

10th February 2010, Term 1 – Week 2

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to all students – everyone seems to have come back with a positive attitude and classes are quickly settling into good routines and habits. A great start!

Patrollers: Our new Year 5 and 6 Patrollers have been taking their role very seriously and are developing well. Please help them by using the pedestrian crossing when walking across Cashmere Avenue and waiting for the “Cross now” call. Drivers can help with traffic safety by driving at a safe speed, parking legally and sensibly and avoiding u-turns. Thank you for your consideration.

Please note: While the students are at camp there will be no student patrollers but the parents will be there to supervise.

Weetbix Tri: Well done to the all the students who competed last weekend.

Welcome to our three new students:

ADMINISTRATION FORMS

Thank you to all those who have returned these forms. This ensures our student records are current. **Please complete the pink form and return to your class teacher or the school office as soon as possible.** If you have mislaid your form please contact the office.

IMPORTANT ALLERGY MANAGEMENT INFO

A number of students have severe and in seven cases potentially life threatening allergies.

Dogs: As we have a child who has an anaphylactic reaction to dog hair we are reminding you that dogs are NOT allowed in the school grounds.

Food: Our school does not ban certain foods. However, we do strongly discourage all students from sharing food and drink with each other.

In the past parents have occasionally provided a class with a food “treat” to celebrate a significant event, a child’s birthday or to farewell a classmate. This practice is difficult to manage safely and without causing upset to students who cannot share food treats. We are no longer able to distribute parent-provided food “treats” in class. A non-food treat is acceptable, though we would discourage this practice unless it is culturally appropriate.

SIGNING IN AND OUT BOOK

In the interests of child safety we have a “signing in and out” book at the office. Parents or caregivers collecting or returning students during school hours should report to the office to record their child’s departure or return. Please also note that if students arrive late to school they will then need to be signed in at the office.

SCHOOL PICNIC

Thursday 11th February 2010 from 5pm

Postponement date Friday 12th February 2010

The annual school picnic will be held on the lower field. Come and join us for this family event. The staff will be selling sausages (\$1). You bring any additional items – food, drinks, blankets and smiles. This is a good chance to meet other families in the school.

PARENT HELP

There are a number of ways parents assist the school in the classroom and around the school. This is very much appreciated. Please see the tear off slip at the bottom of this newsletter. **Library:** Do you have 10 minutes to spare when you have dropped off your children in the morning? If so, we would love to see you in the school library to help with shelving, covering and tidying. Either pop in to see us, or give us a call! Thanks. Andrea and Sarah.

NATIONAL STANDARDS

Most parents will be aware of current media attention and debate on the implementation of National Standards. At Cashmere Avenue School we will be working towards implementing these into our assessment practices and our mid and end of year reporting. There will inevitably be some challenges. However we have engaged in some professional development support to assist us, and believe that there are likely to be many advantages for students, parents and teachers.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Please ensure children do not arrive before the 8.30am school opening time. Before School Care is available from 7.30 to 8.30am should this be useful for your family. For the YMCA after school care booking office phone 5683252.

PUPIL ABSENCES

Please remember to phone in any child absence or lateness, preferably before 8.55am. Our phone line is available 24 hours per day - Phone the school and leave a message.

COMMUNICATION

It is an important part of our philosophy that there should be open lines of communication between home and school. Because of this, we feel it is important that you pop in and see the class teacher as your first port of call when you have a question, query or concern. Sometimes, what you hear at home is not always an entirely accurate account of what happens at school, and the teacher will often be able to fill you in! If you feel dissatisfied with the answer, or suggestion you have been given, please see the syndicate leader.

Teachers are generally available in their classroom from 8.30am to 8.55am and after school (except for Tuesdays when we have staff meetings). The office is happy to pass on phone messages.

POOL KEYS

There are still some pool keys available for families to use the pool during the swimming season. Please complete the form, at the office, if you wish to take up this opportunity.

STATIONERY

Thank you for your support with students stationery. If you have any missing items or concerns please see the office.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Children new to the school receive Welcome certificates at the next whole school assembly. Parents are most welcome to attend.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

It is our aim to provide detailed achievement and progress information to parents on a regular basis.

The Reporting to Parents Framework is as follows:

Term 1,	Week 7	Student Profiles
Term 1,	Week 7	Parent Teacher Interviews
Term 2,	Week 11	Mid year Report (Main)
Term 2,	Week 11	Parent Teacher interview
Term 3,	Week 8	Student Led Conferences
Term 4,	Week 9	Summary Report

SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING & CAMP INFORMATION MEETING TONIGHT

7pm – 8pm Wednesday 10th February in Room 17

This is an opportunity for anyone who's interested to find out a bit more about the senior school programme and camp.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 17 February 7pm – 8pm

Come along and hear about the programme for the middle school. The team will answer any questions you may have.

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMP VOLUNTEERS MEETING

Thursday 18 February 7pm – 8pm, Room 17

A meeting for all those parents attending camp. It is very important that all volunteer parents attend. Many thanks.

RECYCLE CARTRIDGES

We are able to recycle printer and laserjet ink cartridges with a small donation coming to the school. Please send in any used cartridges to the office. Many thanks

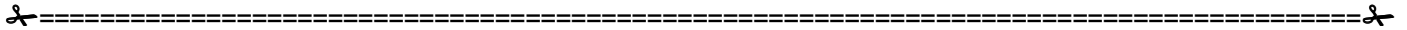
TODAY'S SCHOOL ROLL NUMBER - 335 Students

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS – THIS WEEK & NEXT WEEK

Week 2	Wednesday	10 February	7:00pm to 8:00pm	Senior School Parent Camp meeting - room 17
	Thursday	11 February	5:00pm to 7:00pm	School picnic. Bottom field
	Friday	12 February	2.15pm to 2.45pm	Whole school assembly
			5:00pm to 7:00pm	School picnic postponement

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Week 3	Tuesday	16 February	7.00pm to 8.00pm 7.30pm to 10.30pm	Juniors Parent Information Evening Board of Trustees meeting. Staffroom. All welcome
	Wednesday	17 February	7.00pm to 8.00pm	Middle School Parent Information Evening
	Thursday	18 February	7.00pm to 8.00pm	Camp Volunteers meeting Room 17
		Friday 19 February	2.15pm to 2.45pm	School Singing
Mark your diaries!	Sunday	28 March	10.00am to 3.00pm	Cashmere Avenue School Fair



PARENT HELPERS - THANK YOU !

Name : _____ Phone : _____

I am able to assist with (please circle) :

- A) Office photocopier/laminating fairies and other exciting tasks. Morning Tea supplied!
- B) Parent supervision of patrols - on call when necessary
- C) Parent supervision Jubilee Road patrol – afternoons only _____ (state day(s) available)
- D) Library parents - adopt-a-shelf / library repairs / Protection & covering / Resource Room
- E) Parents as Reading tutors on _____ (state day(s) available)