



# CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Issue 271

*Stepping up... ..to challenges, ...with confidence, ...with others*

## Principal's News

*Kia ora koutou. Hello Everyone.*

### Board of Trustees

I am pleased to announce that the new Board Chairperson is Leo McCormack. He replaces Iva Ropati and on behalf of the school community I would like to thank Iva for the work he has done in this role during the past 18 months. For our new parents the Board is responsible for the governance of the school, while I as Principal am in charge of the management and day to day running of the school.

### New Staff

I am pleased to announce that Tina-Ree Ferguson will be joining our staff as the teacher of the New Entrant class starting up in Room 3 in three weeks time. Tina-Ree taught at our school full-time before leaving to have a family and she has covered some of our release for teachers over the past few years so is familiar with how things are done here. Welcome back Tina-Ree.

### Goal Setting Discussions

It is great to see the numbers of parents wanting to come along to set goals for and with their children, concentrating on social and/or academic development. If you have not booked a session yet please visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) ASAP to see which slots are still available.

## Calendar Items

Check the School Calendar on Knowledge Net for full details of the following events  
[www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz](http://www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz)

### Term 1 2012 Dates

#### March

2nd	PTA Family Picnic
5th	Photolife Class Photos
6th	Y5 Swimming Sports
7th	Waterwise - Rm15 Goal Setting Discussions 3.20-6pm
8th	Waterwise - Rm13 Goal Setting Discussions 3.20-6pm
9th	Assembly - 2pm
13th	Y4 Swimming Sports - am Y3 Swimming Sports - pm
14th	Waterwise - Rm14
15th	Jnr Biathlon Kowhai/Rimu
19th	Kauri Team EOTC Week
20th-23rd	Y5 Camp - All classes
20th	Zone Swimming Sports
21st	Waterwise - Rm13 Rm 5 - Zoo trip
23rd	Assembly - 2pm
26th	BOT Meeting - 7pm
28th	Waterwise - Rm15

#### April

1st	School Fair - Sunday
3rd	Y5/6 Triathlon
4th	Waterwise - Rm12
4th	Kowhai Team Production
5th	Assembly - 2pm
	Last day school
6th	Good Friday - <b>School closed</b>

### 2012 - Term Dates

Term 1	Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 5 Apr
Term 2	Mon 23 Apr - Fri 29 Jun
Term 3	Mon 16 Jul - Fri 28 Sep
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct - Tues 18 Dec

### PTA Family Picnic

We are all hoping for fine weather tomorrow night so families can enjoy the field for the PTA picnic. I look forward to meeting with all our new families, as well as the longer standing families of our school community.

### Field

Good news. The field will be open from next week and I think you will agree it is looking great.

### Swimming Sports

The Year 6 group had a great swimming sports the other day with the weather co-operating. The children need to be congratulated on their behaviour. All teachers commented to me and I saw for myself the way that they supported each other, participated 100% as well as displaying outstanding listening skills with everyone following instructions ensuring the day ran smoothly. Congratulations to all the winners and I look forward to seeing you competing on behalf of our school at the Zones. You have set the bar high Year 6's, however, the Year 5's are up next week and I am sure they will be eager to prove they are just as capable of taking part in a great event.

### Fair

The Fair Committee have been working extremely hard leading up to the fair which is only 4 weeks away. Thank you to all those who have sent things in and offering help leading up to April 1<sup>st</sup> or on the day. It appears we are on target in many areas, but as is expected some areas may need special attention over the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on the fair newsletter to know what we may be targeting.

*Have a great fortnight.*

*Kind regards , Janine Irvine, Principal*

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## School News

### CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photolife Studios will be in our school on Monday 5th March. Pre-pay envelopes have been sent home for you to complete and return to the school.

### GOAL SETTING DISCUSSIONS

On Wed 7th and Thurs 8th March discussions with your child's teacher are being held for you to make a time to set goals for your child. To book an appointment time please use the login details at the front of the newsletter to link to the School Interviews website and secure an appointment time.

### SCHOOL DONATION / ACTIVITY FEES

Invoices have been sent home. School Donation will be only \$400 if paid by 31 March 2012.

Payment Options - Cash Cheque or Eftpos is available at the school office. If you are coming to the office to pay please bring your invoice with you. Alternatively internet banking is available.

