



CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Chair

John Houston

Welcome Back to school for the 2009 year. I hope you have all had a very relaxing summer holiday. The weather has certainly been kind to us, if not a little too warm over the past couple of weeks.

I have started the year again talking about Tradition, Progress and Standards. It is clear that there are two other areas that are also very important to us at Cornwall Park: COMMUNITY and EXCELLENCE which I will cover in the next Newsletter.

We would not be as successful or as distinctive without our strong community. Our children have the benefit of very good home environments, they show the benefit of this with their great attitudes to learning and each other.

Community support is also vital in our fund raising such as the full school support of our School Fair. If you are able to support the fair in some way please contact someone from the Fair Committee or ask at the school office.

Our PTA is very strong in the school with it's picnic tomorrow night also an important part of our community life. So come along and join in. The PTA AGM is also scheduled for 18 February if you would like to attend.

The Board of Trustees, Community Relations Committee and PTA are important bodies of dedicated and passionate people with the best interests of the school as their focus.

Parent Help in the classroom/library, at the swimming pool, in the uniform shop, on the walking school bus, on school trips and camps are also ways that you can help out or get involved.

Thank you all for your continued support and may we join together in 2009 for a successful year.

HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL (a new column)

The School Badge - In the centre of the School Badge is a shield, bearing fifteen golden discs. This shield, which is black, comes from the armorial bearings of the County of Cornwall, England. The discs represent the fifteen gold bezants contributed by Cornwall towards the ransom of King Richard "Cour de Lion" when he was in captivity. Beneath the shield is a scroll, bearing the School motto: "Honour, not Honour". This is surrounded by a band inscribed with the words "Cornwall Park Public School". The badge is made up of gold and brown, the School colours.

Ref: W.R. Tuck, Form II, Cornwall Park School Magazine Pg 3, 1934



Calendar Items

Term 1 2009 Dates

February

13th	PTA Picnic
16th	Dental Clinic Returns to CPDS
18th	Rm 4 - Waterwise PTA Meeting - 7.30pm
23rd	Class and Individual Photos Year 6 - Bike Better
25th	Rm 13 - Waterwise Year 6 - Bike Better
26th	BOT Meeting - 8.15pm
27th	Year 6 - Swimming Sports Award Assembly - 2.15pm

March

3rd	Year 5 - Swimming Sports
4th	Rm 20 Waterwise
9th	Year 4 - Swimming Sports Year 5 - Camp (Rms 17 & Rm18)
11th	Rm 15 - Waterwise Year 5 Camp - Rm 16 & Rm 19 Community Forum - 7.30pm
12th	Year 3 - Swimming Sports
13th	Award Assembly - 2.15pm
17th	Zone Swimming Sports
18th	Room 14 - Waterwise
19th	Year 6 Puberty Talk Year 1/2 Bi-Athlon BOT Meeting - 7.30pm
20th	Year 6 Puberty Talk

April

5 April CPDS Fair

May

29 May Teacher Only Day

Term Dates for 2009

Term 1	Mon 2 Feb - Thurs 9 April 2009
Term 2	Mon 27 April - Fri 3 July 2009
Term 3	Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sept 2009
Term 4	Mon 12 Oct - Tuesday 15 Dec 2009

Cornwall Park School Fair
Sunday 5 April - from 10am
Rain or Shine!

Its Fair time again - remember to
read your fair notices that come
home each week.



School Badge
now used in
2009



School News

LOST PROPERTY - there is a huge amount of lost uniform and shoes in the lost property room, particularly polar fleeces, swimming items, shoes and mufti gear (possibly left in the pool during xmas). Please take the time to have a look through or encourage your children to visit the lost property during the day.

LABELLING CLOTHING - can you please ensure that all your children's clothing, both uniform and swimming gear, are clearly labeled. This helps in finding the right owner should it be handed in.

HATS - REMEMBER NO HAT - NO PLAY!!

A number of children have been asking the office for a spare hat. Please ensure that your child has a hat at school every day and that it is clearly named.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE - Invoices are being distributed to all students for the school activity fee which is due for payment. The activity fee covers payment of incidental costs during the year, eg: class trips & buses, visiting performances to the school, Year 6 Waterwise. Please give to your child's teacher or alternatively pay at the school office.

