



CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Chair

Arts Extravaganza Success

Congratulations to Mrs Inkster, Mrs Yu, Mrs Whata, Fred Astle and the children who provided an outstanding show last night at the Arts Extravaganza Performance.

The evening was compered by Jacob Johnson, which showcased his exceptional skills.

It was a wonderful evening introduced by the Kapa Haka group and included the school choir, orchestra, ukulele group and the performing arts winners. The evening was an outstanding success, with wonderful music from our talented children.

Thank you to all parents and families for coming along and supporting your children.

Community Forum

Our Community Forum for Term 4 will be held in the staff room on Wednesday 25th November at 7.30 pm after the Year 4 Production. A representative of NetSafe will be coming along to talk to us about safety with the internet and computers in the home.

John Houston, Principal

School Leaders Programme

Many year 5's will now be starting to think about what leadership position they would like in the school next year.

They may have been chosen to serve as a road patroller or be thinking of being a librarian or wish to be considered as a school leader.

Year 6 school leaders are role models and often representatives of the school in the public arena

The Leaders will be selected through the following process in Term 4:

Week 7

School leaders will present to the year 5's about what each role involves as well as the positives and negatives of the position. Year 5's then write a self nomination stating why they think they have leadership potential and provide any examples that demonstrate their abilities. This needs to be supported by and commented on by a parent.

Week 8

All nominations are handed to Mrs Wood by the Friday

Week 9

During this week all the applications are read, teacher feedback is gathered on the names, strengths and suitability of each candidate discussed. A final decision is made and leaders are announced at the beginning of 2010.

2009 G.A.T.E Maths Group Year 5

Over the last few weeks this group have been completing their investigations

relating to the topic 'Statistics in Downtown'.

This involved venturing into Downtown, gathering data and surveying the public using questionnaires.

The students have done a great job and these are on display in Mr Houston's office. Well done guys! **Please do come and view the display!**



Community Farewell

We are sadly saying farewell to our school principal, Mr John Houston, who will be leaving our school at the end of the school term. We welcome you all to come along to a community farewell in his honour on Friday 11 December at 10:30am in the school hall immediately following the Blues/Excellence Awards Assembly.



Calendar Items

Term 4 2009 Dates

Nov	
16th-18th	Year 6 Camp Week - Rm 13/20
16th-18th	Year 5 Bike Safety
17th	APPA Choir Rehearsal (Town Hall 9.00am-12.30pm)
18th-20th	Year 6 Camp Week - Rm 15/14
18th	APPA Choir Evening (Town Hall 7.30pm)
	Y2 International Rehearsal
19th	Y2 International Concert 6.00pm
19th	BOT Meeting - 7.30pm
20th	Assembly - 2.15pm
21st	Saturday Ukuleles Performance
24th	Zone Athletics
25th	Year 4 Production - 6.45pm Start
25th	Community Forum - 7.30pm
26th	Rainbows End Trip for all Librarians and School Patrollers
	Year 5 Trip to Museum - Rm 16&18
	Year 4 Theatre Trip
27th	Summative Reports Sent Home
	Year 5 Trip to Museum - Rm 17&19
30th	Life Ed Begins
	NE/Year 1 Visit to Aotea Centre
	PTA Xmas Heirloom - 7.00pm
Dec	
2nd	Y2 Trip to Aotea Centre
4th	Assembly
6th	Choir - Marivale Reserve
11th	Blues/Excellence Assembly
14th	BOT Meeting - 7.30pm
15th	Last Day of School

Term Dates for 2009/10

Term 4 Monday 12 Oct - Tues 15 Dec 2009
School Finishes at 3.00pm

Flag Day - 8th December

Flag Day (Saving day) - 10 December

Year 6 Camp Week - 16-20 November

Term 1 Starts Thursday 4 February 2010

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Dog and Cat Foods

The Best You Can Do For Your Dog & Cat



School News

New Building Update

Due to the removal of pre-fabs Room 12, 13 and 15 have been relocated. Room 12 will be relocated to Room 15.

Room 15 will be relocated to the IT Suite.

Room 13 will be relocated to the Library.

These moves are to give the two year 6 classes the opportunity to work closely together in the Information Centre.

Boys Undies

Sick Bay is desperate for little undies. If you have any Y0-Y2 undies or boys shorts of any size can you please kindly donate them to the school office. Thanks from the Office Angels.

School Patrols

Our Year 6 children are off to Camp in week 6 so Yr 5 patrollers begin next week. Please take extra care when using our crossings as our brand new road patrollers learn their new job. Thanks, Mrs Wood.

Notice from Room 3 - "One World One Dream"

Room 3 has a friend in Namibia who is collecting old/used togs for children so they can swim in the local pool. This is our opportunity to donate all our old/used togs, of any size. Room 3 will be collecting these in November, bring them along and put them in the box provided. Please help us make a difference. For more information phone Lisa Rolle 520 6771.

Rm 3 also visited the office angels this morning and gave us a wonderful cultural display of Samoan costume and language. Thank you Room 3, you gave us a lovely show.



PTA News

Here we are, halfway through the last term of the year, hasn't time gone so fast! Our last PTA meeting for the year is coming up on Wednesday 2nd December at 7:30pm in the staffroom, if you've been meaning to come to a meeting all year then this is your last chance – we'd love to see you there!

