

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2010, Term 1 – Week 3**

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Chinese New Year:** Congratulations to our four students who performed traditional dances for the 2010 Chinese New Year celebrations which included a TV appearance on the Good Morning Show, the Street Parade through Wellington and Cultural Concert at Frank Kitts Park. 2010 is The Year of the Tiger, which starts on 14 Feb 2010 and ends 2 Feb 2011. There are 12 animals on the Chinese lunar calendar, 2011 will be the The Year of the Rabbit.

**Welcome to our new student:**

**ADMINISTRATION FORMS**

Thanks to all of those who have returned these forms helping us keep our student records current. If you have not already please **URGENTLY** complete the pink forms (contact details and consents) and return to the school. If you require a new form see the office.

**SCHOOL PICNIC  
TOMORROW Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

The annual school picnic will be held on the lower field TOMORROW from 5pm. 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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION EVENING  
TONIGHT Wednesday 17 February 7pm – 8pm**

Classrooms are open from 7-7.30pm for you to come in and meet your child's teacher and have an informal chat. At 7.30pm we will all meet together in room 4 to share some information about what happens in the Middle School and answer any questions that 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.

**THIS WEEK'S TOPICAL ISSUE... - HOMEWORK**

There has been some coverage of this issue and related research in the media this week. At Cashmere Avenue School we have looked carefully at the research evidence. Homework has been shown to be beneficial in improving mastery of basic skills such as spelling, basic maths facts and early reading strategies. These type of activities make up the compulsory part of our students' homework. It has also been shown that parents engaging with their children in meaningful learning activities improves student attitudes to school and raises achievement. In our homework we try and provide some meaningful optional activities that can achieve this. However, parents are most welcome to forgo these and get their children involved in other learning activities. We appreciate that many of our students have very full lives outside of school and continue to have learning experiences through music lessons, sports activities, arts programmes, etc etc.

As a general rule school homework should take on average no more than 20 minutes, four days a week to complete. If it is a chore or a bore please talk to your child's teacher because we are more than happy to accommodate your child's needs.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING**

There have been a few queries about what particular swimming techniques our able swimmers are being taught in the school lessons. The Easyswim instructors are more than happy to meet the particular requirements of able swimmers who attend other swim schools. Please contact Todd Morton of Easyswim directly to discuss this. Email easyswim @xtra.co.nz or phone 234 7946.

**HEADLICE**

PLEASE check your children for these visitors who have made a voracious return this term. We must all work constantly at keeping these chappies away. To prevent reinfection it has been suggested that all families check their children on Friday night and treat over the weekend if required.

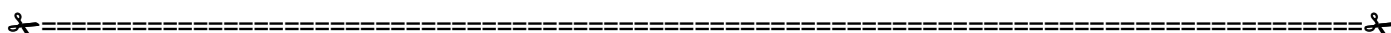
**TODAY'S SCHOOL ROLL NUMBER - 336 Students**

## HOME & SCHOOL - AUDITOR WANTED

Is anyone out there who can audit the Home & School 2009 accounts? Regular monthly accounts kept on spreadsheet - Only one east-lite folder so not too taxing. Ha ha...excuse the pun! Call the Home & School Treasurer: Debbie Cox on 4794661 after hours or email [debbie.cox@eservglobal.com](mailto:debbie.cox@eservglobal.com).

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS – THIS WEEK & NEXT WEEK

Week 3	Wednesday	17 February	7.00pm to 8.00pm	Middle School Parent Information Evening
	Thursday	18 February	5.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm to 8.00pm	<b>School Picnic - Field</b> Camp Volunteers meeting Room 17
		Friday 19 February	2.15pm to 2.45pm	School Singing
Week 4	Tuesday	23 February	Leave 9am	Y5/6 Camp Forest Lakes
	Wednesday	24 February		Y5/6 Camp Forest Lakes
	Thursday	25 February		Y5/6 Camp Forest Lakes
	Friday	26 February	Return 3pm 2.15pm to 2.45pm	Y5/6 Camp Forest Lakes Junior School Assembly
Mark your diaries!	Sunday	28 March	11.00am 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)