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## Northern Zone Cross Country Tuesday, 1 June, 2010



Khandallah School's  
talented and resilient  
Cross Country team.

Lunch and laughter?



Under Cover!

### Cross Country

Congratulations on the fantastic effort by all of our team as they battled through cold, slippery and muddy conditions. Shoes falling off, photo finishes and the huddling under improvised shelter all added to the excitement of the event. Twelve children will be going on to compete at the regional event. The names of these talented people will be confirmed when the official results arrive.

**Kevin Pegg and Annette Colls**

Nga mihi nui ki nga whanau o to tatou kura

### **Education Review Office Visit**

*“Ko te tamaiti te Pūtake o te Kaupapa: The Child – the Heart of the Matter”*

**Claire Cockburn, Ann Roberts** and **Ruth Pritchard** were welcomed to Khandallah School with a powhiri on Monday morning. **Brendan Courtney** led the haka powhiri; student leaders and staff greeted our guests with hongis; **Stephanie Cheevers** and **Vijay Chand** spoke brilliantly on behalf of students while everyone participated in karakia and waiata. Following the lead reviewer's response, her team supported her with waiata. The powhiri also provided an opportunity for our students and staff to welcome **Catherine Cooper** in her first official function as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Monday saw various meetings take place with Catherine, Support Staff and the Leadership Team. All documentation was read and progress since the 2007 review recorded.

Tuesday saw the reviewers visiting eight classrooms to observe teaching and learning in reading, writing, mathematics and inquiry. Reviewers also spoke with students in each room to gauge their involvement in, and understanding of, the learning process. A representative group of students met with ERO to discuss our safe and inclusive school environment and learning culture. After school a meeting with teachers took place to gather more evidence around the professional learning journey we have embarked upon and the effectiveness of the change process to date.

Wednesday saw the reviewers visiting the remaining eight classrooms to observe and talk with students. Some further checking of documentation and discussion established clearly the impact of our focus on student learning, teacher effectiveness and classroom practice.

The team left school around lunchtime yesterday to complete their analysis in preparation for their feedback to the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Team at 4:00pm today.

### **Sausage Sizzle**

**Fiona Whyte, Michelle Croad, Veronica Pryde, Raewyn Anderson** and **Pam McGregor** braved the cold and rain to organise, cook and distribute sausages last Friday. Thank you to everyone who supported this venture which resulted in an amazing \$411 profit! This money will go towards the senior school camp in 2011.

Fiona and her team have offered to run two sausage sizzles next term with profit going towards the camp. In 2009, sausage sizzle money funded the cost of hiring buses to transport children and their gear. If you would like to help out, particularly if you are the parent of current Year 4 and 5 children, please contact Fiona (479 2006) who will keep a list of willing helpers.

### **Driver Behaviour**

A number of parents have complained about the poor driving behaviour of other parents this week. Please drive with extreme care and DO NOT block through traffic in Clark Street or Woodmancote Road under any circumstances. **Yes!** This might mean parking further away from the school and walking to meet your child. Those who cannot or will not walk are encouraged to come a little after 3pm to collect children from the drop off zone instead of contributing to the traffic jam.

### **Entertainment Books**

*Are you one of the 11 families who still have an Entertainment Book at home?*

*Reminder notices have been sent home*

*Please return book or money immediately - \$660 outstanding*

For those who would still like to purchase an Entertainment book, please contact Jenny on [jenny@jennycheevers.co.nz](mailto:jenny@jennycheevers.co.nz)

## Electronic Newsletters

Electronic newsletters will continue to be sent weekly to the school email address of all children in middle and senior classes. In the interests of your child's safety, a decision has been made to continue this practice for a period of time. We strongly encourage parents to regularly monitor email traffic while children learn email etiquette. Please report any concerns about email messages received or sent by your child to [annette@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:annette@khandallah.school.nz)

## “Kiwisport” Funding

Funding is available to help children participate in organised sport beyond school. Those who would like help to pay some or all of the season's subscriptions are invited to email, [principal@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:principal@khandallah.school.nz), in confidence. Please include your child's name, the sport your child wishes to play, the subscription rate for the season and a list of any other sports and activities the child is involved in.

## Intelligent Rewards

Parents are invited to support Khandallah School by having their communications account (phone, broadband, mobile, television) with TelstraClear. By joining the TelstraClear network, and nominating our school, points generated by your monthly TelstraClear account are credited to our school's **intelligent rewards™** account. Our school can then spend the points on a range of products supplied by **intelligent rewards™** business partners. If you are interested in supporting our school in this way, please go to <http://www.intelligentrewards.co.nz/> A link is on our website for your convenience.

