



# CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal's Chair

### Reporting Student Progress and Achievement to Parents

We have been looking at improving our reporting on student achievement to parents. As part of these changes, opportunities will be available for Parent, Student, Teacher conferences which will now be held over two days during September.

The dates and times will be:

Wednesday 16th September 3.30pm to 6.30pm  
Thursday 17th September 1.30pm to 6.30pm

We have also made changes to the snapshots.

Some improvements to our reporting will be that:

- we have added a section "how parents can support my learning"
- we have added a student reflection – reflection on how the learning goal has been achieved this term.
- we have added teacher feedback and feed forward section – the teacher will comment on various areas possibly including learning, attitude, work habits, engagement, confidence and social skills.

Relevant assessment tools used to gain information about student learning in reading, writing and maths will be shared with parents at the conference in Week 9.

We are always happy to speak to you about student progress - if you would like to do this, you are welcome to make an appointment with us.

*John Houston  
Principal*

At the Board of Trustees meeting this month the building project of a new classroom block was approved. These classrooms will replace Rooms 12 and 13 which will be resited on the school field during construction. The BOT thanks Shane Moser for all his effort in getting this new project underway.



## Calendar Items

### Term 3 2009 Dates

Jul	
31st	Awards Assembly - 2.15pm
Aug	
4th	ICAS - English - Yrs 4-6
5th	Yr5 Speech Finals - 11.00am PTA Meeting - 7.30pm
6th	Yr6 Speech Finals - 9.15am Kelly Tarlton Trip - Rm3
7th	Yr6 High School Musical Trip Gymnastic Zones Comp
8th	PTA - Quiz Night
11th	Kelly Tarlton Trip - Rm1&2 Yr5 Art Gallery Trip - Rms 16&18
12th	Yr5 Art Gallery Trip - Rms 16&18
13th	Y5/6 Cross Country 1-3pm
14th	Awards Assembly - 2.15pm
17th	BOT Meeting - 7.30pm
18th	Yr6 Exchange - Meadowbank
19th	ICAS - Maths
24th	Zone Cross Country - Yr5/6 1-3pm
28th	Daffodil Day - Mufti Day Awards Assembly - 2.15pm
Sep	
1st	Zone Speech Finals
2nd	Community Forum - 7.30pm
4th	Athon Test Day
9th	PTA Meeting - 7.30pm
11th	Learning Snapshots Sent Home Awards Assembly - 2.15pm
15th	Winter Field Day
16th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3.30pm - 6.30pm
17th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1.30pm - 6.30pm BOT Meeting - 7.30pm
18th	Loud Shirt Day
21st	Yr6 Production - Dress Rehearsal
22nd	Yr6 Production
23rd	Yr6 Production
24th	Yr6 Production - Final Night
25th	Awards Assembly - 2.15pm

**Term 3 Ends 25th September**

### Term Dates for 2009

Term 3 Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sept 2009  
Term 4 Mon 12 Oct - Tues 15 Dec 2009

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## School News

### Enrolment into CPDS

Applications for enrolment in 2010 for all in-zone and out of zone children are now available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website [www.cornwallpark.school.nz](http://www.cornwallpark.school.nz).

### Absentees and Sick Children

The office angels are finding it increasingly time consuming ringing parents each morning when a child is not accounted for as being absent from school. When your child is away, whether they are sick or for another reason, can you please remember to ring the school office each day that they are away.

### Extra Sets of Uniform

With all the lovely wet weather we have been experiencing and the hot topic of "water, water everywhere..." across all syndicates, lots of children are enjoying the puddles and muddy areas around the school. Can you please ensure that your child brings a spare set of clothes to change into.

### CPDS Quiz Nite Saturday 8th August

**SOLD OUT.** All tables for the quiz nite have now been sold. For those of you who successfully secured a table, you should have received your ticket home with your child - please contact us if you haven't.

Did you miss out on a table? You could still be part of the fun...

We are looking for people who are happy to forgo the quizzing and help behind the scenes with marking, drinks, setting up supper etc. You'd be part of the fun, and finished in time for the dancing. If this sounds like you please contact Lisa Mandic on 522 8780.



