



CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

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Kia ora koutou. Hello Everyone.

Staff Update

I am pleased to announce the following recent staff appointments:-

- Mrs Christine Kennedy has started up our most recent New Entrant class in Room 4. Christine has taught at other Auckland schools and brings experience to the New Entrant position.
- Ms Cassandra Creedy has been appointed as a permanent member of our teaching staff also. Cassandra is a New Zealand trained teacher who has been teaching in England for the past couple of years. Cassandra will be teaching in Room 10.
- Ms Erin Nola-Lingard has been appointed until the end of the year to teach in Room 21. Erin hales from the Waikato and along with the other teachers, comes with high recommendations. We look forward to having them join us and I know they will be valuable assets to our Cornwall Park School community.

Miss Victoria Walsh Room 9 has also recently been appointed as a permanent member of our staff. Victoria was due to end a fixed term contract with us at the end of this year and we are extremely happy that she has chosen to stay with us for a more permanent tenure.

Contribution to Support Guide Dog Training

The school has achieved another outstanding result with the recent fundraiser on Friday 23 May for the Foundation for the Blind. On the day the children were also lucky enough to have a visit from a guide dog currently being trained. The school raised \$1,034.80 which has been forwarded to the Foundation to help support their guide dog programme.

World Environment Day

A reminder that World Environment Day is this Friday. This is a wonderful chance for your children to show their support by accessorising their uniform with something green. e.g. hat, scarf, wig (but remember it must be green).

Clothes

With the wet weather arriving we are starting to run out of spare clothes in the sick bay. We require all parents to supply a change of uniform for their children, especially if your they are very active at break times and are more likely to get wet or muddy. The office would also be very grateful for any donations of uniform items that your child(ren) may have grown out of (shorts, leggings, dresses etc). If your child has been lent sick bay uniform please **RETURN THESE NOW!**

Crossing

I know that I have mentioned this already a number of times; however, we are constantly seeing parents role model undesirable behaviour in front of our children. I ask you to please ensure you cross only using the correct crossings provided, as it is an offence to cross a road within 20 metres of a pedestrian crossing. You also need to take care to place children into cars on the curb side of the road especially if you are remaining in the car. A reminder also that the Police are visiting our school regularly around 3pm and are checking to ensure people are not parked in neighbouring driveways, in bus stops or on broken yellow lines. Please be aware that tickets are being issued!!

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of you who are already keeping our children safe by doing the right thing.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Kind regards

Janine Irvine, Principal

Calendar Items

(Check the School Calendar on Knowledge Net for full details of the following events)

Term 2 2011 Dates

June

- 3rd World Environment Day
- 6th Queens Birthday - **School Closed**
- 8th ICAS Science Exam
- 9th June PTA Meeting - 7.30pm
- 10th Awards Assembly - 2pm
- 15th Year 2 Production
- 21st Year 1 Ronald McDonald Visit
- 23rd BOT Meeting - 7pm
- 24th Awards Assembly - 2pm
- 29th Performing Arts Concert - 6pm

July

- 1st Mid Year Reports Home
- 6th Year 3 Production
- 8th Year 6 Trip - 'Sound of Music' Awards Assembly - 2pm
- 11th Science Road Show
- 13th Year 1 Trip - Ambury Farm
- 14th Year 1 Trip - Ambury Farm

2011 Term Dates

- Term 2 Mon 2 May - Fri 15 Jul
- Term 3 Mon 1 Aug - Fri 7 Oct
- Term 4 Tue 25 Oct - Thurs 15 Dec

World Environment Day
Friday 3rd June
Wear Green Accessories!

HELP UP CELEBRATE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Join thousands of people from countries all over the world in celebrating WED this year on Friday 3rd June.

Come accessorised with green.

View their website : www.unep.org/wed



School News

Office Hours - 8.30am-3.30pm Email - office@cornwallpark.school.nz

• ICAS Science Exam

The Science exam will be held on Wednesday 8 June. If your child is absent from school on this day your child **will not** be able to sit the exam at another time

• COMPULSORY Term 2 Activity Fees

DUE NOW - there are still a large amount of invoiced activity fees outstanding for Term 2.

• World Environment Day

Friday 3rd June is being recognized by our school. Wear your school uniform but accessorise with "Green".

• Queens Birthday Weekend

Next Monday 6th June is Queen's Birthday. **School will be closed.**

• Sick Bay Uniforms

HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN LOANED SCHOOL UNIFORM - YOU MUST BRING THIS BACK TO SCHOOL WITHIN TWO DAYS. We are now down to the last 2 polo shirts. We will not be able to provide children who have had legitimate accidents and need a replacement.

