



CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd May 2009 - No: 213



From the Principal's Chair

This year's Fair raised \$120,000, a fantastic result. At the Board of Trustees meeting last night it was agreed to purchase wall mounted short throw projectors for each classroom. We are able to do this because of the funds from the Fair.

This will make a huge difference to each classroom. These projectors will be mounted above the classroom whiteboard and project a clear image onto the surface of the whiteboard. They can be used by teachers in a variety of ways to enhance classroom teaching and children's learning. In some cases they will be teamed up with the PTA funded e-beams which provide an interactive interface for teaching and learning.

We hope the projectors will be installed by the beginning of Term 3.

Without the Fair and the PTA we would not be able to provide this sort of leading edge technology – we are very grateful.

I also want to thank Amanda Grimsey for all the work she has done getting quotes, investigating options and working through all the implications of having projectors and e-beams in the classrooms. All teachers will be taking small steps with lots of help from Amanda to ensure this technology is used to benefit our children.

John Houston, Principal



Calendar Items

Term 2 2009 Dates

May	
23rd	PTA - School Dance (Saturday)
27th	Year 1 Production - 6.00pm
29th	Teacher Only Day
Jun	
1st	Queens Birthday
2nd	Yr 6 Exchange
5th	Awards Assembly - 2.15pm
10th	ICAS - Y4r 4,5,6 Science Community Forum - 7.30pm
11th	Year 1 Trip to MOTAT
17th	Orchestra/Choral Performance - 11am, 6pm PTA Meeting - 7.30pm
18th	BOT Meeting - 7.30pm
19th	Zone Gymnastics Y4-6 Awards Assembly - 2.15
23rd	Yr 6 Exchange
24th	APPA Choir Rehearsal
26th	Plastic Fantastic - Sharing time in classrooms
Jul	
1st	Year 5 Dance Performance
3rd	Awards Assembly - 2.15pm

Term 2 Ends 3 July 3.00pm

Term Dates for 2009

Term 2	Mon 27 April - Fri 3 July 2009
Term 3	Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sept 2009

School Leaders

Cornwall Park District School is delighted to inform our parent community of the names of our School Leaders for 2009.

Rm 13 - Veronica Gregan, Tai Poppleton, Campbell Findlay, Andrew Morman, Jess Philpot

Rm 14 - Christian Uhila, Gaby Lidstone White, Abby Prentice, Yatin Somnath

Rm 15 - Ruby Meyer, Harry Fleming, Molly Stanbridge, Jordyn Kamuhemu, Lucy Jenkin, Darren Sun, Petar Gorgiovski

Rm 20 - Katie MacKenzie, Nick Bodenstein, Jacob Johnson, Rebecca Duignan, Tessa Hartley



**Jacob Johnson
Head Boy**



**Veronica Gregan
Head Girl**



**Harry Fleming
Deputy Head Boy**



**Molly Stanbridge
Deputy Head Girl**

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

Congratulations to these students. We wish you well with your roles!



Aim: To provide a structured programme celebrating, nurturing, and challenging Year 6 students, who have been identified by staff, as meeting the following criteria: (whether demonstrating or having potential to demonstrate)

- * Positive * Motivated * Well spoken * Community minded * Supportive of peers *
- * Possessing time management skills *

This group is being mentored by Dawn Wood and Diana Mather (G.A.T.E Specialist teacher), who are creating opportunities for this group to be creative and innovative, and strengthening their concept of themselves as potential leaders in society.

Proposed Roles: Decision-making, event planning and organisation, problem solving, role modelling, assembly co-ordination, staff liaison.



School News

Teacher Only Day

A teacher only day will be held on Friday 29 May 2009. School will be closed on this day. This is the Friday prior to **Queens Birthday Weekend** so an extra long weekend as school will also be closed on Monday 1 June.