#### Internet Banking 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.)

## CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL

### MUFTI LOST PROPERTY

There will be a large quantity of mufti lost property displayed outside the school library on Monday 5th March all day from 8.30am.

Please take the time to check these items and encourage your child to have a look to see if anything belongs to them. All unclaimed items will be given to charity.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF PAYING YOUR CHILD'S COMPULSORY FEES

**Activity Fees** - contribute to the cost of school activities, bus fares and trip costs.

**Cultural Fees** - pay for school performances to entertain and inspire your children.

**Materials Fees** - pay for the class sets, photocopying, printing costs etc associated with classroom learning.



**IF THESE FEES ARE NOT PAID PRIOR TO THE ACTIVITY, TRIP OR PERFORMANCE YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND**



## Cornwall Park School Board of Trustees Update Leo McCormack, Chairperson

As the new Board Chair I would like to update you with the changes within the Board of Trustees and the school capital projects that will happen during this year. Firstly, Iva Ropati after completing 20 months as Board Chairperson, has stepped down from that position. Iva will be continuing on the Board providing his expertise in school governance and leadership. The Deputy Chairperson will be Greg Fleming until April. At this time Greg will be taking leave of absence for the remainder of the year as he has a professional development opportunity that will take him offshore.

The Board of Trustees will be active on the following sub committees as follows;

Finance and Property	Guy Mclean, Greg Fleming and Janine Irvine
Personnel	Iva Ropati, Erin Hooper, Wai-Fun Roberts and Janine Irvine
Policy	Erin Hooper, Wai-Fun Roberts and Janine Irvine
Community	Leo McCormack and Janine Irvine

Both the PTA and Fair Committee are sub committees of the Board and as such they require Board Representation on them. This is to ensure these sub committees operate in unison with the rest of the school's policies and operations. Currently Janine Irvine and Leo McCormack are on those sub committees.

This year the following capital projects are planned for completion;

- The field's drainage and irrigation project is nearing completion. For this project \$100,000 was raised by two successful grant applications. Once completed the field will be a great all year round facility.
- With the surplus funds raised from this year's and last year's fair a senior adventure playground will begin to be constructed.
- The board has also received capital funds from the Ministry of Education that will allow two major projects to be completed. The first is the construction of a new classroom block that will replace three prefabs. Currently this is in the design and approval stage. After the new block is completed, Rooms 23-26 will be refurbished to increase their size and improve their overall ambience.

With Greg Fleming taking leave and three other members not standing again next year, the Board would like to co-opt a couple of Board members for the rest of the current Board's term (until May 2013). This is to assist in a smooth succession from one Board to the next. In particular, the Board would like one of these co-optees to have experience in construction/project management to assist in the overseeing of the upcoming projects.

If you are interested please notify any one of the current board members or Janine Irvine at school.

An important milestone will occur in March with George achieving 25 years service with CPDS. This milestone will be marked by a special assembly and presentation. More details will follow later.

Finally, although we have a busy year with construction, I can ensure you the Board will still have its greatest focus on the educational outcomes of the school.

Regards

Leo McCormack

Chairperson, CPDS BOT



## Children's Work - Room 23 - Mrs Sietkiewicz

**We are Learning To:** Ask questions about data and to make sensible statements about what they find out. To do this we had to collect information and sort it into categories. We used data squares ( a square divided into 3 parts) to record the information when we collected it because there were 3 things we wanted to know about each person. We checked out the data squares from last year so we could see how to use them. Then we wanted to know about last year too! Here are some of the questions and statements we made:

Declan and Isaac wanted to know if there were more left-handed boys this year or last year? Last year there were more because there were 2 and this year we have only one.

Maddy and Alice wanted to know how many children have hazel eyes this year? 5 children have hazel eyes this year. This is one fewer than blue-eyed girls.

Nicolas asked how many more boys have green eyes than brown eyes? More boys have green eyes than have brown eyes.

Lucy asked how many blue-eyed girls are there in Rm 23? There are 6.

Room 23 have been learning to Maddy and Alice wanted to know how many boys and girls in Rm 23 were right-handed in the last 2 years? 24/27 (for 2011) + 25/27 (for 2012) so that means 49 children out of 54 were right-handed.