If you have old uniforms that are surplus to your needs, we would be most appreciative to receive them - in particular we are running out of all sizes of polo shirts, small leggings, dresses, and small trousers.

• Spare Uniform in Children's Bag!

Reminder - please provide a spare uniform for your child in their bag.

• Internet Banking

Internet banking is becoming a popular method of paying school fees and payments. This service saves families the inconvenience of visiting the school office to make payments. We encourage you to continue using this service.

Bank Account Details:-

Cornwall Park District School
A/c No: 12 3021 0240840 04

IMPORTANT - Please include:

- SURNAME and first NAME OF CHILD
- and his/her ROOM No.

PTA News

How good was the school disco? It rocked! It was fantastic to see so many of the children having so much fun. It also looked like a few of the parents were secretly wishing they could take over the dance floor but were just happy to be there enjoying it with their family. The disco is quite a logistical exercise involving many people and I would like to thank Helen Nelson and everyone who contributed from organising and setting up the hall, lighting and parents room to selling glow sticks or running the tuck shop, sizzling the sausages or running security by just looking plain menacing in high viz jackets. Without everyone pitching in and helping, the disco wouldn't be the smoothly run success that it is – so thanks again.

It was also lovely to see so many new parents at the afternoon tea last week. We'd like to welcome all new families into our school community and encourage you to get involved in any way you can. We'd love to see you at our next PTA meeting on Thursday June 9th at 7:30pm in the staffroom.

Mufti Day

Thanks to everyone who came to school in their best clothes and contributed to our mufti day for the Guide Dogs. There was a long queue for delicious cupcakes at morning tea and some very satisfied looking customers. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1,034.80.

Entertainment Books

Thank you to all those who supported the Entertainment Book fundraiser and purchased one of these through the school. We sold 91 books. A big thank you to Angela Eastwood and Kelly Stephens and everyone who assisted with selling them.

School Cookbook

The PTA is putting together a school cookbook this year. We are very excited to be starting this project and will be looking for your

input in the next few weeks. A flyer will come home asking you to forward us your favourite family recipes. We would like you to start thinking about your favourite dishes that you would like to share. It could be a quick week night dinner which the whole family will eat, a spicy curry, your most delicious cake or a fabulous salad dressing that you just love. We will be letting you know all of the categories we would like you to contribute to, so put on your thinking cap and have your best recipes ready.

Bingo Night - Friday 1st July

Tickets will go on sale for our adults' bingo night on Tuesday 7th June. Tickets will be \$20 each. This promises to be an hilarious night out for those with a broad mind and good sense of humour. The event will be BYO drink and nibbles with tea and coffee provided. Numbers are strictly limited.

PTA Meeting dates in 2011

Next PTA meeting is on Thursday 9th June at 7:30pm in the staffroom.

Meeting dates for Term 2 and 3 are:

- 9th June
- 7th July
- 18 August
- 29 September

Come and join us and find out what is going on around the school. Put them in your diary.

Jane Massey
PTA Chairperson
pta@cornwallpark.school.nz



Children's Work Year 2 / Room 9 - Miss Walsh

Room 9 have been learning to use similes when writing descriptions.

We know we can do this when we have compared something to something else the two objects are similar in some way we have used the word 'like' we have given the reader a clear picture in their mind.

Our task was to write a poem about the sun using similes to describe how it looks:

- ◆ sounds
- ◆ feels
- ◆ moves

The sun looks like a big fireball
bursting in the clear orange sky.

The sun sounds like sausages sizzling
on the barbeque.

The sun feels like a really hot boiling
pool.

The sun moves like a creepy spy
slowly moving around the dark house.

Lachlan

The sun looks like a firebomb
melting in the sky.

The sun sounds like water boiling.

The sun feels like hot sand burning
my feet.

Arnold

Sun Similes

The sun looks like a red ball spreading across
the clear blue sky.

The sun sounds like a fire crackling in the
night sky.

The sun feels like a ball of lava rolling across
the horizon.

The sun moves like a clear bubble floating
into heaven.

The sun smells like sausages burning in a
pan.

Andrew

The sun looks like fire burning in
the sky.

The sun sounds like a quiet clock
waking me up in the morning

The sun feels like a hot volcano.

Chlarissa

School Uniform Centre

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553 Remuera Road

For any queries, please call

0800 600 553

www.schooluniformcentre.co.nz



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winter uniform requirements.

Open

8.30-5.00pm Monday - Friday
9.00am-1.00pm Saturdays



Children's Work - Y6 - Room 15 - Mrs Tapene

We are Learning To: Understand how important it is for the many cultures in New Zealand to retain their individual celebrations and commemorations.

