

Newsletter # 6 9th March 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Min Glar Bar, Annyong ha seyo, Ni Hao, Salam, Enedemin, Alachehu, Vanakkam, Namaste, Bonjour, Tungjatjeta, Gia sas, Pozdrav, God dag, Greetings!

Tawharanui Challenge:

Room 9 was the first class to go up to Tawharanui for the EOTC Challenge. They returned today and they had an amazing time. Room 1 went up today with Room 2 going on Wednesday and Room 4 on Thursday.

Swimming Zone Day:



Good luck to the following students who will represent our school at the Zone Swimming Sports tomorrow: Emily Nicholson, Alana Hay, Detlef Hadfield, Michael Gouldstone and Tayla Smith-Tohu. These students are very keen to participate and some are even giving up part of their Tawharanui experience to go to the Zone Day. Thank you to Divine Hadfield who has offered to be a timekeeper and to Graham who has offered to supervise the students.

Softball Zone Days:

Last week our boys' and girls' softball teams competed at the Softball Zone Day. Mr. Taani took the boys' team and he was impressed with their positive attitude and good sportsmanship. Outstanding performers were Jordan Appleton for great leadership skills and Cardiff Carlton for umpiring. Mrs. Surtees took the girls' team on Thursday and they played very well, winning their pool. They finished in 3rd place which is an outstanding achievement. Player of the tournament was Torii Reti. Individual players of the 'day' were: Sophie Fisher, Emily Nicholson, Tayla Smith-Tohu, Siosiana Taumoepeau, Daenera Misikea-Alona and Sia Folau.



Cricket:

Mr. Ancell has been busy trialling girls and boys for the upcoming cricket zone days. We are hosting the Girls' Zone Day at our school and will let you know the venue for the Boys' Zone Day when we have the draw.



Literacy Leadership Teacher Professional Development:

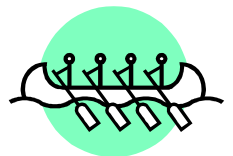
Two of our teachers, Alison Troy and Rebecca Spurdle, will be participating in a Literacy Leadership Professional Development Programme with Dr. Alison Davis this year. Dr. Davis is highly regarded in the Literacy Research field and will be helping our teachers understand and use new literacy practices in the classroom. Alison and Rebecca will attend 5 one day sessions with her throughout the year and will be sharing what they learnt with all the other teachers in the school.

PAT (Progress and Achievement Tests):

Students completed PAT in Listening Comprehension and Mathematics last week. Teachers are now marking and analysing results for each individual student and these results will be used by teachers to plan next steps in learning for all students. All results will be aggregated to give us a picture of the whole school in cohorts e.g. Year 7, Year 8, Boys, Girls, Maori, Pasifika and International Students. This data enables us to ensure our school wide targets and goals relate to student needs and they help with planning and budgeting for support and resources. Once the school wide data has been analysed a summary will be sent home to all families. Individual results will be discussed at Parent-Teacher-Student "Interviews" on Wednesday March 31st.

Room 5 EOTC Programme:

Our Learning Support Class, Room 5, went to MERC (Marine Education and Recreation Centre) today for their EOTC Programme. They participated in a range of supervised activities at MERC including canoeing and abseiling. Next week they go to Long Bay for the annual Uncle Eric's Picnic, a fun day of activities at Long Bay for students with Special Needs.



Board of Trustees' Election:

Information about the upcoming Board of Trustees' Elections will be sent to all families from our Returning Officer, CESL (Canterbury Education Services Ltd). If you have any questions about the election or election process please contact them. If you have any questions about what being on a Board of Trustees entails you can contact me on 481 1400, or by e-mail: principal@northcoteint.school.nz.

Have a great week.

Rose Neal
Principal

Coming events 2010

March

Wednesday 10 th	Room 2 to Tawharanui Room 1 return
Thursday 11 th	Room 4 to Tawharanui Room 2 return
Friday 12 th	Room 4 return
Monday 15 th	Room 7 to Tawharanui
Tuesday 16 th	Room 10 to Tawharanui Room 7 return
Wednesday 17 th	Room 3 to Tawharanui Room 10 return
Thursday 18 th	Room 8 to Tawharanui Room 3 return
Friday 19 th	Room 8 return
Monday 22 nd	BOT Meeting, 7.15pm
Wednesday 24 th	PTA Mufti Day, \$2
Monday 29 th	HPV Vaccinations
Wednesday 31 st	School closes at 1.30pm Parent / Teacher interviews 2 – 8pm

April

Thursday 1 st	End of Term 1
Monday 19 th	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 21 st	PTA Meeting 4.30pm, Meeting Room 1

PTA News

The PTA AGM was held on Wednesday 3rd March in the staffroom. Thank you to everyone who attended. Your new committee is:

Leonie Calvert	President
Naira Beckley	Treasurer
Karin Gouldstone	Secretary
Carolyn Wesselink	
Sally Robbins	
Wendy Johansson	Staff Representative

The committee would like to thank the resigning members, Jacqui Chapman, Andrea Yates and Alyce Gardiner, for all of their hard work and dedication to the PTA in past years.

Organic Fruit and Vegetables

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This is a great time of the year to try a box of delicious summer fruit and vegetables, such as watermelons, sweetcorn and strawberries. You will find that for an average household \$36 (delivered) is all that you will need to spend on your weekly organic fruit & vegetables so why not give it a go!

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