Monique, Maryam and Ella wanted to know if Mrs S had a bigger class last year. No. The class size is the same as last year, 27 children.

We asked and answered a variety of questions about our data. We checked we knew the difference between a question and a statement. We sorted, counted and checked carefully. We had to concentrate hard to get this correct. We used our class page to make tally charts, bar graphs and pie charts too.

From the Statisticians of Rm 23

The link below is on our class page which we used for carrying out a survey and making graphs :

<http://www.teacherled.com/resources/survey/surveyload.html>

The children loved making these in class.

Alex and Luke wanted to know are there more boys than girls in Rm 23 for the last 2 years? No, there are less boys than girls this year.

Maddi and Katie wanted to know how many students have brown hair in Rm 23 this year? 10 students have brown hair in 2012 Rm 23.

Charlotte and Tia asked how many right-handed girls there were in Rm 23 this year. There are 15. Was this the same last year? No.



## Children's Work - Room 9 - Mrs Lingard

**WALT:** make our similes more appropriate and specific to what we are describing.

**Success Criteria:** I will be successful when;  
- my similes appropriately compare one thing with another using the words 'like' or 'as'

The fish jumped out of the freezing cold water like a penguin waddling.

By Ethan/Daniel

The fish jumped out of the water like a skateboarder doing a 360.

By Beno/Hayden

The little fish is swimming like a bird flying around the blue sky.

By Claudia/Paige



## ROOM 9's - SIMILES

The fish flew into the air like a plane.

By Max/James R

The fish splashed as hard as a volcano erupting.

By Riley/Cole/James M

## PTA News

### Family Picnic – Rain or Shine!

The PTA annual Family Picnic is on the field tomorrow, Friday 2nd March from 5pm and everybody is invited. You will be able to purchase sausages, cans of drink and coffee, but the fun doesn't stop there! There will be games on the field for all ages (including the dads!), a bouncy castle and lolly scramble for the kids. This is a great family night so pack a picnic and let the kids have a play while you relax on the field. We especially welcome new families who have just started at the school and we extend an invitation to our new parents/caregivers to join us for a drink in the marquee on the field during the PTA picnic where you will have an opportunity to meet with other new families, teachers, staff and PTA members. Remember to leave bikes and scooters at home as they're not allowed on the new field yet. In the event of rain we'll set up under the canopy.



### Cookbooks

We still have a supply of our fabulous cookbook available for sale through the school office. These are great value at \$30 (less for multiple purchases) and we would encourage every school family to buy a copy. We will of course have them available at the family picnic.

### Entertainment Books

Details will be in the next newsletter but just letting you know we will be selling these again and we're happy to announce there will be an online credit card payment option this time around too.

### PTA Email Lists for 2012

If you'd like a copy of the PTA meeting minutes and agendas please email [pta@cornwallpark.school.nz](mailto:pta@cornwallpark.school.nz). If you are already on the list to receive these you will have been sent an email recently asking you to reply and confirm you wish to remain on the list so please do so if you haven't already.

### PTA Meeting dates in 2012

The next PTA meeting is on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:30pm** in the staffroom. All welcome! Come along and share your ideas for items or events you'd like to see organised for our school community.

Meeting dates to pop in the diary for Term 2 are:

3rd May  
14th June

Angela Eastwood, PTA Vice Chairperson  
[pta@cornwallpark.school.nz](mailto:pta@cornwallpark.school.nz)

**DIAMOND**  
GALLERY

## Celebrations

### Congratulations to Our "Aspire to Succeed" Award Winners 24 February 2012

Well done to the following children who received recognition at an award assembly for being great role models, or for setting high standards in effort/attitude and/or behaviour:

Room No	First Name	Room No	First Name
1	Charlotte H	15	Stanley F
2	Sam L	16	Akindu M
5	Keira H	17	Nathan C
6	Lida B	18	Rosie M
7	Keira B	19	Logan B
8	Eden C	21	Abigail H
9	Rebecca G	23	Luke B
10	Kareena S	24	Rebekah S
11	Gabriella O	25	Jessica K
12	Abi H	28	Braydon R
13	Rachel N	30	Janis C
14	Yuwen Z		

**SUNDAY - 1 APRIL 2012**

**10.00AM-2.00PM**



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