UNIFORM SHOES - A reminder that children are to wear the correct shoes to school. We have again noticed children wearing "Crocs" and jandals. Uniform shoes are black or navy sandals or black, navy or white sneakers (running shoes), or a combination of these colours.

PHOTOLIFE STUDIOS will be at school on Monday 23 February to take our class and individuals photographs. You should already have received a prepaid envelope with your child's name on it. All photos are on a prepaid basis – please return the Photolife envelope with your payment to your class teacher or the office. Sibling envelopes are available from the office if you want your children photographed together.



Weekly Hot Tips for Parents!

Little things come up every day that spark the curiosity of children. Children are quick to spot new things and masters of 'Let's stop everything - I've got a great idea' approach to life.

Here's a way to capture that spontaneity yet also live within the constraints of our real day to day life. This plan gives the children the immediate feedback and concrete action they need and it gives you the time to plan.

When something comes up - instead of responding with a quick conversation or a dismissal of the idea; act. Suggest that the idea goes into the 'Summer' jar. "Hey Mum, look at these neat windows in this book!" "Those are called stained glass windows. They have them in the big church downtown. Would you like to go and see them? Let's put the idea in the 'Summer' jar. "Look what we made at school today. It's an ABC book. Can we make one?" "This is a neat book. Should we put this idea in the 'Summer' jar?"

Address:

Level 2, 300 Great South Road, Greenlane, Auckland
or visit the website www.parentsinc.org.nz



PTA News

Welcome back to a new school year. It was wonderful to talk to so many of you about the PTA at the recent Meet the Teacher evenings. We have a very involved and talented school community at Cornwall Park School and I look forward to working with you during this year.

Term 1 is a quiet one for the PTA as we all focus our efforts on the school Fair. We start the year with our Family picnic, which is a lovely, relaxed way to catch up with friends after the holidays and meet new parents while the children play.

Next week we have our first meeting for the year which will be our PTA AGM. We will be looking for a new PTA Vice Chairperson as Trina Johnson has chosen not to re-stand for that position this year. Thank you Trina for all your help and support in the past year, your work for the PTA is greatly appreciated. The other three officers will all be re-standing for their positions. If anyone has any questions regarding the vice chairperson's role or the PTA AGM then please call me on 5207174 or email me.

I'm sure that 2009 will be an excellent year at Cornwall Park School and I look forward to working with you during the year to build a strong school community and to support and enhance our children's learning environment.

PTA Class Representatives

At the Meet the Teacher evenings, I talked about having a parent representative from each class attend our PTA meetings. This would enable us to have a wider cross section of our school community involved in PTA discussions and decisions. Rather than having to commit to this for a whole year, we are asking for a representative for each term of the year, which means that you are only committing to attend two PTA meetings. There will be a sign up sheet available in your child's classroom or you can email you name, child's room number and the term you wish to be class representative for to pta@cornwallpark.school.nz

Entertainment Books

Yes, we will be selling the very popular entertainment books again this year. So don't buy them from anyone else. An order form will be sent home later in the term with full details. If you have any questions please call Lisa Mandic on 5228780.

PTA Meeting dates in 2009

Next meeting is the AGM on 18th February 2009 at 7:30pm in the staffroom.

Dates for the 2009 school year are:

- Term 1 – 18th February (AGM) and 25th March
- Term 2 – 13th May and 17th June
- Term 3 – 5th August and 9th September
- Term 4 – 28th October and 2nd December

PTA Email Lists for 2009

We have two email lists for the PTA, one for meeting minutes and agendas and the other for the Friends of the PTA newsletter. To join these lists just email pta@cornwallpark.school.nz. These lists are refreshed at the start of each school year so if you are currently on these lists you will have received an email asking if you wish to remain on the list and to let us know of any changes in contact details.

Margaret Anderson
PTA Chairperson
pta@cornwallpark.school.nz



The Best You Can Do For Your Dog & Cat



Children's Work

Room 22 - Miss Parker

We have been focussing on joining together as a team. We each had a jigsaw piece on which we drew ourselves and something we like to do. When we put all the pieces together we formed a complete Team 22.

