



CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Chair



The Fair has been a fantastic success!



Thank you everyone. It has been great to see the whole community get behind our major fundraiser. There are so many people to thank for their help in making the fair such a success and I apologise if I will leave out someone important.

Marc Martin has led the Fair committee for the first time this year. Thanks very much Marc, for your leadership and very hard work. Each of those on the fair committee deserve a great deal of thanks.

I also want to thank the staff of the school for their work on Fair day and in the lead-up (also helping put things right on the Monday after the Fair). All you do is appreciated. It is wonderful for our children to see their teachers involved on Fair day, some were even dunked for the cause.

Our parents got involved in running stalls, collecting money, cooking, putting up tents, making craft items and lots more – thank you all.

Our students created wonderful fair art, cleaned and cleared their rooms ready for use, carried items from containers in readiness, etc, and came along to support their school. You were the greatest helpers.

We had people who used to have children here or have some other indirect link to the school – thank you for all your work; selling computers, running our sound system, keeping the electricity connected, etc.

I have said on a number of occasions that my experience in country areas has given me an insight into the way those communities have worked together to support the local school. However I have never come across anything like this community. Your support is outstanding and is a major reason why Cornwall Park District School is such an outstanding and successful school.

Today we farewell Su Price who is leaving Cornwall Park School. She is taking up a position at Botany Downs School.

I want to thank Su for the contribution she has made to our school over the last three and a half years. During her time at Cornwall Park she has worked in Years 4 and 6. She led the Year 4 team for a term and has been a very effective Syndicate Leader of Years 5 and 6. Her amazing organisational skills while running the Year 6 camp and Year 6 production will be hugely missed.

Thank you so much Su for all that you have done for Cornwall Park School. All the very best for your future ahead.

The Room 15 teacher and Year 5 and 6 Team Leader position has been advertised and we have received a number of applicants. Most are able to start towards the end of term 2 or at the beginning of Term 3. We will be filling the position temporarily with a relief teacher until then.

John Houston
Principal

Congratulations to all Fair raffle and Auction winners.



Calendar Items

Term 1 Ends at 3.00pm Thurs 9th April
Term 2 2009 Dates

Apr	30th	BOT Meeting - 7.30pm
May	13th	PTA Meeting - 7.30pm
	23rd	Sat - School Dance
	29th	Teacher Only Day
Jun	1st	Queens Birthday
	17th	PTA Meeting - 7.30pm

Term Dates for 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

Reporting to Parents Term One

We appreciate your feedback and participation about our recent reporting methods; Student Learning Snapshots and Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences.

We saw many take the opportunity to attend, and many families have fed back through a written response sheet outlining their views about these two methods, and ideas for improvement.

We encourage you to complete one of these forms by Thursday end. After this time the feedback will be collated and then discussed with staff.

Our aim is to provide you with relevant and easily understood information about your child's learning at Cornwall Park School. Your feedback is valuable in shaping the way that we report to you. Collect a **Parent Feedback Sheet** and post in the box at the school office.

Remember that you may make an appointment with the classroom teacher at any stage to discuss their learning or understand what the learning looks like in the classroom.

For any general enquiries or feedback please contact Alicia Whata, Leading Curriculum and Assessment, through the school office or via email awhata@cornwallpark.school.nz

CPDS FAIR

What a day! The sun shone, the community enjoyed a great day, the results were outstanding.

\$120,725.35 (Fair Day Total)

A huge thank you to all those who helped and supported us on the day. Remember to pay your IOU's to Carla in the office.



School News

Term Dates

Term 1 ends Thursday 9th April at 3.00pm.

Term 2 Starts Monday 27th April.

Have a very happy Easter Holiday and keep safe over the break.

School Pool Keyholders Reminder

The pool closed to all keyholders on Sunday 29th March. Your pool key must be returned to the office by Friday 8th 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 and we will update your records. If you are currently receiving our newsletter by email then we already have an address on the system.