I really enjoyed hearing the new hall piano at assembly last Friday, it sounded wonderful when Judy Inkster accompanied the national anthem. The piano was purchased with money raised in this year's Athon, so thank you to all who supported the Athon with sponsorship and donations and to all the children who worked so hard.

We've had a busy few weeks with art calendars, family photos and orienteering. Thank you to Helen Martinez and Tracey Mazur for their work organising the family photos, never an easy thing at this busy time of year, and to Leo McCormack for organising another successful fun family orienteering event in Cornwall Park.

Children's Art Calendars and Cards

Thank you to everyone who has ordered children's art calendars and cards We will get them back to you as soon as we can, they will be sent home with your child so check those book bags and school bags.

Family Photos – Viewing Day Wednesday 25th November

Those of you who had family portraits done will have a time booked for your viewing on Wednesday 25th November. Viewing is in the staffroom – don't forget!

Christmas Heirloom Company Night Monday 30th November at 7pm

Come learn the tricks of the trade

Get your lights on the tree without tangling them

Create a wreath and centre piece, make fabulous bows

To name a few of the tricks!

Where the magic of Christmas lasts...

Receive 10% discount off all purchases on the night.

Monday 30th November, 2009

Time: 7.00pm

204 Marua Road, Ellerslie

Bookings are essential - tickets are \$10 per person, numbers limited to 40 places only so get in quickly as this is a very popular event!

To reserve your ticket please contact Trina Johnson 027 214 8363 (text Christmas Heirloom, your name and number of tickets) or e-mail trinaj@adhb.govt.nz.

Trina will return text or e-mail confirmation and payment will be collected at the door on the night.

PTA Meeting dates in 2009

All meetings held at 7:30pm in the Staffroom – all very welcome!
Term 4 – Wednesday 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

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Boys at School

Boys operate differently to girls in the classroom; here are three tips which will help parents and teachers to optimise their learning experiences:

1. A burst of physical activity will stimulate the brain and help with focus for learning, so keep them moving regularly.
2. Work with their natural curiosity to understand how things work, they will be far more motivated if there is a reason for the lesson.
3. Communicate with them shoulder to shoulder rather than face to face, they will appreciate the space to solve a problem with your support rather than your directions.

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Our classmate Sydney wrote to us from China. Learning Intention: We have been learning how to write letters in reply. This is a great practice for writing letter to Santa.

Our Success Criteria was to :

Set it out like a letter, include to and from, ask questions, give news about yourself, be polite, use capital letters, full stops and question marks

10.11.09.

Dear Sydney,

I hope you had a good time. Thank you for the lovely letter. What food do you eat in China? In New Zealand there was fireworks. Did you have fireworks too?

10.11.09

Dear Sydney,

Are you OK in China? We do art with our buddies. Are you hot in China? I went to the circus. From Sophie.

How Sophie Sydney

9.11.09

Dear Sydney,

Thank you for your letter. I hope you like my mine. When are you coming back? I went to a circus. At the circus was there was some Indian people jumping through fire. I hope you are not sick. In China. From Ella.

10.11.09

Dear Sydney,

I really miss you. I hope you have FUN at China? You missed you on the fireworks pictures but it is OK. I went to the farm with my cousins. From Alex



Children's Work Miss Quan Room 6

Learning Intention:

- We are learning to write an acrostic poem.

Success Criteria:

- Each new sentence will start with the next letter from my name.
- I will think about the things that make me special and use this in a sentence.

Decelan is cool.

Excellent at reading.

Counts to 1000!

Listens to "Green Day".

Awesome at running.

Now I am five.

Kind and caring.

Linterested in reading.

Runs in running races.

Kirk is my dad's name too.

Laughing Luke.

Understands words.

Kind to my friends.

Excellent at drawing!

Sunny, sandy hair.

Awesome artist.

Rabbit lover.

Always good.

Dangerous Daniel.

Awesome artist.

Nice to my sister.

I like my friend Ethan.

Exciting reader.

Laughing always.

Good listener.

Really fabulous writer.

Author and artist.

Clever at gymnastics.

Exciting!



UNIFORM NEWS

Open every Tuesday and Wednesday
8.30am or order through the office.

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uniforms@cornwallpark.school.nz
www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz

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SUNBLOCK



Exposure to UV sun rays is dangerous. Our school shade rationale is no hat, no outside play. To help prevent your child from UV sun-burn SunSmart NZ recommends a high protection sun block as well as a hat with a broad brim.

We offer 2 sizes in a 30SPF+ high protection, water resistant sun block — in stock now.

- ◆ Roll-on — 50g non spill, easy to apply
- ◆ Tube — 100ml
- ◆ After sun Gel with Aloe Vera



**SunSmart Week
8 – 14 November**

Now is the perfect time for being SunSmart and to continue sun protection throughout the summer months.

**SunSmart
"Slip, Slop, Slap"**

See our **New broad brim hat** now in stock!

LOW CUT WHITE SPORTS SOCKS

In stock for Summer



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS WANTED

Please consider donating unwanted uniforms to our School.

FLAG DAY UNIFORM - Are you ready for Flag Day on **Tuesday 8th December**? All pupils must wear the formal school uniform including the school hat; as well as appropriate shoes in the regulation school colours of navy/white or black. Our last Open shop day is **Wednesday 2nd December 2009.**

Payment by cash or cheque
Eftpos and Visa Now Available at the Office
For further information refer to the Noticeboard.