

Monday 13 October 2008

Newsletter 31/08

Dear parents

Welcome back to everyone as we start the 4th term. A special welcome to those new pupils joining us this week.

Highlights of this term include our Family and Friends Day on Thursday, a PTA Book Fair, the Athletic Sports, and school camps for the senior classes.

Teacher Only Day

There is no school on Monday 27 October as it is a statutory holiday (Labour Day). A reminder that the school will *also* be **closed** the following day, on **Tuesday 28 October**, for a "Teacher Only Day". On this day teachers will be undertaking professional development on the new curriculum.

Please take note that **Kiwi Kidz** will be open as usual for before and after school care on 28 October **and the programme will be extended to include the hours from 8:30am –3:00pm as well**. All bookings must be finalised by 20 October so that adequate arrangements can be made with caregivers. Parents wishing to enrol their children can contact Winnie directly on 09 2729961 or 021 1123 749. Email: kiwikids@xtra.co.nz

New Staff Member

Welcome to *Lynette Williams*, our new ESOL teacher. It's great to have you with us Lynette.

Family and Friends Day

A reminder that this Thursday 16th October is Friends and Family morning.

This is an opportunity for the children to share their assembly and school environment with you. Our plan is to start at 9.30am with assembly in the hall with a few items. After assembly you are free to wander around the classrooms. At interval, 10.30, you have the chance to observe the children at play or even join in if you wish.

After interval, school will resume as normal and you are invited to morning tea. Depending on numbers, this will be either in the new staffroom or in the hall. Please check for the separate notice in your child's bag and fill out the return slip if you are able to come. This will assist us with our catering.

(Sandra Johnston, Organiser)

School Assembly This Week

While there will be no Special Terrific Certificates this week there are Maths and English ICAS certificates to give out, so we are having an assembly. Parents welcome, as always. Wednesday 2.15pm.

PTA News

Our chocolates fund raiser is completed for the year. Please return all outstanding money and chocolates urgently. We will be following up the late payers with letters home this week. We would like all money back by this Friday 17th October at the very latest please.

Thank you for your support of this fund raiser, and thank you to all those kind helpers who have helped each week.

(Gerry Boniface)

Please note that your PTA is meeting tonight in the staff room. Our meetings begin at 7.30pm, and all parents are very welcome to attend.

Summer Uniform

All children are officially required to be in their summer uniform after Labour Weekend. However we do phase this in, so we are happy for children to start wearing their summer uniform (including sunhat) from now on.

The *uniform shop* will be open this Thursday as usual.

Religious Education Survey

Every 3-4 years the Board of Trustees surveys parents about the Religious Education Programme that runs here on Thursday mornings, from Y2 up. The survey is coming home today.

Helping Your Child to Read

*Children's reading improves significantly the more they **read** for recreation at **home**
Get your children into the "reading habit". Encourage them to
read in bed for 20 minutes or more **every** night before lights out.
Read to your child every day.
Buy **books** as presents!*

Coming Events

<i>Tonight</i>	PTA Meeting at 7.30pm in the staffroom
<i>Wednesday 15 October</i>	BOT Meeting at 7.30pm in the staffroom
<i>Thursday 16 October</i>	Family and Friends Day
<i>Monday 27 October</i>	SCHOOL CLOSED (Labour Day)
<i>Tuesday 28 October</i>	SCHOOL CLOSED (Teacher Only Day)
<i>Thursday 11 December</i>	Prize Giving Day
<i>Wednesday 17 December</i>	Student reports coming home
<i>Friday 19 December</i>	Last day of school year
<i>Wednesday 4 February</i>	2009 School Year begins

Notices

Mellons Bay School

Planning is underway for the 50th Year celebrations at Mellons Bay School during the weekend of 14-16 May 2010. Please register your interest by emailing mellonsbay2010@gmail.com or posting your details to:

Mellons Bay School 50 Year Celebrations
140 Mellons Bay Rd
Howick
Auckland

Mandarin Classes

If you are interested in attending Mandarin classes at school, on Tuesdays, after school 3:30~4:30 pm, in 60 minute sessions. \$70 per term. Minimum 8 people one class. Please collect a slip from the school office, sign it, and return the slip to the school office. Starting term four on 14th Oct. 08 Ph: 532-9274 or 021-232733 Sue

Have a good week everyone

Regards

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