Entertainment Books

These have sold out incredibly fast - twice! We are currently trying to get some more books from Entertainment Publications (they are struggling to keep up with the demand Auckland-wide) so please fill in an order form at the office and we will do our best to get you a book asap. Any questions please phone Lisa on 522 8780.

School Donations and Activity / Resource Fees

School donations are not compulsory but all activity and resource fees must be paid. We would appreciate receipt to cover costs as soon as possible. Reminder invoices have been sent out.



Weekly Hot Tips for Parents!

The value of a Dad-date

Dads, if your time with the children is limited, don't be tempted to compensate with gifts or exciting trips on the weekend. Of course those things are fun! But the simple gift of your uninterrupted time and attention on a regular 'Dad-date' will make a child of any age feel special, whether you're building lego, kicking a ball, or visiting a café together.

When free time is your most precious commodity, even a young child will realise the value of it, so what better way to tell your child "I love you" than to spend some of it on them?

Parents Inc

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

Year 3/4 Police "Eagle" Helicopter Visit - Thursday 21st May



The Eagle helicopter visited Year 3/4 today as part of our inquiry into plastic fantastic. The pilot Steve Barham, and Police Officer, Colin Weir, answered lots of our questions, not only about the fantastic machine and its many plastic parts, but also about their work.

A special thanks goes to Deb Tindall for all her assistance in organising this special event and to the Boswell children who kindly delivered the notice to the community. Have a look at KnowledgeNet for more pictures.



PTA News

Thank you to all who supported the Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind by donating a gold coin on our mufti day. We were able to raise \$660 to support the training of guide dogs for the blind. It is wonderful to be able to support such a worthwhile cause through the generosity of our school community.

We had a very productive PTA meeting on Wednesday 13th May with a full agenda and lots to discuss. We have agreed to fund a new sign for the Wheturangi Road entrance of the school, this sign will have a mural which shows the things that represent Cornwall Park School. We also approved funding for some construction and role playing resources for the year 0-2 classrooms. There are lots of PTA activities happening and I thank all those who are helping out with these. Without your support and assistance, we would not be able to achieve as much as we do.

School Dance – 23rd May at 5:30pm in the school hall

Don't forget the dance – the theme is Plastic Fantastic, entry is \$2 per child and there will be raffles at \$1 a ticket as well as the favourite glow sticks, sausages, drinks etc... A parents room will be available while your child is at the dance. Year 4-6 children can be left unaccompanied but they must be signed in by a parent/ caregiver and have a completed contact details form. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Starship Phone Challenge

Please take a look around at home for any unwanted old mobile phones! We are collecting these at school to support Starship hospital. You should have received a notice with a slip which needs to be filled in and brought to school with the phones, extra copies are available at the office. Thank you for your support with this. Only phones please, no chargers or accessories, phones don't need to be working but SIM cards should be removed.

Ian Grant – Growing Great Kids – 30th July at 7:15pm

The PTA is proud to bring you popular and well respected parenting speaker Ian Grant, sharing his ideas on how to grow great kids. This will be an inspirational and entertaining evening; a night full of strategies, ideas and encouragement for parents, presented in a positive, practical and fun way. The information presented will particularly be focused on parenting children aged 8-12 as well as general parenting topics. Tickets will be \$15 per person (including supper) and on sale very soon – watch for a notice coming home and let friends and family know about this wonderful opportunity.

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. This years theme is "Party, Parties", eg: funeral wake, birthday, stag, political etc. Start organising your team soon.