- Success Criteria:** Celebrations are part of all our personal and cultural identity.
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 - They can involve just friends and family or one nation or many nations
 - The symbols and rituals often have important meaning.

Rm 15's Marvelous Celebrations

Rm 15's room reflects on our celebrations, successes and achievements so far this year. To help celebrate the whole classroom's success in participating and completing the triathlon, we created a triathlon movie trailer which is soon to be followed by a triathlon movie, called, "The Finish Line."

Every child has studied a different celebration now recognized in New Zealand's very ethnic population.

We have shown you a snippet of our *Celebrations Wall* and you are most welcome to pop in and see our fabulous wall.



Here is the link:-

www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz/index.php?page=nav_page&rec_id=cornwall:387541&type=rep



PARENTING THROUGH SEPARATION

A free four hour course



Separating from your partner can be stressful at the best of times, but when children are involved the process can be even harder. *Parenting through Separation* is a free information programme, developed and funded by the Ministry of Justice, to help you help your kids when you separate. In the *Parenting through Separation* course you will learn about the effects of separation on your children and how to reach a positive outcome for them.

The programme will also help you understand ways you can resolve disputes with your partner over care of your children.

DATES: This course is held every month, usually in the early evening.
VENUE: Family Works Northern, Mt Roskill
 37B Dornwell Road, Mt Roskill (off Carr Road)

To register or for more information please contact:

Family Works Northern Leslie Centre
 PO Box 49013, Mt Roskill South 1445
Phone: 639 2016
lesliecentre@northern.familyworks.org.nz

Family Works also provides:

- Counselling and social work for families
- A Ministry of Health-funded service for children and their families where they have been exposed to violence or abuse



Congratulations to our Blues Award Winners - May 2011

Well done to all of the following children who received recognition at the CPDS Blues Award assembly for outstanding sports achievement during Term 1 2011.

CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL BLUES AWARDS CEREMONY RESULTS - 27TH MAY 2011

Year 5 Boys Swimming Champion

Marco Smeets

Year 5 Boys Triathlon Champion

Aidan Morgan

Year 5 Girls Swimming Champion

Yuewen Zheng

Year 5 Girls Triathlon Champion

Caitlyn Robinson-Fitzgerald

Year 6 Boys Swimming Champion

Leo Chow

Year 6 Boys Triathlon Champion

Patrick Smeets

Year 6 Girls Swimming Champion

Summer Bradley

Year 6 Girls Triathlon Champion

Mei Coates

Members of the CPDS Boys Swim Team

Placed 1st Overall at 2011 Zone

Swimming Sports

Leo	Chow
Harry	Finlay
Michael	Hamoy
Ben	Leota
Aidan	Morgan
Marco	Smeets
Patrick	Smeets
Sanjeev	Somnath
Cameron	Stephens

Members of the Field Championship Open Relay Team Placed 1st Overall at 2011 Zone Swimming Sports

Leo	Chow
Michael	Hamoy
Marco	Smeets
Patrick	Smeets

Members of the Open Boys 4x25m Medley Relay Team Placed 1st Overall at 2011 Zone

Swimming Sports

Leo	Chow
Michael	Hamoy
Marco	Smeets
Patrick	Smeets

Members of the Year 6 Boys 4x25m Freestyle Relay Team Placed 1st Overall at 2011 Zone

Swimming Sports

Leo	Chow
Michael	Hamoy
Patrick	Smeets
Cameron	Stephens

Placed 1st Year 5 Boys 25 m Freestyle, Placed 1st Year 5 Boys 25m Backstroke, Placed 2nd Year 5 Boys 25m Breaststroke, Placed 1st Year 5 Boys 50m Freestyle at 2011 Zone Swimming Sports

Marco	Smeets
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Placed 1st Year 6 Boys 25m Freestyle at 2011 Zone Swimming Sports

Michael	Hamoy
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Placed 2nd Year 6 Boys 25 Backstroke, Placed 1st Year 6 Boys 25m Breaststroke at 2011 Zone Swimming Sports

Leo	Chow
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Placed 2nd Year 6 Girls 25m Freestyle, Placed 3rd Year 6 Girls 50m Freestyle at 2011 Zone Swimming Sports

Summer	Bradley
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Placed 3rd Year 6 Boys 25m Backstroke

Cameron	Stephens
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Placed 3rd Year 6 Boys 25m Breaststroke, Placed 1st year 6 Boys 50m Freestyle

Patrick	Smeets
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