



# CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Friday 27 March 2009 - No: 210**



## From the Principal's Chair

John Houston

### Our Community

I have set out to thank members of our community who help us here at school. In writing a list of those areas (trying desperately to remember all of our helpers) I have been amazed at the number of jobs parents do to support the school.

Thank you to all those involved with **swimming** - before school and during classroom swimming lessons.

Our **camp**s have always been a great success - thanks very much all those parents who have helped us. We are very hopeful of more help for our year 6 camp at the end of the year.

Our **Walking School Buses** are a very important part of school life - we appreciate the parents who help get our children home safely.

The **PTA** is such a crucial part of our school. We are keen to see more parents attend these meetings (they really are lots of fun). Thank you to all those who work so hard on the PTA and those involved in organising all of the PTA events. Quiz night and the school dance are so important to our school.

The **Board of Trustees** works very hard for the school, usually unseen by most people. Thank you very much for the hard work you put in.

It is so helpful to have our **Bookroom helpers** who come in and help put books away, we really appreciate your help - thanks.

**Parent helpers** in classrooms are always welcome - thanks for your work.

**Coaches** of our various sports teams - we rely on parents helping us, coaching and managing. Thanks very much.

**Waterwise**, where our year six children learn to sail, has been very well supported by our parents and quite a few former parents of the school. Thanks very much.

The **Uniform Shop** would not run without volunteers. Your work is very much appreciated.

**Road crossing supervision**: once again we couldn't do without you - thanks.

Thanks to all those parents who work voluntarily in our **Library**.

**All of our Parents** support our major events: Sports events ♦ Interviews in and out of school time ♦ Cultural / Music events ♦ Flag Day ♦ Assemblies. Thanks for your support.

**AND the Fair**. The area that looms largest at the moment. Thank you **everyone** involved in the fair. I very much hope all parents will be involved. Some parents and staff have put in a huge effort already. Thanks - I know it will all be worthwhile on Fair day.

I also know that I will have missed people off this list - apologies for that. Be aware that anyone involved in helping us is very much appreciated.

John Houston  
Principal



## Calendar Items

### Term 1 2009 Dates

Mar	27th	Awards Assembly
	31st	Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences from 1:30pm
Apr	1st	Rm 20 Waterwise
	5th	CPDS Fair 10am - 2pm
	7th	Y5/6 Triathlon
	8th	Rm 15 Waterwise
	9th	Assembly
		Term 1 Ends - 3.00pm
May	29th	Teacher Only Day
Jun	1st	Queens Birthday

### 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

## CPDS FAIR

**Sunday 5th April**  
**From 10am to 2pm**  
**Rain or shine!**

**Thank you for all your donations.**

**Keep them coming!**

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

**RAFFLE TICKETS  
NOW ON SALE!**

Raffle tickets are now being sold each morning outside the library. There are seven magnificent baskets to win. Make sure you get your tickets.

**Only \$1.00  
per ticket**

*Knowledge Net is a learning management system which allows teachers, administrators, children and their families to communicate, build and share knowledge online. Our aim is to provide effective communication between home and school and to deliver a rich teaching and learning environment for our students. In order to address some of the queries we receive regarding this great resource we have added a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) button to the log in page of our Knowledge Net site.*

*If you would like more information on such questions as how to get access to Knowledge Net, where you can find various pieces of information, where you can keep up to date with events and school dates etc please go to [www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz](http://www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz) and click on the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) button. Please note that you do not need to log in, in order to access these details.*

*If your child is in Room 1 or 2 they will be bringing home their log in details next week. Remember that if at any time you have Knowledge Net queries please email Amanda at [agrimsey@cornwallpark.school.nz](mailto:agrimsey@cornwallpark.school.nz)*





## School News

### Sharing our Learning

The children would like to invite all parents to school on Wednesday April 8th at 2.15 so that they can share with you their learning about our topic this term, Mind Body and Soul. We would like to ask all parents to meet in the hall first at 2.15 for a short introduction before you join your children in their classroom/s.