Children's Work

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Room 10's Biathlon Stories

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I was so excited that my legs shook. I went as *fast* as I could, I sped across the *pool* I went past Jenna. I sprinted through the cones. My heart was b-e-a-t-i-n-g so fast that I thought that it was going to come out! "GO CATIE!" my dad shouted. I was thinking "I can do this!" and I did! My throat was hurting a lot! Suddenly I saw Stella ahead I tried to get past her but I couldn't. I was exhausted when I went through the finish line. I saw my dad clapping at me. He said "Well done Catie Coodle, you came 3rd place I am proud of you!"

By Cate

You wouldn't believe what happened last week! It was the biathlon. Suddenly everyone jumped and splashed into the pool. I waited for my group to get out of the pool. We ran around the field I high fived Miss Findlay as I crossed the finish line.

By Kuvam

When I got into the pool I was trembling all over! When I swam I was so fast. I was as fast as a shark! I shouted "I am going to win!" and I did.

By Mathew



PTA News

Happy Easter to you all and I hope you and your family enjoy a restful break and a safe and happy school holidays. Term 2 is a much busier term for the PTA. We will be doing a number of things including selling Entertainment Books and having the school dance for the children. We have our first meeting for the Term on 13th May at 7:30pm in the staffroom. I would like to 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. The PTA is also a great way to meet other parents from the school, especially those that have children in other years from your own and to keep yourself informed about some of the things that are happening at school.

End of term sausage sizzle

Thank you to Kelly Stephens and her team for another fantastic sausage sizzle. The end of term sausage sizzle is a full on morning of processing orders then cooking and preparing around 800 sausages so that they are ready for the children at 12:30pm. This is teamwork at its best – very busy, sometimes messy and a whole lot of fun!

Entertainment Books

We have Entertainment Books available now so don't buy them from anyone else! If you are able to help sell entertainment books outside the library at the beginning of Term 2 or you want to get an Entertainment Book now then please contact Lisa Mandic on 5228780.

School Dance – 23rd May

The date for the school dance for children from year 0 to 6 will be the 23rd May, 5:30pm – 7pm, so put it on your calendar. More information will be sent home closer to the time. If you have any questions or are keen to help with the dance then please call Trina Johnson on 6221908.

Quiz Night – 8th August

The date has been set and planning is well under way for this year's Quiz Night. This night has become a highlight of the PTA calendar and tables sell really fast! The date for Quiz Night is the 8th August so watch out late in Term 2 for a notice about ticket sales. If you have any questions please call Lisa Mandic on 5228780.

PTA Meeting dates in 2009

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

Term 2 – 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. If you are on these lists and your contact details have changed then please let us know so that we can update your details.

Margaret Anderson

PTA Chairperson

pta@cornwallpark.school.nz

AUCKLAND REGIONAL DENTAL SERVICE

Our services are provided FREE to all pre-school, primary and intermediate school children.

For details of the nearest School Dental Clinic open during the holiday period please contact **0800 4 DENTAL** or **0800 433-6825**

Clean Healthy Teeth Make a Happy Smile

From the BOT - WOW! What an amazing result from our 2009 Fair.

This year the money raised will go towards classroom projectors and smart boards. This technology provides huge opportunities for our children and teachers in terms of the information and ideas, they have access to and how they work and learn with information and ideas. Assistant Principal, Amanda Grimsey is now hard at work updating her proposed plan of how to effectively implement this technology. This includes financial, technological and training elements to ensure we achieve the most with our funds.

A strong history...

The fair has been an important way we provide some of the special 'extras' that make Cornwall Park School unique. Past fairs have contributed to our:

- specialist teachers - music, information technology and physical education
- school hall extension
- information centre (within library)
- all weather cover for netball court area

Something more...

While there is no doubt that funds raised from our fairs make a direct impact on our children's learning, our Cornwall Park School Fair means even more to us. Our fair is one of our best examples to our children of who we are as a community. The fair provides opportunities for us to:

- make new friends
- work together effectively
- directly contribute to our school community
- give back to our wider community
- include past members of our school community
- develop new ideas
- enjoy treasured traditions

Thank you, thank you, thank you...

Thank you so much to our fair convener, Marc Martin, his fabulous fair committee and all our staff, families, students and community members whose dedication, generosity and hard work helped make our fair such a success, in so many ways.

We wish you all a very happy, safe Easter break.



FUN FILLED AND UNBEATABLE

Congratulations to the Torpedoes Flippaball team who were placed Runners Up in the Year 5 Division 1 championship this term.

