

**Monday 18 February 2008**

**Newsletter 3/08**

Dear parents

### **School Banking**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, banking for children right here at school begins *this Thursday morning*, from 8.30am until 8.55am.

If you would like your child to open a bank account and start the saving habit, they need to come to the **library** from **8.30am on Thursday**. Bank staff will be on hand to assist them. Parents are very welcome to accompany their children, especially the parents of younger pupils.

### **Special Terrific Persons Awards**

Congratulations to the first recipients of our super special certificates this year! These will be awarded at our school assembly this Wednesday, starting at 2.15pm. **Parents we'd love to see you!**

Certificates this week to:

*Arudshii Arunagirinathan, Matthew Edmonds, Paige Foster, Seth Gibson, Jessica L'Armour, Cassidy Miller, Ryan O'Loughlin, Joshua Wang-McCarthy, Letitia Hanscamp, Shulamite Lin, Benjamin Smith, Joshua Dheda, Katherine Fung, Hannah Allen, Isaac Harvey, Cassie Vickers.*

### **House Leaders**

Congratulations to the following children, selected as our **House Leaders** for 2008.

<b>Batten</b>	<i>Leaders:</i>	<b><i>Sam Kinley; Stephanie Hauenstein</i></b>
	<i>Deputy Leaders:</i>	<b><i>James Kim; Alysha Hardey</i></b>
<b>Blake</b>	<i>Leaders:</i>	<b><i>Anika Rahm; Keagen Rosseau</i></b>
	<i>Deputy Leaders:</i>	<b><i>Tamsin Rooke-Devoy; Jake Meyer</i></b>
<b>Sheppard</b>	<i>Leaders:</i>	<b><i>Zinzan Barber; Christie Boniface</i></b>
	<i>Deputy Leaders:</i>	<b><i>Nathan Covacich; Rhea Patel</i></b>
<b>Hillary</b>	<i>Leaders:</i>	<b><i>Meheer Zaveri; Kai Fei Tham</i></b>
	<i>Deputy Leaders:</i>	<b><i>Cameron Tait; Tiffany Salmond</i></b>

### **Can You Help Us?**

The school choir needs a pianist to accompany our singing this year. The choir practises every Tuesday from 9.30am until 10.15am in the hall.

If you are interested in assisting us, and able to join us for this time each week, please call the office or speak to Mrs Jenny Blake in Room 4. We would love to hear from you.

### **Board of Trustees**

Your Board of Trustees is meeting *tonight* at 7.30pm in the library. Parents are welcome to attend meetings. Minutes of meetings, including committee reports and financial statements, are available for perusal at the school office.

The Board is:

***Richard Swears (Chairman), Birgit Rahm, Mark Bason, Tony Parker, Nick Biland, Steve Edmonds, Bruce Trezise (Principal), Elizabeth Thomas (Staff rep).***

## Scholastic Books

All orders to be in by **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** please. Please make your cheques out to Scholastic NZ.

## Traffic Safety

The safety of your children is paramount for us. In common with many urban schools, we do tend to have congestion at our school gate, with lots of children emerging from school onto a busy road.

Please note that:

- Children and parents crossing the road must use the road patrol crossing. Please wait behind the yellow lines until the monitors give the “**Cross Now**” signal
- Before school, cars using the drop off zone need to come as far into the zone as possible before stopping to let children alight
- Cars must not come into the drop off zone after school please
- There is **no parking** on yellow lines
- The police have indicated that they will be patrolling and will give out tickets to anyone driving too quickly near the school, or to anyone incorrectly parked

## New Pupils

Forty two new children have already been enrolled. Welcome to all the following children: **Portia Baylis, Joel Biland, Jack Caple, Carlina Champion, Cameron Clark, Samantha Cooper, Ronald Cornejo-Sepulveda, Slade Coxen, Paige Foster, Georgia Gibson, Jessica Gibson, Lathan Hollows, Ryan Han, Delcin Hansen, Sophie Hartnoll, Codee Hollick-O'Connor, Luke Holmes, Nuoya Huang, Anthony Kanon, David Kim, Shaun Kirk, Alexi Lambly, Jessica L'Armour, Lucas Lee, Jemma Lewis, Victor Li, Caitlyn Lochore, Aaliya Nisha, Dylan October, Seine Panossian, Chloe Pillay, Samantha Pratt, Swehea Raj, Nerojan and Sobijan Selvachandran, Dasviny and Dharminy Salvakumar, David Shin, Cameron Signal, Jeong-Woo and Jihui Ye, and Marizaan Zwart.**

## School Hours

8.00am	School office opens
8.30am	Children may arrive at school
10.30am	Interval
10.50am	Interval finishes
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Afternoon classes begin
2.45pm	Reflection time
3.00pm	Classes conclude
3.30pm	School office closes

Please note that we do not have staff on supervision duty before classes in the morning, or after 3.00pm (except for Road Patrol). For these reasons we ask that children do not arrive at school before 8.30am, and that they leave promptly at 3.00pm. Some children are already getting into the habit of having a play after school for a few minutes. We would like all children to head straight home after school please, unless they are waiting for the bus or to be picked up, or are in our after school care programme. Children waiting to be collected must wait behind the fence.

## Term Dates for 2008

<b>Term 1</b>	<i>Thursday 7 February to Friday 18 April</i>
<b>Term 2</b>	<i>Monday 5 May to Friday 4 July</i>
<b>Term 3</b>	<i>Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September</i>
<b>Term 4</b>	<i>Monday 13 October to Friday 19 December</i>

Have a good week everyone

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