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Nga mihi nui ki nga whanau o to tatou kura



Hero Day

Tomorrow it's going to be hero day. Dress up as your favourite hero. Remember to bring a gold coin donation to go towards gloves and other equipment for the Gardening Club. There will be a competition in the hall at lunchtime for the person who looks most like their hero. There will be a winner from the middles, juniors and seniors.

Student Leaders

Northern Zone Cross Country Results

The results of the Northern Zone Cross Country have been finalised. Of the 30 students representing Khandallah School at the Northern Zone event, 12 are going through to the Inter-zone Cross Country at Happy Valley Park on Tuesday 15th June. This is an outstanding result! Congratulations to all the runners in the team.

The following students achieved a top ten finish and will be going to the Inter-zone events:

Year 4 Girls: **Lokye Szeto** (1st), **Francie O'Connor** (5th),
Year 4 Boys: **Daniel Griffiths** (4th), **Rogier Kerbus** (5th), **Harry McCarthy** (7th),
Year 5 Girls: **Caitlin Douglass** (2nd),
Year 5 Boys: **Joseph Ahie** (2nd), **Toby Simpson** (4th),
Year 6 Girls: **Laila Smith** (3rd),
Year 6 Boys: **Arian Ashgari** (4th), **George Holmes** (7th), **Sean Beresford** (9th)

Kevin Pegg, co-ordinator

Entertainment Books

*Are you one of the 5 families who still have an Entertainment Book at home?
Please return book or money immediately - \$300 outstanding*

For those who would still like to purchase an Entertainment book, please contact Jenny on jenny@jennycheevers.co.nz

Help Wanted

Do you have a few hours to spare? **Kevin Pegg** and **Geraldine Scanlan** are looking for volunteers to help prepare resources for a new numeracy intervention programme to be offered to identified students in Term 3. Please contact Kevin or Geraldine if you can help.

Electronic Newsletters

Electronic newsletters will continue to be sent weekly to the school email address of all children in middle and senior classes. 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

“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. Please include your child’s name, the sport your child wishes to play, the subscription rate and a list of other sports and activities involvement.

Thanks

- ☺ All students raising money for this year’s 40 Hour Famine. Keep it coming!!!
- ☺ All sports coaches for the time and energy you give to our students.
- ☺ Parents helping deliver learning programmes and making resources.
- ☺ Everyone paying school donations. We value your support.

Congratulations

Thomas McCallum recently selected to compete in the Wharenui Winter Olympics Junior Swim Meet in Christchurch 6th – 9th August 2010.

We are very happy to acknowledge the achievements of our “stars” provided information is forwarded to us. Lack of acknowledgement probably means we don’t know! So don’t be shy – shine your light!

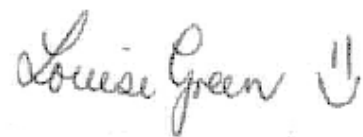
Coming Events

- 11 Jun Hero Day – remember a gold coin donation!
- 14 Jun Home and School Meeting, 7:00pm Staffroom
- 15 Jun Inter-zone Cross Country
- 16 Jun Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00pm Staffroom – note change to Wednesday
- 22 Jun ICAS – Spelling & Writing
- 24 Jun Whole-School Evacuation
- 25 Jun Mid-Winter Disco
- 28 Jun Whānau Hui, 6:00pm
- 29 Jun Regional Cross Country
- 2 July End of Term 2

Finally,

Queen’s Birthday weekend came at exactly the right time for teachers, students and support staff following the short but intensive visit of the three reviewers from the Education Review Office last week. Catherine Cooper, board of trustees chairperson, outlines the key points from the verbal feedback session held last Thursday in today’s newsletter.

Arohanui



Louise Green
Principal

Mid-Winter Disco

The school Mid Winter Disco is on Friday 25th June. Tickets cost \$7.00 and are on sale now. 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

For early delivery have your **\$10** lipstick Orders in by **11th June!** Can’t get your order in by the 11th June? No problem, **deadline has been extended to 18th June.** Packs are still available from the office with June’s catalogue and colour chart.

Try your colours: 60 Satara Crescent, Khandallah **this Friday 11th June** from 7:30pm-10:00pm or **this Saturday 12th June** from 9:30am-12:00pm.