## PTA News

Term 3 has started with plenty of activity. This week we had a new parents afternoon tea, thank you to Julie Jarrett for organising this and to all who helped out and attended. We also hosted a parenting event with Ian Grant on Thursday evening. Many thanks to Michelle Sutton, Tracey Mazur and all who helped with organising and running this event and also to all those who attended. We have the annual PTA Quiz Nite coming up on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, I'm sure that this will be a huge success as always.

Term 3 is always a busy one for the PTA. We have our biggest fundraiser for the year, the Athon, this involves the children in sponsored learning of spelling words (for years 0-2) or knowledge facts (for years 3-6). There are prizes to be won by classes and individual children. This year the Athon will be raising money to support the Arts at the school which will include purchasing a piano for the school hall. Caroline Mackenzie is organising this and your child will be bringing home their Athon information in week 4 of this term. We hope that you will support your child in learning their words or facts and assist them in finding sponsors from among family and friends.

Our next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30 pm in the staffroom. It would be wonderful to see some new faces there. It is always great to have some new ideas and enthusiastic new helpers. Getting involved with the PTA is a great way to support your child's school and help to make Cornwall Park School the best place for your child to learn.

### Quiz Nite Helpers Needed!

The annual Cornwall Park School Quiz Night is taking place on Saturday 8 August from 7.15pm. If you didn't get a ticket, but would still like to join in the fun, we are looking for more helpers for on the night. Volunteers would be helping with marking, setting up supper, and playing songs through an ipod. They would be finished at the end of the quiz and be able to join in the dancing etc. In previous years our helpers have dressed up in the theme and we've had a lot of fun together. Please contact Lisa Mandic by email on [lisa@riverempowerment.co.nz](mailto:lisa@riverempowerment.co.nz) if you would like to help (maybe get a feel for what the quiz nite is all about!):

### PTA Meeting dates in 2009

All meetings held at 7:30pm in the Staffroom – all welcome!

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). 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](mailto:pta@cornwallpark.school.nz)



WEEKLY  
HOT TIP

### Are there alternatives to NO?

There will be times when you need to say 'NO'. The way you do this can make a big difference to the atmosphere in your home and in the level of cooperation you get. Has 'NO' become your default response?

"Yes you can, as soon as you've put your school bag away", or "Sure, straight after dinner" both keep kids on track with the family routine and give them something to look forward to, rather than taking away motivation.

Sometimes your no might mean "I'm tired", "You never do what I ask", or even "I just want a minute's peace!!".

If that's the case, try to resolve what's worrying you so that you're able to respond positively to those never-ending requests!



### HELP WANTED



**We have a paid position available on Fridays 9:00 - 12:30 in our school lunch room.**

**If you are interested in applying for this position please contact Faye on 027 342 3457**

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www.parentsinc.org.nz  
www.attitude.org.nz  
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# Children's Work Rm 23 - Mrs Sietkiewicz

In Rm 23 we have been learning to stand up for ourselves. We shared a book called *How Do I Feel About Bullies and Gangs* by Julie Johnson. We knew we could stand up for ourselves when we stood tall, sounded strong and had powerful words or thoughts to use. Here are some of the ways we have practised. This book came from the school library. We talked about the characters and how they coped with bullies. Our display about our learning is in our classroom window.

**How do I feel about**

# BULLIES AND GANGS

**Julie Johnson**

**Stand up for yourself and say, "Stop it I don't like it."**  
By Annabel

**If you see someone being bullied you should go up to the bully and say, "Stop! I will tell."**  
By Hanna

**Act strong and walk away.**  
By Kate

**If a bully is bullying you, don't ignore them. Tell them how you feel.**  
By Sophie

**I'm going to tell on you if you don't stop!**  
By Kacy

**Say, "Stop it I don't like it!" in brave voice and walk away.**  
By Jessica

**Walk away tall.**  
By John

**Stand tall, talk in a firm voice so that you can make yourself more important than the bully.** By Mikaela

**Tell someone you trust.**  
By Prina

**You are threatening me and I don't like it. I am going to tell a teacher.** By Jackson

**Why are you always bullying me? It's so annoying! Just stop!** By Emily R

**Stare straight past them and when they've finished talking, say "I don't have any clue what you've just said but I'm just walking away from you now."**  
By Sam