We look forward to your continued success in Term 4.





Children's Work

Rm 21 - Ms Nichols - The learning intention was to write an acrostic poem about **feeling good** using interesting words on each line, using personal voice and keeping to the topic

Friends make me feel friendly.
Easter is great because I get Easter eggs.
Eating is good for me if I don't eat junk food.
Lollipops I love.
Internet is not good for my brain but I still like it.
Nice people make me feel good.
Grandad makes me feel good when he reads me books.

Grandpa makes me feel good because he makes me slides for my microscope.
Odd things make me feel good because I can find stuff.
Ollie is a good friend to me.
Dad makes me feel good when he hugs me.

by Henry Runciman

Feeling good makes me enjoy myself.
Eeling in the river with my cousins in the dinghy is fun.
Eating fish makes me feel good.
Licking lollipops is yum.
It is fun going floundering with my cousins.
No salad makes me feel good.
Guinea-pigs make me feel good.

Good friends make me feel good.
On Sunday I go biking.
On Fridays, at tennis, it makes me feel good.
Doing truck-pulling with my friends makes me feel good.

by Luke Matheson

Fairs make me feel great.
Eels make me feel impressed.
Everybody I've met makes me feel comfortable.
Love makes me feel good.
Ice-skating makes me feel excellent.
Nice people will make me feel amazing
Giving to people and sharing makes me feel happy.

God makes me feel Holy and warm inside.
Ollie makes me feel embarrassed.
Odie makes me feel marvelous.
Dogs make me feel fantastic.

by Hannah Farmiloe



Weekly Hot Tips for Parents!

An Escape Plan

Wrong behaviour does not always require a confrontation. Children can panic and react to a parent's anger.

Provide your child with an escape route that gives him time to think, calm down and recover.

It might be the offer of a cuddle, a hot chocolate or even another chance to do better. It is not giving in – a parent can still maintain the rules but give support when their child's emotions are in full swing

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



UNIFORM NEWS

Open every Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am or order through the office.
Email: uniforms@cornwallpark.school.nz
www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz
Phone: 524-6574 Ext 721

	WINTER SOCKS AVAILABLE NOW Girls and boys socks for school in the colours of white or navy. Girls Navy tights also available.	
 Hockey	 Lowcut Sport	 Soccer
 Rugby	 Navy Crew	 Navy/Gold Knee
	 Navy Crew	 Navy/Gold Knee
 Navy/Gold Knee	 Biking	 Netball
 Navy Crew	 Tennis	 Ankle Fold-over
 Footprints	 Low Cut Sports	 Low Cut Sports
Reasonably priced in packs of 3 or individually priced. We will now stock CPDS navy/gold knee sports socks for senior sport and inter school exchanges. Arriving in term 2.		
Order Forms at the school office Payment by Cash or Cheque Only		

CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL

After several years off, Cornwall Park School will again be participating in the "World Vision 40 Hour Famine" this year. The famine is New Zealand's most popular youth fundraising event. Originating in 1975 in response to the immense famine in Ethiopia, 10,000 New Zealanders united together to raise \$265,000. 34 years later it has become part of New Zealand youth culture with over 120,000 participating each year.

This year the famine theme is "Raising the Stakes". This means getting **creative, thinking big and going all out** so that we can **achieve more** than ever before. **Why?** Because now the stakes are even higher. The global food crisis has hit places like Tanzania and Bangladesh particularly hard. It is a struggle just to survive, and it's up to us to make a difference. Being a famine participant is about standing up for and standing beside others in our global community who struggle every day - raising funds to help meet their needs, and having fun doing it!



All Cornwall Park pupils will be encouraged to get their parents' help in choosing a famine, getting sponsorship and following through with it. We will encourage our senior students to do a 20 hour food famine and those who cannot give up food to do a 'technology' or 'talking' famine, though students are welcome to come up with their own famine ideas. Permission forms will need to be completed and returned to school before a famine book will be sent home to gather sponsors. These will be sent home at the start of next term. The famine weekend is the 22-24th of May. Thank you for your support in this! For more information, please see the Famine website, www.famine.org.nz, or email Emma from the Office at itisemma@gmail.com.



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