### Parent / Student / Teacher Conference

As a result of the early start to parent interviews, we would like the children to go home at 1.00pm. Your child will still require lunch on this day. A slip has gone home to advise your class teacher what arrangements have been made for the collection of your child. Supervision will be arranged at school until 3.00pm. This advice should have been with your class teacher by Friday 27th March.

### Walking School bus - Tuesday 31 March

As a result of the early start to conferences there will be **NO WALKING SCHOOL BUSES ON TUESDAY 31 March**. Please arrange alternative pickup arrangements.

### School Pool Keyholders

The pool will be closing to keyholders on Sunday 29 March. Your pool keys must be returned to the office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (end Week 2 Term 2) to qualify for your bond refund. Keyholders need to collect their own refunds, we will not hand these out to children.

### Email Addresses

We are constantly trying to improve our communication to the community and we are beginning to use email reminders to parents regarding sports events and important notices. If you have received a notice recently that means we do not have an email address recorded for you. If you would like to receive email updates please send your email to [office@cornwallpark.school.nz](mailto:office@cornwallpark.school.nz) and we will update your records. If you are currently receiving our newsletter by email then we already have an address on the system.

### Money at School / Tuck Shop Purchases

We have noticed an increased number of children bringing large amounts of money to school. We strongly discourage children having money at school and would ask that only enough money be sent with your child to purchase their own lunch. We would like to remind you that only Years 4-6 children may purchase lunch from the tuck shop at lunchtime between 12.40 and 1.00pm. Children in Years 1-3 **must** order their lunch through the classroom lunch order system.

### Claiming Back Your Donation

If you made a donation or paid school fees to a state or state-integrated school or a school approved as a donee organisation, you may be able to claim part of it back as a tax credit (rebate).

**IF YOU PAY YOUR FEES BEFORE 1 APRIL, 2009, YOU CAN CLAIM PART OF IT BACK THIS YEAR.** You can't claim money back for activities such as school camps, exam fees and extracurricular activities. The maximum donation threshold of \$1,890 has been removed. You can now claim a third of the total donations you make to donee organisations, up to the level of your taxable income. To claim the tax credit you need to fill out a tax credit claim form (IR526), attach your donation receipt/s and send it to Inland Revenue. To find out more, or to download a tax credit claim form, visit - [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz)

Ref: Tukutuku Korero (NZ Gazette) 9 March 2009, Pg 65



## Children's Work

We are learning to use adjectives and verbs to describe an object. Success Criteria - I have described what the bubble: ● Looks like ● Moves Like

### BUBBLES

Tiny glass ball  
Sparkling in the sun  
Slowly tumbling in the air  
Quickly bursts up in the sky.  
By Flynn

### BUBBLES

Teeny silver curved moon  
Glistening like a diamond  
Lightly swirling in the air  
Hitting the ground with a splat.  
By Abigail

### BUBBLES

Small rainbow round ball  
Twinkling like a star in the sky  
Gently swooping down  
Suddenly bursts as it bumps the concrete.  
By Sarah

### BUBBLES

Little Rainbow ball  
Twinkling in the sun  
Lightly rolling in the wind  
Rapidly ruptures in the sky  
By Reuben



## PTA News

Term 1 is nearly over and it's been a busy one at school, I'm looking forward to a busy and successful Fair Day! At our PTA meeting this week we talked about some of the activities that we have planned for the rest of the year and looked at some potential fundraising ideas. We agreed to purchase a piece of equipment which will be used to assist children with the development of fine motor skills in the junior school. We are also looking at further options for murals around the school. Amanda Grimsey showed us the digital SLR camera that the PTA purchased for the school and shared some amazing photos from the recent year 5 camps. Thank you Amanda, it is always good to see the things that we purchase for the school being used and appreciated.