**Cover your ears, talk to yourself and walk away. Pretend they are invisible.**  
By David

**I don't like you bullying me. I'm going to tell on you!**  
By Randima

**Leave me alone! I don't like it!** By Bella

**Give it back to me or I'll tell the teacher!**  
By Josh

**Stop that! How would you feel if you got bullied?**  
By Ashleigh

**I don't like what you are doing. I will tell on you.**  
By Federico

**Why be a bully and have no friends when you can be nice and have friends?**  
By Jack

**When you get bullied stand up and say, "I will tell a teacher. You will be in big trouble."** By Emily G

**I will stand up and look important. I will say, "Stop! I don't like what you are doing. I will tell the duty teacher that you are bullying me."**  
By Max

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.





# Children's Work

Room 9 - Mrs Rodgers - We are learning to describe an object:

I have described what the object

✓Looks Like   ✓Moves Like   ✓Sounds Like   ✓Feels Like

## Water

Warm transparent water  
Dripping softly  
Ticklish and slippery on my hand  
Trickling out of the tap slowly  
Flushing down the drain

By Alvin Chan

## Water

White frozen cloudy water  
Still as a statue  
Freezing cold  
Lying muted in the Antarctic  
Huge ice  
Drifting in the sea

By Benjamin Sheehan

**We are learning to grab the reader's attention:**

I have described:

- ✓what I saw
- ✓what I heard

I have used:

- ✓Verbs
- ✓Adverbs

After reading the *Day of the Rain* the children had to describe a different way the classroom floated away or got flooded. They had to describe this using the above success criteria.

## Tap Running

Suddenly I felt cold water tickling my feet while I was doing some writing. Next I heard a loud splash. I saw the water creeping closer and closer to me. The water started to cover the floor and was licking my leg. I was scared because the water was twirling around my body quickly rising. I thought I was going to drown. I had to start swimming. I swam to the door but kept getting pushed back so I dived down and powerfully kicked my legs. Finally I felt the door handle and shoved it open. The water and I burst out onto the concrete. The water disappeared down the drains and flowed down the steps like a waterfall onto the field. I sat down and took big breaths.

By Sarah White

## The Big Wave

I heard a rumbling sound outside the classroom. I looked outside and saw the wild wind twirling around and breaking branches off trees. Cars were getting crushed together while pieces of glass sprinkled on top off the classroom roof. It sounded like fireworks going off. Seawater started coming into the classroom pouring through the cracked windows and the open door. Suddenly I heard the classroom floor crackling. Next we were floating onto the motorway. I was terrified I would sail out to sea.

By Flynn Sutcliffe



## UNIFORM NEWS

Open every Tuesday and Wednesday  
8.30am 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

## WINTER UNISEX POLOS

These long sleeved polo shirts are designed for girls and boys from year 4 up to wear for extra warmth.



They are a great option for this cold weather and look exactly the same as the short sleeved polo when worn under the polar fleece or jacket.

## Volunteers

### Wanted

If you can join our monthly roster to assist with uniform sales and other related duties we would love to hear from you. No experience necessary - just a spare hour once a month either **Tuesdays or Wednesdays 8.30am to 9.30am.**

Please contact Christine on 524 6574 or [uniforms@cornwallpark.school.nz](mailto:uniforms@cornwallpark.school.nz)

## WANTED Second Hand Donations

We require second hand uniforms in good condition to sell at our next sale in term 3. If you have any items you wish to donate please hand them to the school office at any time.

## ON BEHALF DRESSES

We have buyers wanting second hand dresses now. If you would like us to sell an out-grown school dress on behalf, please contact the uniform shop. Ph 524 6574 or [uniforms@cornwallpark.school.nz](mailto:uniforms@cornwallpark.school.nz)

## UNIFORM CARE

Please refer to the school website for the care and laundering of uniforms.

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

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