**Annette Colls, ICT Lead Teacher**

## Thanks

- ☺ Fiona Whyte and her willing helpers who organised, cooked and distributed sausages.
- ☺ Parents transporting and encouraging our athletes at Tuesday's Cross Country.
- ☺ All sports coaches for the time and energy you give to our students.
- ☺ Parents helping deliver learning programmes and making resources.
- ☺ Steve Hilson for helping us organise Classroom Emergency Kits.
- ☺ Everyone sending items for their child's emergency kits and supplies of food and water.

## Coming Events

- 9 Jun ICAS – Science
- 22 Jun ICAS – Spelling & Writing
- 24 Jun Whole-School Evacuation
- 25 Jun Mid-Winter Disco
- 28 Jun Whānau Hui, 6:00pm
- 14 Jun Home & School, 7:00pm
- 16 Jun Board of Trustees meeting – note change of date
- 2 July End of Term 2

## *Finally,*

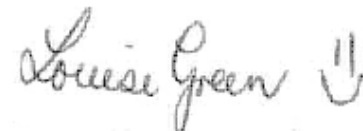
There has been significant debate in the media following the release of the government's 2010 budget announcements around the cuts to funding for early childhood education. We know that the decision to fund early childhood centres up to a maximum of 80% trained and qualified teachers will impact on many of our families. The change means that centres with 81-100% qualified teachers will receive less funding from 2011 and will probably need to charge families in the vicinity of \$50 - \$60 per week per child to enable them to maintain their current levels of qualified teachers. Approximately 50% of early childhood centres are in this position.

What I find puzzling, at a time when the government is aiming for higher standards to enable **all** young people to leave school with at least NCEA Level 2 (university entrance), is that cuts to quality early education are being made. We know that the quality of teaching and learning in the early years will be essential if our nation is to achieve this lofty goal.

For the majority of families in our community, the extra cost of early childhood education will probably be affordable, but I do worry about the long term impact on our nation's less fortunate children and their families.

Our smallest people deserve the best!

Arohanui



Louise Green  
Principal



## **E v a c u a t i o n** **E x e r c i s e**

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
**2:30pm onwards**

### *Here's how you can help us*

1. **Send** the items for your child's individual kit listed in red on p2 of special newsletter and \$5 per child to school cover the cost of food / water / glow sticks.
2. **Read** carefully the evacuation procedures on p3.
3. **Make arrangements** to collect your child anytime from 2:30pm or arrange for one of the people nominated on your child's emergency contact form to do so.
4. **Check** you have returned the emergency update form. If unsure, please email the office with details. The most recent details will be used for this exercise. If you are using someone not known to us, please ask them to provide photo identification at the time of pick up. Thank you.

**Your child's safety is important to us.**

**Please take this exercise seriously.**

### **Mid-Winter Disco**

The school Mid Winter Disco is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets cost \$7.00. Please return the completed form (spares available in the office) with the correct money to the "Blue" box in an envelope marked DISCO by 9am, Friday 18 June. **No late sales allowed.**

### **Lipstick Fundraiser June 2010**

Yes **\$10** lipsticks are here!

For every lipstick sold \$2 goes to Khandallah Home & School, as well as **10%** of all other sales from June's catalogue. **PLUS** there are incentives to those who sell 10 or more lipsticks, so ask your family, friends and workmates. Packs have been sent out to every family, or are available at the Office with June's catalogue and colour chart. If you would like a laminated colour sheet, please contact Karen Moreau on 972 5252 / 021 2144 144.

**\*Please note change of date\***

Try your colours on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** at the School Library between 8:30-9:15am & 2:45-3:15pm

## Community Notices

### Rabbit Looking for a New Family

VERY cute rabbit is looking for a loving family to care for him, as we are leaving NZ. Please call Hilary for more details on 97 36 975.

### Norman the Gnome needs your help!

Norman the Gnome wakes up one morning in a completely strange place. Its not his comfortable little spot at the bottom of the Armbrewster's garden, amongst the bugs and fairies – its somewhere overseas!!! Norman really wants to get back home and he needs your help! Join **The Improvisors** at **Circa Theatre** (1 Taranaki St), **5-17 July**, as they present the tale of a plucky garden gnome and his adventure to get back to the bottom of the garden. **GNOME ON THE ROAM!** is a totally interactive show for kids that uses the audience to steer the course of Norman's adventures and even come join him on stage.

Following on from last school holiday's show **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** ("*...celebrates the magic of mass imagination*", **Theatreview**), **The Improvisors** are performing 11am & 1pm weekdays, 11am Sat, with no show Sun. Bookings are available [www.circa.co.nz](http://www.circa.co.nz) - Tickets are \$10 each.

### Scotts College Holiday Programmes July 5 - 9 only

Registrations are open for the following programmes now, and close on 25 June:

*Cost of each programme:* \$125 (early bird fee - before 25 June) \$140 after that date

*Timing of each programme:* Monday 5 July - Friday 9 July

Please note the times below are dependent on having the appropriate numbers in each group.

