

# **CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

## Thursday 10 June 2010 No: 235

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

One of the goals a good school should certainly pursue is that of growing leaders within the staff. Teachers, actually, are not always 'born' to the role of leader. It is a learned craft and it requires plenty of practice. There are starting points for those in the teaching service, who aspire to take on responsibilities on a broader front within a school. Two of these areas are being an Associate Teacher, guiding and training young future teachers from the University or being a Tutor Teacher quiding the training of new teachers over a two year period when they have been appointed to a school. Both roles are demanding for they require Associates and Tutors to perform at a consistently high standard as role models for these new people. They are not only required to have a strong grasp of pedagogy and curriculum but to also be strong in student management and pastoral care.

To top it all off, they must have strong people skills. Their leadership needs to be subtle, sensitive, explicit and logical and the people chosen to be Associates or Tutors need to be good listeners, not just talkers, encouragers - not enforcers, leaders not the lead. They are in roles that require plenty of reflection, sound planning and an enjoyment in seeing those whom they mentor, succeed. Our Tutor Teachers are Shona Hamilton, Colleen Morrow and Margaret Whittaker and our Associate Teachers are Laura Findlay, Jane Parker and Andy Butler/Lisa Rolle. It might be also a good time to record how well our teachers in training are progressing. Ms Khor, Ms Booth and Ms Sharp have worked very hard to quickly get to know their classes. They have shown commitment and desire to be competent teachers. Many staff have commented to me on their professional application to the task in hand. Keep it up and you will go from strength to strength Sarah-Jane, Janelle and Kate.

A really good effort by everyone to recognise what is quickly becoming, something the world needs to seriously focus upon. Lots of fun activities held at school and then we had the organisation for the planting of native shrubs. What a great day Friday was to celebrate the environment; a day when we had magnificent sunshine and a great spirit in the school. Thank you school leaders for taking the time to put this day together and thank you families for joining in the festivities. There were some great bikes and scooters! Rugby Against Rowandale School

Mr Campbell and Mr Caldwell have got together, the boys from the Barbarians day who are Under 40kg and whipped them into a team. They played the team mentioned above and had a meritorious victory; 50/10. Well done boys! Thank you Mr Caldwell for coaching this team. Year 2 Music Extravaganza

Some hard work is going into the upcoming production in the hall. I bet you Year 2 students are getting excited about it. We had a great turn out for the Year 1 show so I'm betting we will see all your parents there this week. Spot ya!!

PS - Ms Hamilton is also getting excited!

#### School Car Park on Green Lane West

We have had two accidents in the entry area to this carpark (Tennis Club). Cars and bikes competing for road space. The next accident could be really serious. Let's avoid that happening by being really careful and vigilant. Bike people - LOOK OUT FOR CARS ABOUT TO ENTER THE CAR PARK! You may need to give way to them and let them in first and then enter yourself. It is a difficult entry area for cars. Thanks everybody.

#### Teachers and Report Writing

Right now, all teachers are engaged in completing the writing of reports. Remember everyone, they go out on 25 June. It is a busy time for teachers as they verify assessments for each student. Holiday Time

We have had our long weekend, just gone, and I hope everyone enjoyed a bit of R&R. A reminder that the term ends on 2nd July. We close for a two week holiday and come back for Term 3 on 19 July.

John Davies, Principal



## **Book School Interviews Online**

#### PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES School Code: C2S68

Cornwall Park School is using the 'on-line' booking system for our Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences on Tuesday 29 June and Wednesday 30 June 2010.

Please log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the School Parents... Code to make your interview times.

#### Bookings will open to parents on Monday 14th June

Alternatively if you do not have access to the internet, please phone or call in to the School Office and we will process it for you.



