habits. **These are intended as information for parents. Please use your discretion regarding discussing the results on the profile with your child.**

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 17th March 3pm to 7.50pm

Thursday 18th March 3pm to 5.50pm

The parent-teacher interviews are an opportunity to discuss your child's achievements and abilities, their positive developments and share any concerns.

On these days your child (with their school bag) will be dismissed from the school hall at 3pm. If you are collecting them please **do not** go back to the classroom as interviews will have commenced.

ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM – CODE A842R

We will be using an online booking system for interview times. Please go to 'www.schoolinterviews.co.nz' and follow the instructions. The school code you will require is **A842R** For those families without internet access please contact the office or use the online booking kiosk in the office foyer.

INTERVIEW TIME ETIQUETTE

The smooth running of our interview evening relies on parents and teachers keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end the interview on time. If you miss your interview time please come to the office and we will arrange another time, that evening if possible. If you need more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting or a follow-up phone call with the teacher.

CHILD CARE GOLD COIN DONATION Wednesday 17th April 3pm – 8pm LIBRARY

Thursday 18th April 3pm – 6pm

There will be child care available in the library during the time you spend at your parent interview(s). **Gold coin donation.** Lots of fun games and activities. Please sign your child in at the library before going to your interview.

TODAY'S SCHOOL ROLL NUMBER - 337 Students

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS – THIS WEEK & NEXT WEEK

Week 5	Friday	5 March	8am to 8.30am 2.15pm to 2.45pm	Pōwhiri welcome for new families and staff Whole School Assembly
Week 6	Monday	8 March	7:30pm to 8:30pm	Home and School meeting. Staffroom. All welcome
	Thursday	11 March	9.15am – 10.15am 9.30am – 12noon	Beginning School Information Morning Open Morning Scholastic Book Club due today
	Friday	12 March	2.15pm to 2.45pm	Senior & Middle School Assembly
Mark your diaries!	Sunday	28 March	11.00am to 3.00pm	Cashmere Avenue School Fair

Cashmere Avenue School -Walking School Buses

Walking school buses are running again this year and “new passengers” are very welcome. Walking school buses are run year round, Monday-Friday mornings, by parents and children.

We would really encourage children and parents to join one of the three bus routes:

- Northern – starting at Gurkha Cres, down Madras or Rangoon St, Delhi Cres, Cashmere Ave to school
- Eastern – starting at Homebush Rd, Mandalay Tce, Raumati Tce to school
- Southern – starting at Calcutta St, Jubilee Rd to school

Your child can join the bus at any point along the route and walk as many days of the week that suits your family. Both the children and adults make new friends – it is healthy, and results in less traffic congestion at our school. Brochures are available at the school office, and you are welcome to phone a coordinator now or next year to ask questions or to join:

SOUTHERN Tracy Berghan ph 934 1484
NORTHERN Diana Pedlow ph 479 4173
EASTERN Paula Hammond ph 479 5149