



# CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th September 2009 No: 220



## From the Principal's Chair

### THE PTA

The PTA met on Wednesday night this week. We had a great turnout as we usually do.



The PTA having an enjoyable moment !!!

The PTA is very important to the school. They provide a forum where the school can communicate with parents, and parents can feed back to us. Often this is our best opportunity to get opinions and information from parents.

The PTA organise events that are crucial to the running of our school, like the family picnic in February and the Quiz evening. They also organise afternoon teas for new parents and fundraising such as the Athon; and sausage sizzles at the end of each term.

Each PTA meeting is productive and lots of fun. Come along to the next meetings in Term 4 – 28<sup>th</sup> October or 2<sup>nd</sup> December and enjoy a night out.

**John Houston**  
Principal



Book School Interviews Online

### PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

#### “NEW BOOKING SYSTEM”

School Code: 27DN2

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Thank you all who have already booked your interviews to meet with teachers. The new electronic on-line system has been fantastic with a completion rate of 70% of children booked in.

It is still not too late to book in your times. Visit the website above or call the office angels who will be happy to help find a suitable time.

School will close at  
1.00 pm on Thursday  
17 September.  
Children will be  
released at 1.00pm  
from their classrooms.

Parents...



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

**KnowledgeNET**

Where do I find details about school events and what time they start?

If you scroll down to the bottom of your child's home page which is the first page that opens when you open Knowledge Net, there is a calendar.

This has a record of all the events that the children are involved in. If you want more detail about an event eg the time, what to bring, what or who is involved, then click on the item in the calendar and the details if they have been entered will come up.

You can use the arrows to look forward in the term as well to see what is coming up in our busy school year.



## Calendar Items

### Term 3 2009 Dates

Sep	
11th	Champion of Champion Gymnastics Learning Snapshots Sent Home Awards Assembly - 2.15pm
15th	Winter Field Day Lion's Speech Competition
16th	<b>Parent/Teacher Student Conferences 3.30pm - 6.30pm</b>
17th	<b>Parent/Teacher Student Conferences 1.30pm - 6.30pm</b> BOT Meeting - 7.30pm
18th	Loud Shirt Day Jnr Cross Country 1.30-3.00pm (save day 24th September)
21st	Yr6 Production - Dress Rehearsal
22nd	Yr6 Production
23rd	Yr6 Production Sharing Time for Parents in Classroom - 1.45pm
24th	Yr6 Production - Final Night
25th	Awards Assembly - 2.15pm

**Term 3 Ends 25th September**

### Term 4 2009 Dates

Oct	
16th	Out of Zone Ballot Closes
19th	Book Week Starts
20th	Pyjama Story Night - 6-7pm
21st	APPA Choir Rehearsal
23rd	Out of Zone Ballot Drawn
26th	Labour Day - School Closed
27th	Teacher Only Day - School Closed

### Term Dates for 2009/10

Term 3	Monday 20 July - Fri 25 Sept 2009
Term 4	Monday 12 Oct - Tues 15 Dec 2009
Term 1	Thursday 4 February 2010
	<b>Flag Day - 8th December</b>
	<b>Flag Day (Saving day) - 10 December</b>
	<b>Year 6 Camp Week - 16-20 November</b>

## THE NEW ZEALAND CURRICULUM TEACHER ONLY DAY TERM 4 27 OCTOBER 2009

A forward planning date for families to consider next term. CPDS staff will be holding a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 27th October.

Please make alternative arrangements for your child on this day or consider a long weekend or family break.



## 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).

### EFTPOS / Visa / MasterCard

CPDS now has available for use an EFTPOS terminal. This can now be used for receipt of all in-school payments. We are also able to accept Visa and MasterCard. Please note that **NO** cash out service will be provided.

### APPA Schools Festival

The Auckland Primary Principal Association Schools Festival is in the Auckland Town Hall on Wednesday night 18 November 2009. The Year 6 choir will be performing on this night. Tickets will be sold through the school next term – details will follow later.

### SPCA Cupcakes

Thank you to all those who purchased the artistically decorated cupcakes supporting the SPCA. \$300 was raised, thanks to Nathan van Maanen and Maria Lambert for all their efforts orchestrating such a fantastic event.