## Calendar Items

#### Term 2 2010 Dates (Check the School Calendar on Knowledge Net for full details of the following events) <u>Jun</u> 10th PTA Morton Estate Wine Tasting 15th Kids for Kids Concert Y5 Choir Y5/6 Sports Exchange Second Hand Uniform Sale 8.30am 16th Y5/6 Science Road Show 17th APPA Choir Rehearsal BOT Meeting - 7.30pm Award Assembly Performing Arts Concert - 6pm 23rd 25th Parent Sharing Afternoon Reports go Home 28th Y1 Trip to Greedy Cat Y2 Trip to Greedy Cat Parent Interviews - 3 30-6pm 30th Parent Interviews - 1.30-7pm <u>Jul</u> 2nd PTA Sausage Sizzle - Lunchtime **Award Assembly** Term 2 Ends - 3.00pm Term 3 <u>Jul</u> 22nd BOT Meeting - 7.30pm 30th Gymnastics Zones (note date change) <u>Aug</u> ICAS - English 4th PTA Meeting Speech Finals 5th 2010 Dates 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

School Donations / Tax Deduction A reminder that it is tax time again. Remember that your school donations are tax deductible. Please email Carla on nbeek@cornwallpark.school.nz if you need a receipt.

Kids Running Club - Years 5 or Year 6 Kids Running Club meet each Monday morning. If your kids are keen meet us in the bottom car park at 7.15am. We usually get back at approx 8am. If any parents can assist and join us for our gentle Monday morning jog please contact: Grant McKenzie, Ph: 529 5210, Mob: 027 444 1269 or email: gmckenzie@skytv.co.nz See you Monday @ 7.15am!!

#### **EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

Our new entrant classrooms are continuing to be resourced but there are still lots of items that they need to help make this environment inviting and exciting for our new students. Rm 28 & 30 would be grateful for any role play furniture & equipment - doll cots, toy ovens, small table & chairs, cash registers, old phones, ink stamps & pads, small vehicles, cushions, clothes horses. If you have any of these items please see Ms Bailey (Rm28) or Mrs Cooper (Rm30).

- Sign-In and Sign-Out of Children Entering and Leaving School A requirement of the school health and safety policy is that all children are signed in on entering the school at all times after the beginning of school, and signed out if leaving the school at any time during school hours before the end of the day. Can you all please take special note of this. We always need to be able to identify who is in the school at any time, especially in the event of an emergency. Help us to look after your child.
- Notification of Children Absent From School

If your child is away sick, or for any other reason, it is imperative that you ring the school office (Ph: 524-6574 Dial 1 for absentees) with advice before 9.30am. Alternatively, you may email the school office@cornwallpark.sch

If you child is to be away from school for a longer period of time, please advise the school in writing, either by letter or email.

Hi wonderful WOWers, this is a friendly reminder to please send in your WOW results and photo/picture competitions for this term. You can do this by 2 ways:

Email: roadsafety@aucklandcity.govt.nz

Hayley Thorne Post: Road Safety/WOW Private Bag 92516 Wellesley Street Auckland 1141

Remember to include: name, school, number of WOW days.

www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/wow

So keep up the awesome effort everyone and have a WOW-tastic term! Best wishes from

the WOW team @ Auckland City Council.

# **WOWser** the cat

Parenting

Bow-WOW the dog

#### The Parenting Place Café is now open Saturdays 9am - 1pm

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accessible. We are open 8.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday, 9.00am 1.00pm Saturdays or 24/7 on our website. Enquiries 524 0025.

www.theparentingplace.com

#### **ENROLMENT AT AUCKLAND NORMAL INTERMEDIATE - 2011**

To parents of year 6 children - Important dates for enrolment at **Auckland Normal Intermediate.** 

Information Evening for parents on Monday 26 July 2010 at 7.00 pm in the library at Auckland Normal Intermediate. Open Day for parents and children on Friday 13 August from 9.30 am to 12 noon. Out of Zone Ballot on 20 October. (Ballot applications close on 15 October). Placement Testing on Tuesday 9 November from 9.00 am to 10.30 am in the school hall at ANI. Enrolment Confirmation Day on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 November from 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm in ANI hall. Orientation Day at ANI for Year 6 children on Friday 19 November from 9.00 am to 11.00 am.



