



CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends of the School

As we approach the last two weeks of Term 1, we also see the term of our current Board of Trustees come to an end. It is appropriate at this time to recognise the contribution they have made to their school and district and thank them for their efforts. Most of them have served at least two terms on the Board and in the Chairman, Nigel Boswells' case, three terms. That certainly provided the school with stability and allowed the strategic planning to be put in place. I have been really impressed with their knowledge of what a Board's role is, grateful for their support and appreciative of their friendliness and approachability. They have been an excellent Board.

DON'T FORGET - Elections are being organised by Murray Wilkinson, Returning Officer, at this moment and your district needs capable people to allow their name to be put forward as nominees. Do consider this opportunity if you are approached.

Consultation with the Community

As parents you will be aware that the Board of Trustees develops school policies by which the school must then operate. These are the Principal's guidelines as it were, and the Principal must implement these policies consistently. Policies need reviewing and the Board has just completed a review of the policies relating to the National Administration Guideline Number 5 which is about Health and Safety. These policies are kept behind the school counter. They are available for reading by the public and you should ask for them should you wish to peruse their content. Submissions can be made, in writing, to the Board, regarding any issue you have with the Health and Safety policies and the Board will then consider that submission. Last day for submissions will be 1st April.

School Strategic Plan

This has just been completed. Again you may ask the office for it so you can see the direction the school is intending to take over the next two years. Submissions will again be accepted in writing, for consideration. We must submit the Strategic Plan to the Ministry of Education within the next month.

End of Term / Beginning of Term

Term 1 finishes on Thursday 1 April at 3.00pm

Term 2 begins on Monday 19 April at 8.55am

Teacher Only Day (TOD)

Senior Management may request the Board to grant a TOD some time in Term 2 or Term 3. It will be to consolidate professional development that is being done after school throughout both terms. This professional development sits around the implementation of the New Zealand Curriculum, the writing of curriculum statements, and teaching practices and procedures. It is being lead by Alicia Whata. It is very important work that began back in 2009. This year we wish to complete all relevant aspects of the work. We may be able to complete it without recourse to a TOD. We will give you plenty of warning if we do need a TOD. It would most likely be a Friday.

STOP PRESS! The magnificent swimming team returned to school triumphant, having won the Remuera Zone Swimming Champions Cup at the interschool sports. They tied with St Cuthberts. What an honour they brought the school. Congratulations team, on a superb effort. Well done and thank you parents for your support and three cheers for Sue Tapene and Henriette Smeets, the coaching staff who put a huge effort into training up the swimmers and to Paul Campbell for organising our team.

Knowledge Net

Amanda Grimsey is delighted by the response to this means of parent school communication. She informed me that on average 70 people are accessing the site each evening. Many children and parents are using this area to share and extend children's learning. Keep up that very fine effort parents. Further enhancements to the site will be trialled with Year 3 parents next week. Parent, student and teacher feedback on these initiatives will help plan future developments.

School Fair

Marc Martin and his very fine team of school parents are flat out putting together the final stages of the planning. Obviously the last four days will be absolutely hectic, but we know they will put on a great show. See you all there on Sunday.

Opening of New School Building

We are delighted to inform you that the new building is nearing completion as scheduled for the end of the Term 1 holidays (16 April). There will be an opening celebration on Thursday 29th April from 5.30-7.00pm.

John Davies
Acting Principal



Calendar Items

Term 1 2010 Dates
(Check the School Calendar on Knowledge Net for full details of the following events)

Mar	
28th	SCHOOL FAIR
30th	Summer Field Day - 9am-3pm
	Y5/6 Triathlon - 1-3pm
31st	Waterwise - Rm15
Apr	
1st	Assembly - 2.15pm
	Term 1 Ends - Thursday 3.00pm
TERM 2	
Apr	
26th	BOT Meeting - 7.30pm

2010 Dates	
Term 1	Thursday 4 Feb - Thursday 1 Apr
Term 2	Monday 19 Apr - Friday 2 Jul
Term 3	Monday 19 Jul - Friday 24 Sept
Term 4	Monday 11 Oct - Friday 17 Dec



School News

Office Hours - 8.30am until 3.30pm.

Pool Keys - The school pool is now closed. Pool keys can be returned to the office. To qualify for a full bond refund keys should be returned no later than Friday 7th May. Keys outstanding after this date will not be eligible for a refund - NO exceptions.