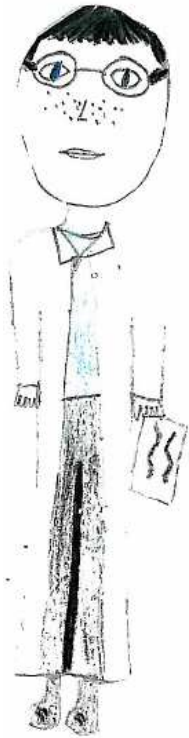
PTA Meeting dates in 2009

Next meeting is on Wednesday 17th June at 7:30pm in the staffroom
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



PLASTIC BOUNCY BALLS

What you need:

- Zipper style sandwich bag
- A teaspoon
- Two plastic cups
- Borax detergent
- PVA glue
- Water
- Paper towel
- Paintbrush

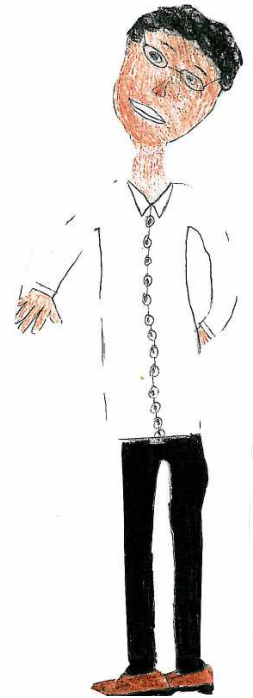
Room 14 - Miss Jackson
Our Learning Intention was to investigate how a simple polymer can be formed.

Instructions:

- Step 1: Fill one of your plastic cups three quarters full with water and a teaspoon of Borax.
- Step 2: Mix the mixture until the Borax dissolves like jelly mixture.
- Step 3: After full the other plastic cup half full of PVA glue.
- Step 4: Carefully hold the sandwich bag open and pour in the two mixtures.
- Step 5: Gently squeeze the mixture in the bag mix the two liquids.
- Step 6: Wait about 15 minutes leaving the mixture still.
- Step 7: Pour out any leftover water and mould the new mixture into a round ball.

How has the mixture changed?

By Gaby Lidstone-White



What is a scientist?-Misconceptions

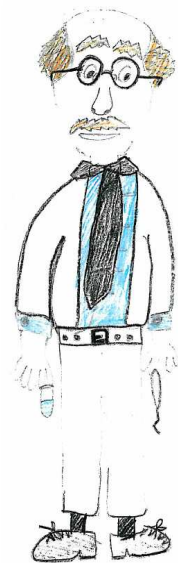
At the beginning of this term we were asked to draw, colour and cut out a picture of a scientist. Once they were placed on the wall we all got to look at them. Surprisingly they were all men. Many of them had frizzy hair and glasses, sort of like Albert Einstein. They also had lab coats, piercings, mustaches and scars on their faces.

I think that everybody drew males because many programmes and adds have male scientists with frizzy hair and all that doing an experiment which goes horribly wrong.

We have found out that is very common to have misconceptions about groups of people. Take the scientists for example. Our classes first thoughts were that all scientists are weird, wacky males. However, Scientists can just be ordinary people just like me and you.

Good scientists do have some things in common. They all persevere to get the job done. They try to explore new ideas, find remedies or medications for things, just like with the Swine Flu crisis or the Bird Flu.

By Benjamin Reid



YEAR 6 PLASTIC FANTASTIC FASHION SHOW

After hours and hours of preparation over the holidays, every year six student put together an outfit made entirely out of plastic. Then, the day of the fashion show came. As I confidently walked down the catwalk I say my mum and my aunties cheering. I was so excited. Everyone did a wonderful job and looked amazing. As the fashion show came to an end, most people were glad it was over. I certainly wasn't. I never knew plastic could be used in so many ways!

By Scarlett Duder

Dear diary,

Thump, thump went the music, clap, clap went the crowd as Rm 15 walked down the catwalk. Suddenly I felt my heart racing because Mrs Thompson was introducing Rm 14. I was the leader of the last group called Fantastic Plastic. There were a million poses rushing around my head as I was strutting down the catwalk. I did a really good pose to the rumble of the music. After the last one I smiled and went back to my seat with the class following behind me. When I sat down I felt really happy that I'd done it and had a big smile on my face because I got to relax and enjoy the rest of the show.