## CORNWALL PARK SCHOOL

YEAR 6 SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2009



### “The Ship of Dreams”

Tickets for School Production are now available from the school office. Order forms have been sent home.

Remember EFTPOS/Visa is now available to pay for your tickets. Just call into the office and the Office Angels will be happy to help.

## Celebrations



**DAFFODIL DAY** - this year we collected \$1,422.70 selling daffodils. Thank you to everybody that helped make this a great event fundraising for the Cancer Foundation.

**MATHLETICS** - Congratulations to our maths whiz students who gained 2nd second place in New Zealand mathletics challenge. An outstanding effort from all those who participated. Well done!

### NETBALL

**CPDS TKNA “A” Team 2009 “A” Grade Winners First Championship**  
Keyana Kake  
Tai Poppleton  
Bronte Jones  
Lucy Jenkin  
Jordyn Kamuhemu  
Georgia Ropati  
Summer Motufoua  
Brooke Towns  
Maddy Walker

**CPDS TKNA “C” Team Winners 2009 “D” Grade**  
Hannah Lewis  
Zoe Callesen  
Danica Morunga  
Natalya Mandich-Dohnt  
Sofia Hewitt  
Alison Smyth-Wenn  
Sophie Wiltshire  
Frances Coates  
Mei Coates

**CPDS Yr 5 Team Winners Yr 5 Future Ferns 2009**  
Ariana Speirs  
Sofia Hewitt  
Zavea Kamuhemu  
Lauren McKenzie  
Alison Smyth-Wenn  
Stascia Hobday  
Dillon Rollinson  
Grace Harford

**Three Kings Netball Association, Sportsmanship Awards:**  
A Team - Jordyn Kamuhemu, B Team - Natasha Follows, C Team - Zoe Callensen



## PTA News

As we head towards the end of Term 3, we are busy collecting and counting the Athon money. Thank you to all of you who have generously supported this and brought the money back to school. We are still collecting Athon money so please try and send the money in to school as soon as possible. The money needs to be handed to the classroom teacher in an envelope or bag that is clearly labelled with your child's name and their room number, please don't send money straight to the office. There is a prize for the class who brings all their money in first! If you can send in a single cheque or notes rather than lots of coins that would be really helpful.

There are some exciting events planned for Term 4 – these include the Pyjama Story Night which is held during Book Week, the popular family photographs and a family orienteering event.

### Pyjama Story Night – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 6-7pm

As part of book week the PTA puts on a story night where the children can dress in their pyjamas and come along and have a bedtime story at school. There will be lots of themes for stories so children should be able to find something that they enjoy. We need people to help with story night by reading to a group of children – if you'd like to do this please call Jane Massey on 5222047.

### End of Term Sausage Sizzle – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

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, it's a wonderful way to meet other parents and experience teamwork at it's best as you help to cook and prepare over 800 sausages with bread and sauce, and get them to the classrooms for eager and hungry children! If you can help on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 10am until 1pm please call Kelly Stephens on 5240555.

### Coming up in Term 4

Pyjama Story Night (part of Book Week) – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm  
Family Photos – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas Heirloom Company Night – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
And children's art calendars – order forms will be sent home early Term 4.

### PTA Meeting dates in 2009

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

### Sharing our Learning An Invitation to Join us on Wednesday 23 September



The children would like to invite all parents to school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 1.45 until 2.50pm so that they can share with you their learning and new understandings about our topic this term, “Water, Water Everywhere”. We would like to ask all parents to meet in the hall first at 1.45 for a short introduction before you join your child in their classroom. Please note that the children will be talking about their learning prior to their usual pack up time of 2.50pm. If you arrive at the usual time to collect your child the sharing time will be over.



# Children's Work

## Should we have uniforms?

I strongly think we should wear uniforms at school, because if your class is on a school trip and you get lost, if your class is wearing mufti it would be hard to find your class.

However, if you're all wearing the same thing, you would find your class under five seconds!