Netball

Future Fern registrations are now due. If you are able to assist a team as a coach or a manager please ask at the office. We will only be registering teams that have a designated coach and manager for the season. Competitions are open to boys and girls Yrs 3-6.

Swimming Notice - We are coming to the end of another busy term of swimming. Mr Campbell would like to thank all of the parents who have helped with classroom swimming. Thanks for all of the time spent standing on the out side (and the in side) of the pool taking swimming groups.

Overall the standard of swimming in the school has improved from last year with increasing numbers of children swimming confidently. This has been great to see.

Thanks also to all of the parents who helped at all of our swimming sports this term. These events couldn't be run without timers, recorders, judges etc.

All of this hard work throughout the school has resulted in our Year5/6 swimming team coming 1st = overall at the Remuera Zone Swimming Sports which were held on Tuesday. This is a fantastic achievement and is the first time that our school has won this trophy. Thanks to Sue Tapene, Henriette Smeets and Mark Turner for the early starts and hard work put into training the team.

The Year 1-4 children have now finished their swimming programme as the weather and pool are cooling down. The Year 5/6 children will continue swimming as they practice for their Triathlon next Tuesday.

Celebrations

We would like to congratulate **Shona Hamilton** on her successful application as a sponsored teacher for the Auckland Reading Association in 2010.

This scholarship offers young teachers the opportunity to attend the National NZRA reading conference, which is being held this year in July, at Sky City.

This conference is part of the International Reading Association's World Congress on Reading, a significant International conference.



Board of Trustees Update

The CPDS Fair is here on Sunday 28th March. A big thank you to the Fair Committee members who have been working extremely hard to make things happen. If you are not already involved in helping out with the fair, it is not too late to lend a helping hand. Just turn up with your family on Saturday, starting at 8am and any time during the day, your help will be very much appreciated.

The funds raised will benefit all the children of the school. It will be used to part fund our specialist teachers in Music, PE and ICT, and our new school block.

Please give your support in any way you can. Many hands make light work!



PTA News

Here we are, nearly at the end of the first term – time certainly flies when you're busy!

The year 5 children had their camps recently and a fantastic time was had by all. Camps couldn't happen without parent helpers and their support is greatly appreciated. For those parents and teachers who gave up two nights of uninterrupted sleep to stay overnight for the duration of each camp, the PTA provided dinner for them to take home to their family when they returned. Thank you to Tracey Mazur for efficiently organising this for the PTA, as always, you did a wonderful job.

In Term 2, with the fair over for another year, you will see more activity from the PTA. Coming up we have the dance for the children and also a wine tasting evening for parents. Entertainment books will be on sale and we will have a mufti day to raise funds for the Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind to support guide dog training. Dates and more information will be coming in Term 2.

Entertainment Books – Order yours now!

You should have received an order form for the very popular Auckland 2010/11 entertainment book. These books contain discount vouchers and offers for a variety of restaurants and attractions. Books are \$65 each, which is fantastic value. They can be purchased from the 29th March either from the sellers outside the library or by sending a completed order with payment in to the office (the book will be sent home with your child). If you have any questions please call Kelly Stephens on Ph: 524 0555 or Angela Eastwood on Ph: 524 5464.

End of Term Sausage Sizzle – Helpers urgently needed!

Karen Harle has volunteered to take over organising the end of term sausage sizzles but she would really appreciate someone to work with as a co-organiser. The sausage sizzle involves organising lots of things in a short time frame so it is a good job to share between two people. If you are interested in sharing this role then please talk to Karen on Ph: 634 0661.

If you are able to assist with the end of term 1 sausage sizzle (cooking, processing orders etc) on Thurs 1 April from about 10am - 12:30pm. Please contact Karen Harle, on Ph: 634 0661.

PTA Meeting dates in 2010

Next PTA meeting is on 5th May at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome at our meetings.

Dates for the rest of the 2010 School Year are as follows:

Term 2 -	5 May
	9 June
Term 3 -	4 August
	8 September
Term 4 -	27 October
	1 December

PTA Email Lists for 2010

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.

Margaret Anderson
PTA Chairperson
pta@cornwallpark.school.nz



Children's Work

We Are Learning To: Write a set of instructions.

