



CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Chair

John Houston

This is the time of the year when we and other schools are asking for money, for activity fees, stationery fees, take home materials and of course our school donation.

The Ministry of Education tells us that it should be possible for any school to operate on the funds provided by the government. However we know that this is not the case, especially for schools such as ours. All schools are funded on the basis of a decile rating. This is calculated by the Ministry of Education from census data including the income levels of parents whose children attend our school. Our decile rating is 10, the highest a school can be rated. Those schools that have a decile rating of 1 receive government funding around \$500 per student per year more than our school does.

We make up this difference by requesting a donation of \$380 per student. We are also fortunate to have such a successful school fair and hard working PTA. The fair, PTA and school donations mean that we are able to provide a quality education to all of our students.

We know that it is a difficult time financially for many parents. If there are any problems at all with paying fees or the donation then please come and talk to us.

We are very grateful for those parents who have been able to pay the school donation and also those who have chosen to pay more than the figure asked for. Thanks for making a difference for our children.

Introducing our 2009 School Leaders



One of our G.A.T.E initiatives this year is to celebrate, nurture and challenge a group of year 6 students who have been selected by staff as demonstrating leadership potential. Opportunities are being created for these students to be creative and innovative around the school and to strengthen their concept of themselves as potential leaders in society.



Calendar Items

Term 1 2009 Dates

Mar	17th	Zone Swimming Sports
	18th	Room 14 - Waterwise Community Forum 7:30pm
	19th	Year 1/2 Bi-Athlon 1:30pm
	23rd	BOT Meeting 7:30pm
	25th	Rm 13 - Waterwise PTA Meeting 7:30pm
	31st	Parent Student Teacher Conferences from 1:30pm
Apr	1st	Rm 20 Waterwise
	5th	CPDS Fair 10am - 2pm
	7th	Y5/6 Triathlon
	8th	Waterwise saving day
	9th	End of Term Sausage Sizzle Term 1 Ends
May	29th	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



**Sunday 5th April
From 10am
Rain or shine!**

**Thank you for all your
donations.
Keep them coming!**

**Don't forget to read your weekly
Fair notice for more details.**



School News

Partnerships and Communication between Home and school

Student learning is a shared responsibility between home and school. It is vital that we continue to strengthen these partnerships through regular communication about our students. Working together is one of the most powerful ways of IMPROVING student achievement.

At Cornwall Park we have revised our school wide reporting format in 2009 to ensure that information shared is timely, honest and reflects the spirit of the New Zealand Curriculum. The purpose of reporting is to create opportunities for children, parents and teachers to review progress and achievement and to decide on the next steps in the child's learning.

At Cornwall Park School we are committed to providing you with easily understood, relevant and comprehensive information about your child's learning. How we report will continue to evolve as we receive feedback during the process.

Your child will have brought home a notice recently which contains more details about the new reporting format. If you wish to discuss these changes you are welcome to make an appointment through our school office with Alicia Whata.

Payments to the school bank account

The school welcomes payment to the following bank account for all fees and donations for the school. Please ensure that all payments include the following details - your child's name, room number and what the payment is for.

Account Name: Cornwall Park District School
Account Number: 12 3021 0240840 004

School Netball

If your child wishes to play netball for a school team in 2009 you will need to collect a netball form from the office now and **return this as soon as possible**. This is for children in Years 3-6 only.

Cornwall

You may have noticed that Cornwall was missing last week. We are happy to advise that she is now back from her visit to the vet and glad to say that Cornwall is now feeling much better. However, she is getting old and we urge you to still look out for her in the carpark.



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PTA News

It was great to see so many new parents at our first New Parents Afternoon Tea last week. We hope that you all enjoy your child's time at Cornwall Park School and find it an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Thank you to Julie Jarrett for organising this for us and to those who helped with the catering or by attending.

Recently we were granted \$2000 towards the purchase of a new gymnastics balance beam. The PTA is topping up this amount to cover the full cost of the beam and the new beam has been ordered. We have a very successful gymnastics team at Cornwall Park School and I know that the new beam will be greatly appreciated and well used.

We have our next PTA meeting on the 25th March at 7:30pm in the staffroom. It would be great to see a really good turnout of parents for this. PTA meetings are where we make our decisions regarding how the funds raised by the PTA are spent. We can better represent the wishes of the school community if we have a good representation of parents at each PTA meeting.

End of term sausage sizzle

We will be having one of our very popular end of term sausage sizzles on the last day of this term, Thursday 9th April. We will be needing helpers for this from about 10am until 1pm. If you are able to help put this date in your diary now and let Kelly Stephens know on 5240555.

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 on Wednesday 25th March at 7:30pm in the staffroom

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 or fill in a Friends of the PTA form, which is available at the office.

Margaret Anderson
PTA Chairperson
pta@cornwallpark.school.nz



Children's Work

Room 26 are learning to use the six thinking hats to respond to nursery rhymes.