By Brooke Fitzgerald



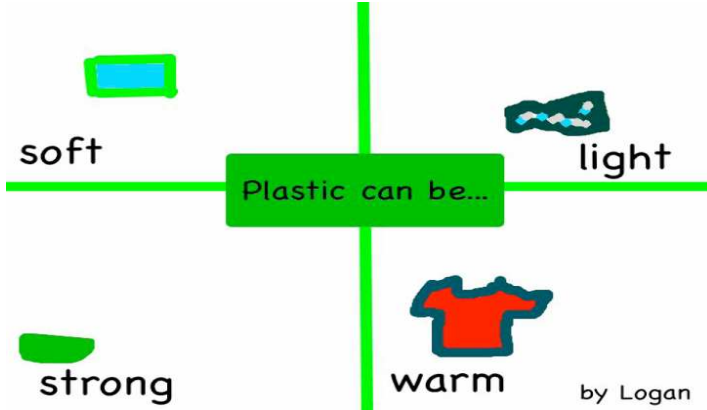


Children's Work

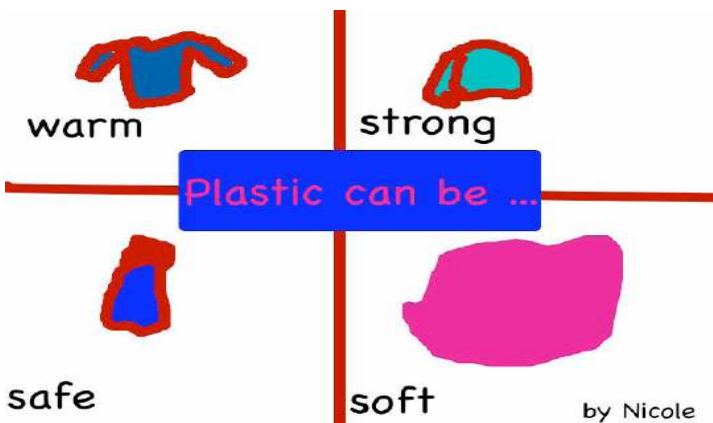
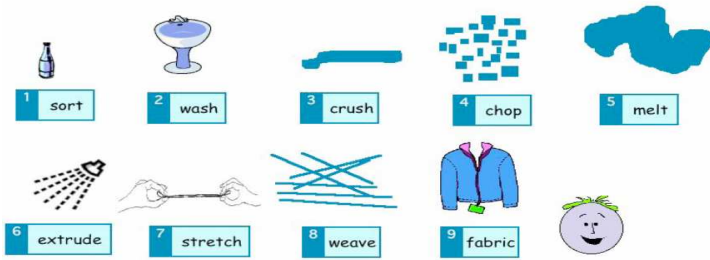
Room 2 - Mrs McLaren

WALT (KIDPIX): To explore the properties of plastic products around the home using ICT tools. We can identify and sort four items from around the home and label them correctly.

WALT: (INSPIRA): To understand the a process for reusing a common plastic product. We can sort and label to show how a water bottle can be changed into a polar fleece.



How Polar Fleece is made by Callum



40 HOUR FAMINE

The World Vision famine is this weekend.

Remember to get as many sponsors as you can as the money we raise is going to help children in third world countries who are less privileged than ourselves.

If you have any questions please contact Emma at the Office on 524 6574 or at itisemma@gmail.com.

Good luck to everybody who is participating, and remember to have fun!



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 SPECIALS

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SWEATSHIRTS

- sizes 14 AND 16 only **\$12.**



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Combo of 100ml tube SPF30+ sunblock with 100ml Aloe After Sun gel

only **\$10.**



WE STOCK SOCKS

- Low cut sports
- White fold over
- Navy crew ankle
- Navy Girls Tights
- Navy/Gold knee sock for training



In packs of 3 and individually priced

In the school colours of navy or white

FOOTWEAR

During winter either navy or black shoes may be worn, or sports shoes in navy, black, white or a combination of those colours.

No other colours in shoes or socks are acceptable.

Crocs are not suitable for school activities.

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