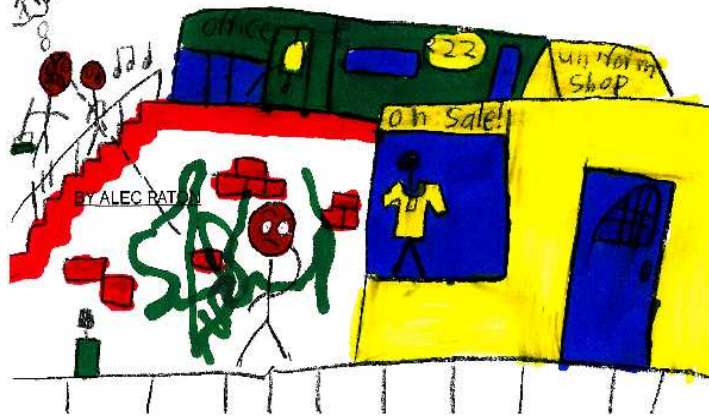
If you could wear mufti at your school, some people might tease you because of what you might be wearing. If you're all wearing the same thing (uniforms) you won't get teased and this will stop children from being bullied.

Most importantly, when you're with your mum or dad at the shops and you see a really cool T-shirt, which costs \$100.00 your parents might free pressurized to buy it. Then the day after that, you may decide that you no longer like it and stop wearing it. What a waste of money that would be! If there were uniforms, there would be no difference because all children have to wear the same clothes to school.

Finally uniforms help to present the school a bit better. Mufti just spoils the presentation of the children.

To conclude, uniforms should be compulsory because children are representing Cornwall Park and look good. They can easily be identified on school trips and save parents a lot of money.

BY ALEC PATON



## Dear Mrs Sietkiewicz

Room 24 is absolutely dying to go to the wave pools, and we think it would be a great experience.

Firstly we haven't gone on a school trip all year, and as you know the year 1 and 2 have gone to Kelly Tarltons, and the year 5's have gone to an art gallery, and the year 6's went to a high school musical play, so I think room 24 should be able to go to the wave pools.

Most importantly our topic is water water everywhere and we are studying Tsunami waves so we should look at the difference between man made waves and real waves, and wouldn't it be cool to see how man made waves were actually made!!!

Further more there will probably be lots of water experts that can tell us loads and loads of information on water which would be stupendous. Maybe Mr Houston would even announce how proud of us he was at assembly for learning so much about water water everywhere.

In conclude I think we should go to the wave pools because we haven't gone on a school trip all year and we could learn lots about water.

Yours Sincerely  
By Andrea Percic

Andrea Percic



# Rm 24 - Mrs Morrow

## Learning Intention:

We are learning to: Write a persuasive piece of writing to convince people to agree with our point of view. We wrote letters to Mrs Sietkiewicz. We developed our own success criteria and called it PINS.

**P = Point of View**

**I = Interesting way to start each paragraph**

**N = New point for each paragraph**

**S = Sum up with a conclusion restating our point of view.**

By Kivin Kenula Diyagama

## Should chewing gum be allowed at school

I strongly believe that chewing gum should not be allowed at school because if you're playing on the playground and you have gum in your mouth you might choke on it.

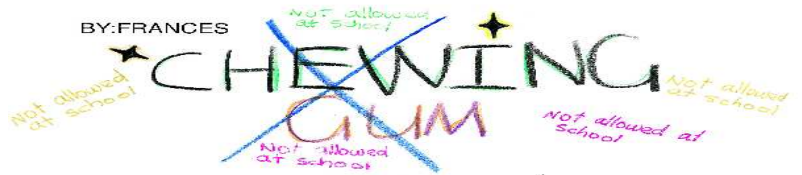
Firstly, I believe that chewing gum should not be allowed at school because in class if someone is chewing on gum and everyone is working, the chewing can distract you. You might make mistakes and get angry if you're trying to work.

In addition, it should also not be allowed at school because when your chewing it some spit might come out of your mouth and it might land on a desk or on someone, so it will spread germs everywhere.

Further more chewing gum will stick on things if you don't bother putting it in the bin. If it sticks everywhere like on the ground someone might come and stand on it. It's not very nice seeing the gum sticking on the ground from your mouth.

In conclusion chewing gum should not be allowed at school because you might choke on it, it might distract you, it might spread everywhere and it's disgusting.