#### Quiz Night 2010

The much anticipated, outrageously fun social event of the year-Quiz Night 2010 - is very nearly here!!! Each year Quiz Night just gets better and the standard of costumes become more hilarious, impressive, clever, and sometimes, downright outrageous. This is a fun evening for parents, a chance to let your hair down (or add your hair on), and to pit your general knowledge against parents and teachers.

Traditionally Quiz Night has been held in the school hall, but due to the growing popularity of this event, the PTA has decided to move to a larger venue. This year, CPDS Quiz Night will be held at the Commerce Club, 27-33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera.

This venue is bigger, brighter, warmer, with comfortable seats, and the added bonus of being able to walk away at the end of the night without having to get the hall back in order.

The date for Quiz Night is 21st August 2010. Tickets will go on sale in the first week of term 4, and the theme for Quiz Night 2010 will be revealed in the last newsletter of this term. This will give you time to organize your tables and decide on your costumes - the more outlandish, the better!

#### End of Term Sausage Sizzle - Helpers needed!

Everyone should have a day helping with the sausage sizzle! This is hugely popular for our children, and runs like a well-oiled (or greased) machine. Word around the PTA meetings is that it is FUN, exhausting, and extremely satisfying to help out with the end of term sausage sizzle. But don't take my word for it - come and volunteer, and see for yourself!

If you are able to assist with the end of term 2 sausage sizzle (cooking, processing orders etc) on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from about 10am - 12:30pm. Please contact Karen Harle, on Ph: 634 0661 or email kharle@clear.net.nz.

#### PTA Meeting dates in 2010

Next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 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 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. To join these lists just email <a href="mailto:pta@cornwallpark.school.nz">pta@cornwallpark.school.nz</a>. If you are already on these lists and your details change then please let us know.

Nadine Spalter PTA Vice Chairperson pta@cornwallpark.school.nz

#### PARENT SHARING AFTERNOON

Sharing our Learning

An invitation to join us on Friday 25th June

The children would like to invite all parents to school on Friday 25th June from 2.00pm until 2.50pm so that they can share with you their learning and new understandings about the concept we have been investigating this term, "Discovery". We would like to ask all parents to meet in the hall first at 2.00pm 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.

#### Year 6 Room 14 - Mrs MacKenzie-Browne

**WALT:** From April 26 until May 17, the Year 5 and 6 children participated in a unit organised through Newspapers in Education in which they followed a serialised story 'Cody's Unexpected Catch,' written by a New Zealand author, Des Hunt. During the first week they were asked to submit an email of 200 words, in which they wrote about their most memorable experience. We published last newsletter that Jessica Wu's entry was selected as one of the three winners. This time we publish some more stories from Room 14.

#### JET SKIING WITH THE STING RAYS

Ziiiiiiiiiiippppppppp!! I zipped up my life jacket.

"Do we have to go?" I said shakily even though I knew the response.

"You will have fun!"

"Fine!" I grumbled even though I knew I wouldn't.

I mounted the jet ski, Vrrrrrooooommm! We were off!

Water pinned my face like needles. The jet ski skimmed across the flat shore of Whangamata. I shut my eyes and sensed my surroundings. I smelt the fresh sea air, heard the wind whistling in my ears and felt my hands cramping from holding on so tightly. "This is actually fun," I thought.

Loosening my grip and opening my eyes I started to enjoy myself. But at that moment, disaster struck. I saw a black shadow in the water and screamed.

Dad got a HUGE fright and we both fell off the jet ski. Slimy things brushed past our legs. Black shapes were surrounding us. There was only one thing they could be- STINGRAYS!!!!!

We screamed for help until finally, someone came and picked us up. We suddenly

realised the jet ski had taken off without us, so we drove to the run-away jet ski, which was tangled up in some mangroves.

In no time we were safely on the shore.