	Yellow - Strengths 	Green - New ideas 	Red - Feelings 	Blue - Thinking about thinking 	White - Information 	Black - Weaknesses 
Little Bo Peep	<i>Emma W</i> Her sheep were always right behind her. They came back. They bring their tails behind them instead of losing them. She cared for them. She was not too sad. At least the sheep came back	<i>Mitchell</i> Her sheep could have come gone to the forest and she could not have found them. The sheep could have come back and trashed her house.	<i>Lauren</i> Sad Worried Happy	<i>Brandon & Ethan</i> "Don't panic they will come back" "Go home and relax, they will come" "Don't cry" "They will all come back soon." "They will come back wagging their tails behind them"	<i>Hannah</i> Her name was Little Bo Peep She lost her sheep She couldn't tell where to find them. She knew they would come back. They bring their tails behind them.	<i>Summer</i> Her sheep could have died. She could have never seen her sheep again. Her sheep could never have come back She could have been looking for them forever.
Humpty Dumpty	<i>Amy</i> He was an egg and eggs do not have feelings. No one else got hurt. He didn't land on anyone or anything.	<i>Ella</i> He could land on his feet and not smash. It could have been a very hot day and he could fry himself.	<i>Jimyung</i> Humpty Dumpty would feel in pain when he fell down. the king's horses and men would be glad that Humpty didn't fall on them	<i>Michael</i> Humpty Dumpty should have known that he would fall off since he was round. Never sit on walls Never go near walls.	<i>Edwina</i> He broke himself. No one could help Humpty Dumpty when he fell down the brick wall. Humpty Dumpty was his name. He sat on the wall.	<i>Andy</i> He could die. His head could bump into the wall. The sun could boil him and someone could eat him. He could smash the pot of flowers. He could break one of his body parts.
Little Boy Blue	<i>James P</i> he is lucky that he didn't roll down the hay bail and hit a tree.	<i>Chris</i> While he was asleep a man would blow the horn in the boy's ear. A man could smack his bottom. He could have been covered in hay.	<i>Cameron</i> Sleepy Happy Tired Warm Cosy	<i>Aadhya</i> He should get up and out from under the haystack. Little Boy Blue should blow his horn otherwise all the stuff would carry on not going on with the schedule. The sheep and the cows should move to a new paddock.	<i>Tessa</i> Little Boy Blue was asleep under a haystack. People ask him to blow his horn. The sheep are in the meadow. The cows are in the corn.	<i>Emma B</i> The sheep could have trampled on him The cows could have trampled the corn. When he snored, hay could have gone in his nose or mouth.
Jack and Jill	<i>Jonathan</i> Why did they go up the hill to get the pail of water	<i>Cerys & Leonis</i> He could have broke his crown on purpose	<i>Brian</i> Jill must have felt angry that Jack broke his crown again. He might have broken a tooth.	<i>Leo</i> They should have not gone up the hill by themselves.	<i>Alexandra</i> Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water.	<i>James M</i> Jack could have broken his head instead of his crown. He could have got hit in the head by the pail. The bird could have pooped on their heads.

Cornwall Park School Fair - 3 1/2 Weeks to go - We Need You Now!

Donations of food items are **URGENTLY** needed - see your Fair newsletter for details.

Thank you for all your generous donations - keep them coming! We take **ANYTHING** at **ANYTIME**



Children's Work

Room 8 are learning to: use similes

We will: describe things by comparing them with other things use 'as' or 'like' to show comparison has been made.

Samantha

My face is as round as an oval. My hair is as brown as dark chocolate and my teeth are as shiny as jewels. My lips are as red as lava. My eyes are sparkly s glitter. I can swim as fast as a dolphin. I am as quiet as a clam. I'm as weak as a kitty. I'm as strong as God. I'm as friendly as a puppy. Put them all together and you've got me.

Jasmine

My hair is like a feather and my eyes are like a marble. My teeth are like a whiteboard and my tongue is like blood. I am fast like a cheetah. I can swim like a shark. I swing like a monkey. I can jump like a fish. I can flap like a monkey. Put them together and you get me.

Kenny

My eyes are round as a ball. My hair is straight as a stick. My head is round as an oval. My hair is also dark as a black ball. My skin is soft as a feather. I can run as fast as a truck. I can jump high like a rabbit. I can roll like a ball. I can swim fast as a fish. I can dive fast like a penguin and I am little as a mouse. I am brave like a dinosaur. I am happy as a bird. I am shy as a crab. Put them all together and you've got me.

Alena

My face is as round as a marble. My eyes are as brown as dark chocolate. My hair is as black as black fur and as black as the night. My teeth are as white as zebras white stripes. My lips are as red as strawberries and as red as blood. I can swim like a fish. I can make people laugh like a fairy. I can fall like a shooting star. I can run faster than a cheetah. I am as quiet as a cat and you put them all together and you get me.

Jonathan

My hair is as dark as the dark night. My face is as round as an egg. My eyebrows are curved like a banana. My arms are as brown as dirt. My shoulders are flat as a wall. I am quiet as a mouse.



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

Open
every Tuesday and Wednesday morning
from 8.30am to 9.30am

for uniform sales to current pupils.

If you know the size 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 school 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.

SUMMER PRODUCTS

We still have limited stock of lunch bags, pencil cases, toiletry bags, drink coolers, music bags, swim caps and goggles.

Be in quick!



Lunch Bag

SUMMER SPECIALS

Girls and Boys CPDS togs

sizes 4, 6, 8, 10 and 16 from \$20.00

Sweatshirts

sizes 14 and 16 \$12.00

Vests

sizes 10, 12, 14, 16 \$10.00

After Sun Aloe Vera Gel 100ml

\$5.50

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



Weekly Hot Tips for Parents!

We can often get more compliance and traction when we write down our requests instead of verbalising them.

Pin your requests up for your child to see them. Don't forget to write a thank you too!

'Washing in please.'

'Clear your floor for vacuuming!'

'Empty the dishwasher thanks.'

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or visit the website www.parentsinc.org.nz