



CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Principal's News

Kia ora koutou. Hello Everyone.

Welcome back to Term 2 which promises to be as busy as the first term especially in terms of academic endeavours. I hope you all had a good break, and then were able to reflect on what Anzac Day means to you and your family over the extra holiday last Wednesday.

Staff Update

I would like to welcome Mrs Pollyanna Jones who will start next week as the teacher of our New Entrant class in Room 4. Pollyanna has transformed the 'Fair' sorting room from Term 1 into a lovely learning environment for her students to enjoy.

We would also like to welcome Gail Nathan, who has started this term as an Itinerant Music Tutor. I would also like to thank one of our teacher aide's, Deb Westlake for her valuable commitment, supporting teachers in classes during her limited tenure with us for Term 1.

ICAS Exams

*ICAS Exam dates have been set for Term 2 and Term 3 and can now be found on the school calendar, including closing dates. This year we will be holding the usual Maths, English and Science exams, and also an additional Writing exam for 4-6. Notices for the Science exam (to be held on 6th June) and Writing exam (to be held on 18th June) have been sent home to Year 4-6 students this week. **NOTE: Entries close next week on Monday 7th May.** All applicants must complete an entry form clearly identifying which exam payment is for. Please return this with your payment to the school office as soon as possible.*

Congratulations to Cornwall Park Students

I would like to congratulate Sam Thorogood who recently won the Fine Young Artist's Scholarship that is open to all Fine Young Artist students across Auckland. Sam completed the 'New York Minute' Arts programme last term and his winning piece was based on Alcatraz Island and the Golden Gate Bridge. It is stunning and now features proudly in their exhibition. As well as winning himself a prize, Sam has won our school \$200 worth of art supplies from National Art Supplies. You might like to have a look at the exhibition on www.fineyoungartists.co.nz/exhibition

I would also like to congratulate Georgia Ropati. Georgia (an ex-pupil) has just been announced as Head Girl at Auckland Normal Intermediate. This comes as no surprise to staff that knew Georgia, and as a school we are extremely proud of what she continues to achieve.

It is always great to celebrate the successes of past and present pupils. Well done Georgia and Sam!

End of Tax Year Receipts

Receipts for payments you have made towards School Donations between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012 were sent home with your child/ren last Friday. These can be used when completing your 31 March 2012 tax return. Please email fees@cornwallpark.school.nz if you have any queries.

Year 6 Camp

This week we sent off our Year 6 students to Shakespeare Lodge for their 2012 Camp. I will have the opportunity to visit both camps later in the week. Education outside the Classroom is an important component of programmes in our school and it is great to see our senior students being able to experience these annual camps.

End of Term Reporting

At the end of this term parents can look forward to the Mid Year Reports coming home. This will be followed by parent/teacher discussions at the beginning of Term 3 where these reports can be discussed more fully. Parents who receive an Anniversary card home may decide that is more timely to meet the teacher at that point, rather than meeting in Term 3. Please remember that if you have any concerns do not wait until the reports and discussions to raise them with the teacher so we can address issues as quickly as possible.

National Primary Science Week

This week New Zealand is celebrating Primary Science Week. Parents/caregivers you may like to take the opportunity to try a science experiment or interesting activity at home with your child/ren. This may be cooking, gardening, constructing, recycling, or simply taking your child for a walk to explore the environment and discuss your observations. You may also like to explore the following link [National Geographic Kids Dare to Explore](#).

2012 School Leaders

Congratulations to our 2012 School Leaders who were presented with their badges at an assembly last Friday. We know you will make us all proud. A full list of our leaders will be published in our next full newsletter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: "Teacher Only Day" - School Closed - 1-4 June

The school will be closed for instruction on Friday 1st June, prior to Queen's Birthday (4th June) weekend, as staff are undergoing professional development. The school will be closed.

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
www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz

Term 2 2012 Dates

<u>April</u>	
30th	Year 6 Camp - Rm12 & 14
<u>May</u>	
1st	Year 6 Camp - Rms 12 & 14
2nd	Year 6 Camp - All Year 6
3rd-4th	Year 6 Camp - Rms 13 & 15
	PTA Meeting - 7pm
4th	Assembly - 2pm
7th	ICAS Science/Writing Entries Close
18th	Special Assembly in honour of George Finau - 2pm
21st	ICAS English/Maths Entries Close
24th	Young Leaders Day
31st	BOT Meeting - 6pm
<u>June</u>	
1st	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
4th	Queens Birthday (school closed)
6th	ICAS Science Exam
14th	PTA Meeting - 7pm
15th	Assembly - 2pm
18th	ICAS Writing Exam

2012 - Term Dates

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