"He iwi tahi tatou" - Together we are one people. Governor Hobson.



CHAOS AT THE SCHOOL GATE PROGRAMME



IMPORTANT NOTICE...!!!

It is of much concern that we have had complaints from our neighbours again bringing to our attention serious issues of cars parking inconsiderately across resident's driveways, on yellow lines and in resident's driveways. This behaviour will not be tolerated and the Auckland City Council have advised that parking tickets will be issued should this continue.

Cornwall Park School is participating in the Auckland City Council's Chaos at the School Gate programme. It involves placing parking officers on patrol outside schools to observe non-compliant behaviours and issue tickets to those illegally parked.

The Chaos at the School Gate programme has been very successful and is helping to reduce the danger to children as well as improve traffic flow around schools.

Please take the effort to get to school earlier to pick up your child by finding a carpark perhaps a little further away. Enjoy a little walk from your car in the sunshine or bring a brolly for those rainy days. Alternatively encourage your child to use the walking school bus.





Children's Work

Room 24 - Mrs Morrow

OUR LEARNING INTENTION WAS TO WRITE ACROSTIC POEMS USING INTERESTING ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE OUR PERSONALITIES.



We have received two appreciative letters thanking our school and its community for all the support and donations they received at the end of last year. Your generosity was unsurpassed which helped:

- The Salvation Army to support many people and families in need in Auckland City, and Oxfam by helping
- Oxfam to support poor communities in Tanzania, farmers across the Pacific and education in the Solomon Islands.



HOW MANY XMAS TREES ARE THERE??

Thank you to those who remembered to hand in their answers after the Xmas break. Congratulations to Sarah White who guessed 43 trees and to Becky O'Sullivan who came in a very close 2nd with 42 trees. Well done girls.



Library Corner

Library Help Needed

Thanks to all those who help in the Library.

I still have several sessions during the week that I need to fill. If you would like to help for approximately 1.5 hours, twice a term, issuing and returning books, shelving and tidying, please fill in the form below, and return to the Library as soon as you are able.

Many thanks
Joy Howden, Librarian

LIBRARY HELP

Yes, I would like to help in the Library.

Name: _____

Ph no: _____

Child/ren Name/s and Room Nos: _____

I am available on:

- [] Monday 9.00 - 10.30
- [] Wednesday 11.00-12.30
- [] Wednesday 1.30 - 3.00
- [] Friday 9.00 - 10.30
- [] Friday 11.00 - 12.30



Uniform News

Open Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30-9.30am
or order through the office

Email: uniforms@cornwallpark.school.nz
www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz

Phone: 524-6574 Ext 721

NEW UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

We are now open every Tuesday and Wednesday morning
from 8.30am to 9.30am for uniform sales to current pupils.

If you know the sizes you require you may prefer to send a prepaid order to school. We will deliver your items to your child's classroom within 2-3 days.

Order forms are available from the office, uniform shop or from the school website www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz
Please pay by cash or cheque.

NEW ENTRANTS

New children commencing school will have a scheduled appointment.

They will be asked to phone the Uniform Shop to arrange a suitable time for this when they receive their enrolment pack.

Its Swimming Season!



Colourful swim bags, pencil cases, lunch bags, drink coolers, toiletry bags for camp. These come with a personalized name tag. Place your order by **18 February**.

Also swim caps and the *Aqualine* swim goggles in stock now.

ON BEHALF DRESSES and CULLOTTES

If you have a dress or culottes in good condition that your child has outgrown, we would be happy to sell them for you

On Behalf.

Phone Jude at the Uniform shop to discuss.

Alternatively we accept donations of regulation uniform at any time. Please leave in a bag at the office.

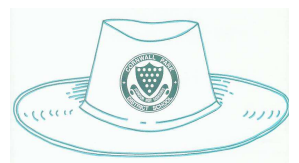
MUSIC BAGS

These are nylon to carry and protect music books. Features include a gusset and name card. Shoulder straps optional extra.



Colours available are black, pink, navy and gold. Music bags in stock now.

HATS must be worn in Term 1.
2 styles to choose from for maximum face, neck and ear protection



Payment by cash or cheque only
For further information refer to the Noticeboard