You can contact Karen Moreau on 972 5252 / 021 2144144

Initial Feedback from the ERO Visit

Claire Cockburn, Ann Roberts and Ruth Pritchard from the Education Review Office (ERO) visited the school last week. From Monday to Wednesday they were at the school meeting with staff, children, the Lead Team and the Board Chair as well as doing class room observations. On Thursday afternoon Claire and Ann met with the Board and Lead Team to provide feedback on their findings.

The review was focused on looking at progress made within the school since the last review and the reviewers looked at progress across six dimensions:

- Leading and managing the school
- Governing the school
- Effective teaching
- Student learning, engagement, achievement and progress
- Safe and inclusive school culture (and environment)
- Engaging parents, whanau and communities

The overall feedback from ERO was that they could see that the school has made significant progress across all of these dimensions since the last review. Particularly positive was their report that the investment in and commitment to professional learning has paid off, with clear progress made in this area. ERO were clear that there is still work to do, but agreed with the school's intended next steps and approach. They also recognised that the pace of change at the school was appropriate – that we could not have been expected to finish the journey (if improvement is ever finished!) by now.

Since Louise Green joined us as Principal in March 2008, the school has been on a journey of change and professional development that the Board believes is making the school a better place for our children to realise their potential. It is fantastic to have the progress recognised by an independent review and it is reassuring that ERO has endorsed both our progress to date and our plans for continuing to improve.

The formal ERO report will be finalised early in Term 3 and we will make the report available to the school community as quickly as possible following its release.

There is a lot of work preparing for an ERO visit. The school has to gather documentation and prepare self-reviews and the scrutiny of an ERO visit is always stressful. We'd like to thank Louise Green and all the staff who were involved, for their huge effort in preparing for the review and working with the reviewers.

We recognise the efforts of so many that have contributed to the huge progress the school has made since the last review. This has involved the commitment of successive Boards, an outstanding Principal and all of our staff, as well as the support of a strong parent community. We'd particularly like to acknowledge the commitment of our teaching staff to professional learning and development. A positive ERO review is a milestone for the school – not the last one, but certainly one to recognise and celebrate!

Perfume De Whale

“One man’s junk is another man’s treasure” as the saying goes though it only really fulfils its meaning when you look at the example of ambergris.

Ambergris is a substance sourced from a sperm whale’s bowels. For centuries, people believed ambergris had healing powers. The ancient Chinese used it to flavour wine. They named the mysterious substance dragon’s spittle. Perfumers regularly call the ambergris “black gold” based on the colour and the value.

The hard material inside ambergris was once thought to be the chewed up buttons from swallowed seamen.

A kilogram of ambergris is worth approximately \$10,000 NZL. More if the ambergris is more than 10, 20 years old. New Zealand’s isolation from the rest of the world ensures some of the best ambergris. The reason for this is ambergris can be floating around NZ for decades before it washes up on beaches all around the country.

Maybe an unidentifiable lump could mean big money without buying a lotto ticket. Your fortune awaits!

Brendan Courtney, Year 6, Room 13



Evacuation Exercise

Thursday, 24th June, 2:30pm onwards

At this week’s assembly, your child heard that the activities on the day of our evacuation exercise will include a fire drill during lunchtime, an earthquake drill, a second fire drill during class time and full evacuation of the school from the central assembly point on the top court in the afternoon. You might like to talk to your child about this.

Next week, we will publish a map and instructions so that parents are fully aware of the expectations. Please read previous newsletters to ensure you are well prepared.

**Your child’s safety is important to us.
Please take this exercise seriously.**

Community Notices

Bubble Dome School Holiday Workshop

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this July. Other courses in Science, Inventions & Technology and Afterschool Animation at selected venues. For students aged 6 to 16 years. Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438-282) or Email: info @bubbledome.co.nz or visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz

Wellington Access Radio School Holiday Programme

What: NOISE WORKS! is two days of fun & learning about radio- you'll see how studios work, get to use recording equipment and create your own show for broadcast. We'll make a radio play and learn how to read news too. Bring along your favourite tunes and learn how to announce them On Air!

Where: Wellington Access Radio, 35 Ghuznee Street

When: 8-10 year olds 8-9th July 10am-2pm
11-12 year olds 15-16th July 10am-2pm

Cost: \$50 or \$25 with a Community Services Card

More Info: www.accessradio.org.nz, laura@accessradio.org.nz, 04 385 7210

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 - 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 Tarrant

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

Or visit our website for further information www.breathingspacenz.com

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the Pipes or Drums

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