By Anna

#### The Ride of Doom

My heart almost stopped as I saw the roller coaster looming in front of me. Shuddering in horror I realized it was my brother's turn to choose a ride. He took one look at my face and smiled. Have you ever seen that grin on a crocodile's face after they have eaten somebody? Well, that's what my brother looked like.

Dread slowly filled me as we queued in line. By the time we got to the front I was sure I heard people screaming which made me even more terrified. The lady shouted "NEXT!!" and I almost lost my hearing at the volume of her voice. I held my breath as we plunged into the uninviting darkness.

Half way through the ride, I was shocked to find that I was actually enjoying it. The wind whipped past my face as I whizzed along the tracks. The first words out of my mouth after the ride were, "Can we go again?"

**By Bernice** 

#### A ride on a camel

As I slowly stepped into the car I was greeted by two of my cousins. Soon, we set off on the road to the Tianjin Zoo. After 15 minutes we arrived and bought our tickets.

In the distance we could hear faint roaring. My cousin soon ran off with curiosity. We followed him to a big circus tent that shone with light.

Beside it there was a stall where it was possible people could ride a camel or horse. It cost \$20 for a child to go around the circle. (That's \$4 in New Zealand. The cousin who drove us there asked me in Chinese, "Do you want to go on?"

"Ok," I replied.

Staff helped me onto the camel. Its short fur felt like rough sandpaper, but when I ran my hand against it, it felt softer. Someone yelled a peculiar command, and we were off.

Even though I was petrified, I sat there quietly. Looking over the view, there were other animals, such as different types of birds and llamas.

Soon the ride was over, and they helped me off the camel. My smile was beaming across the room.

By Jenny

#### **Cray-fishing**

I stood, late afternoon watching dad hit Libby's floating golf balls into the lake overlooking Mt Tarawera. I spied a stick pointing out of the sand and called for Abby knowing that this would have kept her from eating rabbits. Stick in hand I ran to the jetty and threw it as far as I could. Abby launched herself off the end and swam back stick in her jaws.

When the sun began to set, Margie came down and asked my brother and I if we wanted to go freshwater cray-fishing, "They come out around 10:00 pm," she said.

At 9:30 we went and dropped the chicken bones of the night before, off the end of the jetty, scoffed our dinner down and scurried into the night, net and bucket in hand.

Just before the sand met the grass, I screamed. Something was in the water.

When I had started to run back Margie called, "It's just a man fishing for trout"

At the end of the jetty I shone the torch on the lake and saw little brown lobsters swimming around. "No big ones tonight, maybe tomorrow."

By Grace



#### **SCHOOL BANKING**

ASB are delighted to be able to offer an easy way for your child to save, through regularly banking at school. Registration packs are available from the school office. **School Banking is every Friday.** No change will be given from the office.





#### Year 2 Room 9 - Miss Walsh

Room 9 have been investigating ice and icebergs as part of their discovery topic work on Antarctic explorers. We wanted to know how icebergs float, if icebergs make the sea rise when they melt and what makes ice melt the quickest?

We made our own iceberg using a balloon, water, the freezer, and a fish tank!





We could see that most of the iceberg is floating under the surface

We also put ice cubes in different conditions and timed which one melted the fastest





Here is our table of results

Condition		Cold Water	Cold Water and Salt	Warm Classroom	Outside
Time taken to melt	3 mins	14 mins	15 mins	Not melted after 40 mins	Not melted after 40 mins

We found out that.....

Hot water makes ice melt the fastest, said Abirami

We thought that the cold water and salt would melt the ice first, but it melted about the same time as the cold water, said William I think that the ice inside and outside will melt at the same time, said Isaac

The outside is cold and the classroom is a little cold so they are not melting, we can try it again another day, said Madeleine





### **Uniform News**

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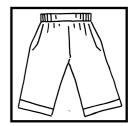
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## **SECOND HAND SALE**

8.30 - 9.00am

Tuesday 15 June 2010
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