By FRANCES COATES



## Should Chewing Gum be Allowed at School?

I strongly believe that chewing gum should be compulsory at school because if you had some chewing gum it produces saliva and saliva basically cleans your teeth. So how cool would it be if you brushed your teeth without using toothpaste!!!!

Most importantly, if you eat something that has garlic your friend would go "Pooh, your breath smells", but chewing gum spreads a minty flavor around your mouth and makes your breath smell nice, which is great for your friendships!!!!

Lastly if teachers have some chewing gum why can't we have it. Any way if they have it to enlighten their day and we are having a bad day and we are not allowed, that is just unfair. (



In conclusion, chewing gum should be allowed at school because it helps brush teeth and makes your breath smell nice. This keeps your friends happy so bring on chewing gum!!!

By Adam Dryden



Loud Shirt Day - 18 September 2009

Do it your way on

Loud Shirt Day

Friday 18 September



We are happy to introduce to you Vege in Schools. A new initiative to get children excited about healthy eating of lots of fruit and veges. Look out for the email being sent to you each Friday. A flyer will be sent to you on 11 September to explain further.





## Children's Work

Room 7 - Miss Hamilton

We are learning to write a setting for a narrative.  
I will be successful if I have:

- Where, when and who in my setting.
- Used a variety of interesting describing words.

One hot sunny bright Sunday on the white Savannah sand a



grey elephant had just walked past muddy green grass. In the grass was a brave explorer with a light brown hat, dark yellow clothes and a black rapid, fire gun.

By Alexander Wong

One Wednesday a crazy granny went to the Sky Tower. Then the granny went falling from the Sky Tower.

By Marcus Marshall



One hot sunny Monday the island is full of roars. The fierce lion walked through the jungle until he saw a male jaguar.

By Jeff Balansag



News about Cornwall Park School Book Week

19 October to 23 October

Book Week is a biennial event which aims to encourage all children to read widely for enjoyment and learning. The scheduled events are designed to promote reading and literacy as well as make reading fun and exciting. During the week the Library and Information Centre turns into a large display of books for children, parents and grandparents to purchase. Events take place throughout the week in various venues around the school. They include visits by authors and illustrators, the famous PTA pyjama story telling night, an amazing book character parade and more. This year we are inviting Grandparents along for a special book sharing time in their grandchildren's class.

Full details of all events will be sent out with the next newsletter but if you would like more detail please visit the Book Week page on Knowledge Net. (Go to Research Zone, Information Centre and click on the link)

## Chaos at the School Gate

*"My Week As a Lollipop"!!*

By Dawn Wood, AP

As many of you are aware our Road Patrol Lollipop broke last Friday. During the 8 days before it was replaced I stood on the crossing before and after school as a human lollipop.

Ensuring our children's safety was my primary purpose, however, during this week I was appalled with the standard of driving I witnessed outside our school and have been moved to publish this.



50 metres from our pedestrian crossing are diamonds painted on the road, also at these point are the **NO U-TURN SIGNS!** The following cars were seen doing a U-turn within this area this week: **G MAX, YY8897, BND180, YX1723, EBW446, DKT962, DWL281, TM916, BFP845, DYJ242, and KIT998.**



We have received an increase in complaints from our neighbours about cars parked in their driveways. Obstructing a driveway is also an offence - several people learnt this first hand when they were issued with tickets last Friday. As well as obstructing the driveway cars were seen parking on the yellow dotted lines and bus stops.

These actions endanger both the children who are our school patrollers and the children crossing the road. The following cars were seen obstructing driveways and parking on yellow lines this week: **BND180, EEJ453, AGD258, DYJ242, BMM577 and CMF539.**

The prize winning award goes to the parent who double parked on Wheturangi Road and called her child through the parked cars to "get into the car": **XJ4835.**

The reason for this name and shame article is to improve the safety of our students and protect the students and parents who run the crossing each day.

I realise parking is at a premium and time is precious but consider how you would feel if someone pulled into a driveway and hit your child or U-turned into your car. Chaos at the GATE is an initiative between school and Auckland City Council. Our aim is to improve the safety around our school. The ACC and NZ Police will continue to assist us with enforcement as necessary.

I am pleased that we now have a new lollipop operating at our crossing and hope there will be an improvement in the driving behaviour of parents.