We will know we have been successful, when someone else can follow the steps successfully.

How To Make a Musical Instrument By Jenny

If you follow these steps you will make the musical instrument that I made.

You will need:
a clean yogurt pot
3 rubber bands
Sellotape
felt tip pens
paper
scissors
colouring pencils



1. Pick up the yogurt pot.
2. Put the 3 rubber bands over the top of the yogurt pot.
3. Stick the sellotape on the sides of the yogurt pot where the rubber bands are so they don't fall off.
4. Decorate your instrument. Use felt pens.
5. Cut out triangles and colour them in.
6. Play your musical instrument by plucking the rubber bands. If the rubber bands fall off, add some more sellotape.

Making a Musical Instrument By Titiya

If you follow the instructions you will make a colourful, bright instrument.

You will need:

rocks	coloured paper
containers	stickers
glue	coloured pencils
felt tip pens	scissors

1. Open the lid of the container.
2. Put some stones or rocks into the container.
3. Decorate with stickers or coloured paper.
4. Glue the coloured paper onto the outside of the container.
5. Decorate the lid with some stickers.
6. Wait for the instrument to dry.
7. Use your hands to shake the container so the rocks can move inside the container.



Make An Instrument By Tasman

Follow these steps and you will make a musical instrument.

You will need:

- a box
- two rubber bands
- a roll
- some paint
- rice
- container
- glue



- felt tip pens
1. Paint your box.
 2. Colour your container
 3. Put the rice in.
 4. Put the lid on.
 5. Glue the container on the box.
 6. Cut two holes in the box and place the rubber bands in the holes.
 7. Place the strings below on the roll.
 8. Shake your shaker.
- Now you have a musical instrument.

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WOW Club

(Walking and Wheeling on Weekdays)

Hi wonderful WOWers,

This is a friendly reminder to please send us your WOW results for this term.

You can do this 2 ways:

1. Email your results to:
roadsafety@aucklandcity.govt.nz
Please include...
Name:
School: Cornwall Park District School
Number of WOW days:
2. Post your results to:
Road Safety/WOW
Private Bag 92516
Wellesley St
Auckland

Best wishes,

The WOW team @ Auckland City Council

NETBALL SKILLS CAMP

Reminder to all year 3,4,5,6 students. Mrs Tapene and Mrs Dallimore are running a netball skills camp Monday 12 Tuesday 13 April (2nd week of the holidays).

If you are playing Future Ferns or Saturday netball this term, this is a great start to the season.

There are still spaces available.



For Parents

Don't Let Technology Take Over!

At what age should children carry a phone? When should phones be switched off? How do we share computer time and keep usage at a healthy level? What steps do we take to make sure that our kids are using electronic devices in a way that's safe and age-appropriate? As the big people in your family, decide what's appropriate for you, and then put some plans in place. Discussing the boundaries around using technology can be a great family exercise in negotiation, team-work, and responsibility, so it's well worth the effort to make some family agreements and resist taking the easy road of letting kids decide what's OK.

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Children's Work

Room 4 - Miss Strang
We are learning how animals communicate.


Claudia



When a dog frowns it is ready to attack something. When a dog wags its tail it is happy. When a dog wants to play it lies down.

Claudia

Kareena Soma



When a dog gets angry the dog fights. His teeth show and his body stands straight.

Kareena Soma

Daniel



When I stand, my dog stands when he wants to play he brings out the toys

Daniel

SARA




SARA My pet cat likes to roll on the ground. My cat communicates when she moves her tail she wants you to go away. My pet cat is shy she doesn't like being picked up.


Tia

My cat is black and white. It communicates by meowing. That means it's hungry, and when it wants to play it scratches people's hands.

Tia Darovich



Katie



When a dog has its ears down he wants to fight because he is frightened. If a dog came and saw the frightened dog he might play with him and then he will be so much better. They will be friends and that will be good.

ASB

School Banking is on Friday's. Children can bring their envelopes into the office and put them in the container provided.



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 Eftpos now available

ONLY TWO MORE SHOP DAYS IN TERM 1

Order winter tops and pants NOW:

		
3/4 Pants	Snr Winter Polo	Bootlegs
		
Elastic cuff	Jnr skivvy	Ribbed cuff

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Low cut sports socks



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Compulsory sports uniform

Optional Jacket



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