

Monday 10 August 2009

Newsletter 24/09

Dear parents

Dance Festival

Congratulations to all the children in the dance group which performed so creditably at last week's Dance Festival.

Thank you to teachers *Amy Muir* and *Bridget Smith* for all the hard work put into training our dancers, and thank you also to those other staff who came along to assist or support the children at the performances.

Maths Week

This week is Maths Week and we will be focusing on maths activities and problem solving. The "WORLD OF MATHS" will be at the school on Monday, Thursday and Friday. **Parents are welcome to attend (at no cost).**

Visit the [Maths Website](http://www.mathsweek.org.nz) (www.mathsweek.org.nz)

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at **Wednesday** afternoon's assembly. Parents, assembly starts at **2.15pm**, and we'd love to see you: *Mitchell Allen, Kali Dent, Daniel Du Preez, Jessica Gan, Leesa Johnson, Daniel Kanon, Ryna Karani, Charlotte Larmour, Jayesh Mandri, Nathaniel McRae, Rohnan Nankivell, Liam Salt, Lusche Singh, Amber Harrison, and Demika Sookanathan*

Middle School Dance

A reminder that the Middle School Dance Evening is taking place this Wednesday (12th) at 6.30pm. We would like to remind parents that due to the new flooring no stiletto heels are allowed in the hall. Thank you.

(Middle school teachers)

Peer Mediators

Our peer mediators are valued for their skills at mediation and for the devotion they bring to their important job.

They are of great assistance in the playground during interval and lunch breaks, and help keep our school cool!

This week at assembly the peer mediators will be presented with their "Cool School" badges-a badge they can wear with pride.

(Amanda Foot-Peer Mediation Coordinator)

Values

The following children will be acknowledged at this week's assembly for demonstrating consideration for others (our current "Value"): *Po Wei Chen, Nicole Whitehead, Sterling Bartlett, Callum Clark, Samuel White, Seth Gibson, Kiana Hania, Raychel Tapsell, Natalie Corrigan, Ella Woodford, Jaxon Crowther.*

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) – Computer Skills Results

29 students participated in the ICAS Computer Skills. Students whose achievement was outstanding were awarded with Certificates of Achievement, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

Year 4

Distinction:

Abhimanyu Khanna

Credit:

Michael Li

Certificate of Achievement:

Celeste Lane, Abhishek Sharma

Year 5

Distinction: *Ben Appleyard*
Credit: *Fang-Fei Tham*
Certificate of Achievement: *Matthew Edmonds, Niraant Trilokekar, Samuel Wat*

Year 6

Credit: *Jessica Gao, Amelia Kousary, Lucas Lee*
Certificate of Achievement: *Harry Fritsch, Daena Govender, Danielle Smith*

These certificates will be presented at the school assembly on Wednesday. Congratulations to all who participated.

Sandra Johnston
(ICAS coordinator)

New Pupils

Welcome to *Jenna de Wild, Samuel Chen, Matthew Loh, Regan O'Neill, Anish Edekar, Mikhail Lopez, Jared Wee* and *Minh Luu*

From the PTA

FAMILY ICE SKATING NIGHT this Thursday!!

A reminder that our family ice-skating night at Paradise Ice Skating is **this Thursday 13th August**. If you haven't yet ordered your tickets, please send your registration form with payment to school as soon as possible! Tickets will be issued on the night, please arrive from 6pm to register and organise your skates, ready to start skating at 6.30pm. Parents, if you are not skating you are welcome to stay and watch, however if you are dropping your children we must have **contact details** for you on the night and please ensure children are **collected promptly at 8pm** from **inside the rink (no children will be allowed outside** without their parent/caregiver). Any queries, please phone Maree – 5376037.

LOLLY DONATIONS

A BIG thanks to all families who have sent in bags of wrapped sweets for our Twilight Fair. Keep them coming this week!! Donations should be left inside your classrooms 'donations box', but make sure your teacher is aware so that you are awarded your HOUSE POINTS!

PTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – TERM 3

The PTA has lots of fun events planned for this term, mark these dates on your calendar now ...

Thursday 13th August – Family Ice Skating Night (6.30pm – 8pm)
Wednesday 26th August – Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day
Friday 4th September – Fathers Day Breakfast (8am – 9.30am)
Friday 11th September – 'Focus On Colour' School Disco (6.30pm – 9pm)
Wednesday 23rd September – Donut & Mufti Day

CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER – WHAT A GREAT RESULT!!

Thanks to you all for your support of our Chocolates fundraiser. Due to your fabulous effort we have raised in **excess of \$13000. A fantastic result!** This money has been put to good use providing data projectors in almost all the remaining classrooms that didn't have them. Hopefully your children have been enjoying the new technology in their classrooms.

This Wednesday at assembly we will be awarding prizes to the top sellers: *Mila Du, Rebecca Payne, Kim Morris, Danielle Smith* and *Jordan Dheda*. Congratulations to you all and thanks for your huge effort in making our fundraiser such a success.

Gerry Boniface

(And a huge thank you to both Gerry, and all those who assisted her)

Regards

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