I encourage as many of you as possible to come along to PTA meetings, it is very helpful to hear the views of a wide variety of parents when we are discussing plans and ways to spend the funds we raise. If you want to have a say in the way that PTA funds are used then you need to attend PTA meetings.

### Entertainment Books

Entertainment books will be on sale in the morning outside the library starting from Monday 6th April. Order forms will also be sent home on Monday 6th March. If anyone needs a book before then, can they please contact Lisa on 522 8780.

### End of term sausage sizzle

Once again we will be having our very popular end of term sausage sizzle on the last day of term. Sausages will be \$1.50 each and we will be offering a choice of meat or vegetarian sausages. Order forms will be sent home as usual. We need lots of helpers to make this run smoothly. If you can help on Thursday 9th April from 10am until 1pm please call Kelly Stephens on 5240555.

### Quiz Night

We are starting to plan this year's Quiz Night. This night has become a highlight of the PTA calendar! We are looking for people to join the Quiz organising committee, if this sounds like you then please call Lisa Mandic on 5228780.

### School Dance

The date for the school dance for children from year 0 to 6 will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 5:30pm – 7pm, so put it on your calendar. More information will be sent home closer to the time.

### PTA Meeting dates in 2009

Next meeting is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm in the staffroom

Term 2 – 17<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> August and 9<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 – 28<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:pta@cornwallpark.school.nz)

**Eukanuba**  
**Dog and Cat Foods**  
*The Best You Can Do For Your Dog & Cat*





# Children's Work

Mrs Sietkiewicz - Room 23 have been learning to tell about their "smarts". Everyone has all of these but in different amounts.

<b>Howard Gardener had a theory of multiple intelligences.</b>	I am music smart. This can help me to be smart at guitar. Prina	I am nature smart, which helps me to enjoy life outside with the animals and plants. Jack	I am people smart. I like helping other people when they have a problem. David
I am a picture smart person. It helps me to draw good pictures and to imagine that I might write picture books when I am older. Matt	I am self smart so I can manage to get myself ready and bring my bag to school. Ashleigh	I am body smart. I use it when I am doing sports or dancing. Kate	I use my word smart to create a story for the music I play using my music smart. Mikaela
<b>Multiple intelligences are called smarts.</b>	My interest in wildlife shows I am nature smart. Chris	Logic smart is my favourite one. I use this smart to do maths. Max	I use my body smart and logic smart to do origami. My logic smart helps me to play chess. Dale
My music smart is to play my guitar while I am learning my spelling words. Bella	I use my logic smart to help me fix engines. Liam	When I am using my body smart to dance I am learning to be a better listener as well as learn dance moves. Sophie	<b>A smart can help you learn about another intelligence.</b>
My body smart helps me to think new ideas when I'm bouncing on the trampoline. Jessica	<b>Guess what? You're smarter than you think!</b>	When I am older I want to use my picture smart to help me remember where I've been. John	I am mathematical/logical smart. I can use this smart to be good at maths. Kacy
I use my nature smart to enjoy nature and my self smart to know what to do when there is danger. Jackson	I am logic smart so I use it when I do origami like the walking crab or the windmill. Emily G	I play instruments and I listen to lots of music. I am music smart. Federico	My music smart helps me to sing and dance. Hanna.
My body smart is used when I play cricket. Randima	<b>We have different smarts.</b>	I use my logic and my body smart to make new inventions. Sam	I use my logic smart to fix computers. Joshua
I enjoy using my word smart to help me use my imagination to create stories. Annabel	My best smart is self smart. I use this to understand my own feelings. Niru	My music smart helps me express my feelings and be self smart. Emily R	<b>Smarts help us to learn and make us different.</b>

## HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL

### Fishing

I love to go a-fishing,  
On a lovely summer's day;  
It makes one bright and happy  
And everything seems gay.

Sitting on a river's bank,  
Or fishing from a boat,  
You find it very restful  
While watching your bright float.