**Tennis:** 9.00 am to 12.00 pm all ages and skill levels welcome

*Coach:* Reilly Smith

**Rugby:** 10.00 am to 12.00 pm (10 - 12 year olds) and 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm for (13- 15 year olds)

*Coach:* Dave Meaclem

**Hockey:** 9.00 am to 12.00 pm (7 year olds to 9 year olds) or 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm (9 year olds plus - good skill levels and want to be extended)

*Coach:* Blair Trarrant

**Football:** 9.00 am to 12.00 pm (5 year olds to 8 year olds - new to football ) 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm (10 year olds plus - good skill levels and want to be tested)

*Coach:* Matt Calcott

A registration form can be downloaded from our College website - Sport Centre/ Academies - Holiday Programmes

There will be holiday programmes in the next school holidays Term 3, so if you miss out on these, due to numbers being limited... watch this space for the next ones.

### Khandallah Presbyterian Church

Looking for something to do a cold, wet, boring Sunday afternoon? Come to the Khandallah Presbyterian Church hall for fun, family movies. 2pm the first Sunday of the month starting 6 June. Gold coin donation.

### Understanding Your Anger - A workshop for Parents

7pm-10pm, Tuesday 22nd June

Do you ever feel like your anger is in control of you?

This workshop will help you to understand your anger and develop strategies so you are in control of your anger more of the time.

To register e-mail [helen@breathingspacenz.com](mailto:helen@breathingspacenz.com)

Or visit our website for further information [www.breathingspacenz.com](http://www.breathingspacenz.com)



## Build-a-Birthday

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Ph 04 971 9710 or 021 719 711



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME-** Treat yourself and your child to a day of fun (and relaxation). Book now, as limited spaces.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME** – Fun for your little fairy after school. Bookings open for Term 4.



**PARTY WONDERLAND VENUE** – themed parties at our purpose built venue in Petone.

- PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINERS** – take the stress out of your home party with an entertainer.
- PARTY IN A BOX** - Costumes, Games, Decorations etc delivered ready to go.
- PARTY SUPPLIES** - Creative Tableware & much more!
- CAKES** - Yummy Party Catering

### Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons in the comfort of your own home. Electric and acoustic. Week days are negotiable. \$30.00 for 40 mins. Any age, any skill level. Call Adam on 027 675 8554 or email [a\\_mcneilly@windowlive.com](mailto:a_mcneilly@windowlive.com)

### Piano Lessons



I teach piano lessons in Grenada Village and currently have a few vacancies. Intending pupils should be 7 years and over, and have daily access to a piano or keyboard. I am an experienced and qualified teacher, and references are available from existing pupils and their parents.

For more information please call Anne Megget on 478-8573 (bet. 9:00am and 9:00pm) or visit my website [www.meggetmusic.co.nz](http://www.meggetmusic.co.nz)



ZUMBA® is the world's latest Latin inspired dance-fitness phenomenon and now there's - ZUMBATOMIC FOR KIDS! Safe and effective, kids can't wait to get into the Zumbatomic groove. Carolyn Patchell is running classes in Johnsonville and at Nairnville Recreation Centre in Term 3 with introductory classes on 24<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July as well as in the school holidays. Visit [www.zumbalicious.co.nz](http://www.zumbalicious.co.nz) to register your interest!

### Speech Therapy

Does your child need help with their talking? My name is Christian Wright and I am a fully qualified and experienced Speech-Language Therapist working privately in the Wellington area. I work with preschool and school age children who have speech and language difficulties of all kinds, including stuttering and lisps. I also work with children who are experiencing difficulty with literacy development. I can be contacted by phoning 972 2559 or email me at [christian.wright@paradise.net.nz](mailto:christian.wright@paradise.net.nz)



## Khandallah Tennis & Squash Club

55-Deihi-Crescent, Khandallah • Ph: 04 479 1386 • Email: [transtasmantennis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:transtasmantennis@xtra.co.nz)

### UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

LEVEL	TIMES	DATES	WEEKLY COST
<b>WHIPPA SNIPPA</b> (4-6yrs)	9 - 10:30am	5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> July (3days)	\$70
For younger beginner players, we focus on developing hand-eye coordination and perceptual motor skills which can be transferred to any future activity			

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<b>JACKAROOS</b> (Beginners)	9 - 12pm	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> July 12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> July (4days)	\$150 (per week)
A strong focus will be on developing fundamental perceptual motor skills. We spend each day developing the technique on a different stroke and progress into fun drills and games.			



LEVEL	TIMES	DATES	WEEKLY COST
<b>RISING STARS</b> (Intermediate)	1 - 4pm	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> July 12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> July (4days)	\$150 (per week)
We focus on developing serve and rally consistency, learning these skills through dynamic drills and pressure point scenarios.			