You bait your line and throw it in;  
You feel you'd like a nap,  
Before you know just where you are,  
You feel your line go, snap!

You sit alert, then give a shout,  
"Hooray! I've got a bite."  
You play your line and then you smile,  
And you've caught a fine large trout!

You while away a pleasant day,  
And when the day is done  
You homeward go, and this you know,  
You've had a lot of fun.

V. Neville, Std II  
Cornwall Park School Magazine 1935

## Cornwall Park School Fair - 1 1/2 Weeks to go

### We Still 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**

**Year 5 Camp 09 - Photos of those unforgettable camp moments are available for all parents to share with their children on the Year 5 class pages. Details of how to access and download the photos are on the class page.**



## The Role of the Board of Trustees

### What is the BOT's role?

The Board's role is governance. This means establishing the values, direction, priorities, standards, guidelines (policies) and goals of the school. The management of the school is then delegated to the Principal to manage the school to achieve these goals within the parameters established by the BOT. The BOT review ongoing performance and make developments as required. Their perspective is whole school and the time horizon 2-5 years.

### What does the BOT review and develop?

The BOT reviews the schools performance in a wide range of areas. Below are some of the key questions we ask and review regularly:

- What do we want for our students?
- How well are our students achieving?
- Are all of our students learning?
- Does our curriculum meet the needs of the students?
- Are our staff doing a good job?
- Is our school a safe, healthy and happy place?
- Are we managing our assets wisely?
- Are we in touch with our community?

### How does the BOT review and develop?

The BOT rely primarily on the Principal and management team to answer these questions. There are a number of reports, plans and data that we receive as part of this process. In addition to this the school also has a number of processes such as exit interviews, external principal appraisal, and cluster (peer) group participation to ensure a broad and robust perspective.

We also engage other educational professionals such as Cognition Consulting and Team Solutions to provide feedback, insight and guidance. We utilise the advice and training of NZSTA (NZ School Trustees Association). There are a number of educational magazines, reports and updates we receive to help keep us informed of requirements and developments. The Ministry of Education establish a number of requirements of BOT's and in addition to the ERO (Education Review Office) report, ERO also give the BOT and management team a full debriefing after their periodical review.

And lastly, as active participants of our school (as principal, staff or parent representatives) we have our own experience of the school and interaction with other families as insight.

### How you can learn more...

The BOT meet monthly (usually the third Thursday) at 7:30pm in the meeting room in the school admin block. You are welcome to attend any of these meetings.

The minutes of these meetings are also posted on the school noticeboard (outside the library) and on Knowledge Net.

The school also has a charter, strategic plan and annual plan. The BOT are currently reviewing and updating these however the existing ones are available in the library.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact any one of your Board members:

Nigel Boswell (Chairperson)  
John Houston (Principal)  
Dawn Wood (Staff Trustee)  
Phil Wiltshire (Treasurer)  
Deb Pearson  
Lisa Mandic  
Greg Fleming

Please see the office to obtain contact details.



## Uniform News

Open Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30-9.30am

Or order through the office

Email: [uniforms@cornwallpark.school.nz](mailto:uniforms@cornwallpark.school.nz)

[www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz](http://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

Alternatively send a prepaid order in an envelope to the school office and your uniform will be delivered to the classroom.

### REGULATION SHOES & SOCKS for WINTER

The regulation colours for school shoes are navy or black or a combination of those colours with white if you prefer to wear sports shoes. No Crocs or jandals are allowed.

White, Navy or Black socks or navy tights may be worn.

## 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**

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Combo of 100ml sunscreen **\$10.00**  
(this comes with a tube of After sun Gel)

Lunch Bag - with sealed box inside **\$15.00**

Pencil Case (Large) **\$10.50**

Toiletry Bag **\$10.50**

Drink Cooler **\$10.50**

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We have limited stocks of these items to clear!

## SECOND HAND SALE!!!

Tuesday 7 April in Room 27 at 8.30am  
Don't miss out!

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