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Nga mihi nui ki nga whanau o to tatou kura

## **Congratulations**

### **Chelsea Kah, NZ Winner Year 4**

### **ICAS Computer Skills**



In the last week of Term 4, 2009, Karen Grant, ICAS co-ordinator, and I were proud to join *Chelsea Kah* and her family as she received her glittering medal for achieving first place in the Year 4 section of the ICAS Computer Skills examination at a formal ceremony in Te Papa. Chelsea's brother, Jonathan, who attends Newlands Intermediate also received a medal for achieving first place in the Year 7 section of the ICAS Spelling examination.

## **Patrick Curran, Life Member**

### **Khandallah School Green Team**

At the end of last year, Patrick Curran was chosen by other members of the Green Team to receive Life Member status. Patrick is a dedicated member of the team. His enthusiasm, willingness to help and respect for others made him a popular choice with his peers. Patrick always has creative ideas for promoting environmental issues in our school.



## **Weetbix Triathlon**

Congratulations to the large number of Khandallah School children who participated in the Weetbix Triathlon at the Lower Hutt Recreation Grounds last Sunday. It's been great to see so many proudly wearing the T-shirt!

## **Contact Detail Update**

Accompanying this newsletter are two important forms which we ask parents to complete and return to school by Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. The first relates to students' personal, contact, medical and emergency details. The second provides updated authorities for computer use, internet access, education outside the classroom and distribution of information. The information you provide will greatly assist us to update our student data base. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

## **Room 12**

Thank you to the children and parents of Room 12 for your understanding during *Cathy Curtis'* absence during the past few days. Sadly, Cathy lost a very close family friend at the very beginning of the school year. A second shock came when her son, Scott, suffered an epileptic seizure while swimming on the weekend. Scott was taken to hospital and put on life support but is now home and well on the road to recovery. We are delighted with this news and very happy to welcome Cathy back on a part-time basis today and tomorrow. We are all grateful to *Amy Miller* and *Fiona Healey* for teaching Room 12 during this time.

## **Bereavement**

Sincere condolences, on behalf of our school family, are extended to *Cathy Curtis* and family on the passing of her father-in-law and a close family friend during the holiday period and to *Nicola McFaull*, immediate past Board Chair, and family on the passing of her father.

## **Vacancy**

It is with regret that we have received the resignation of *Jo Heyhoe* our Librarian and Resource Manager. Jo has given 15 years of loyal service to our school and her contributions will be missed.

The Librarian / Resource Manager vacancy (20 hours per week) will be advertised in the Dominion Post this Saturday. We are looking for someone skilled in information management policies, processes and operations including library, resources and ICT.

## **Board of Trustees**

The first meeting for 2010 will be held in the staffroom tonight at 7:00pm. The agenda includes Draft Curriculum Plan, Draft Analysis of Variance, School Leavers Survey, Exit Interviews, Draft Personnel Policy, Property updates and Draft Health & Safety Property.

## **Parent Engagement Evening**

The first opportunity for staff and board to engage with our parent community in 2010 will be hosted on Monday, 22 February. We hope you can join us. More details will follow but the evening will include time to:

- meet with your child's teacher,
- hear about our curriculum delivery, assessment reporting and property plans for 2010,
- contribute your ideas of key concepts you believe should be experienced by children during their six years at Khandallah School
- find out more about National Standards and Board elections.

## ***Gentle Reminders***

### **Pedestrian Crossing**

Please show good example to your children by using the crossings whenever they are controlled by the traffic wardens on Box Hill, Clark Street and / or Woodmancote Road before and after school!

### **Arrival / Home Time**

Children are welcome at school from 8:30am onwards. Before that time, supervision is not provided as teachers are busy preparing for learning!

As mentioned last week, children are expected to leave the school grounds straight away at the end of the day and go directly home unless other arrangements have been agreed. Children are welcome to stay on and play after school if supervised by a parent.

### **Dogs on School Property**

We have been asked about dogs on school property. We know that many parents walk their dog to and from school when dropping off and picking up children. It is important that when children are present, dogs are under the control of an adult, kept on a lead and any “messes” removed. Dogs found wandering or causing a nuisance, will be removed from the school grounds or reported to Dog Control.

### **Coming Events**

11 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00pm.
15 Feb	Home & School Meeting, 7:00pm
22 Feb	Y3/4 Ripa Rugby
22 Feb	Meet the Teachers & Parent Information/Engagement Evening, 7:00pm
24 Feb	Assembly – Rooms 9 and 16
2 Mar	Y5/6 Ripa Rugby
7 Mar	National children’s Day
8 Mar	Board of Trustees Information Evening
10 Mar	Assembly, 2:15pm
19 Mar	ICT Suite Official Opening, 5:00pm
24 Mar	Assembly, 2:15pm
29-31	National Standards Bus Tour visits Wellington
1 Apr	End of Term 1
19 Apr	Term 2 begins

### **Helen O’Grady Children’s Drama Academy**

Helen O’Grady Drama Academy is offering a scholarship for a child from Khandallah School. The scholarship will entitle the lucky recipient to free tuition to the value of \$140 at the Presbyterian Church in Ganges Road, Khandallah during Term 2.

The successful recipient will be 8-10 years of age, creative, interested in acting, moving, speaking and benefit from this confidence building opportunity.

Students are invited to self nominate. Parents and teachers can nominate provided the child is in agreement. Please send an email stating child’s name, address, phone number, date of birth, parent’s name, strengths, areas of interest and short statement as to why this opportunity would be beneficial to [principal@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:principal@khandallah.school.nz) by Friday 25 February, 2010.

### **Message from the Public Health Nurse**

Once again it is that time of the year in which ultraviolet radiation (UVR) levels are increasing, therefore, sun protection should be used when spending time outdoors. There is strong evidence that excessive exposure to UV radiation during childhood and adolescence is a risk factor for developing skin cancer later in life. In the New Zealand context, education about skin cancer

prevention and the reduction of sun exposure in educational settings has been identified as one of the highest priorities for melanoma control. Children must therefore be a key target group for prevention and education programmes. An emphasis on sun protection and skin cancer prevention in schools is important

### **Do you want to learn Te Reo Māori?**

If you've never had the opportunity before then this could be your chance to learn New Zealand's first language. Enrolments, for adults, are being taken now for day and evening classes. If you would like to find out more please contact Mrs Curtis direct at: [cathy@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:cathy@khandallah.school.nz).

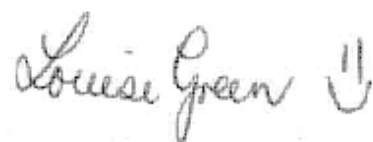
### ***Finally,***

As I was walking around the school with the company responsible for our caretaking contract, I noticed a number of our trees severely damaged by recent storms. A tree doctor will be contracted to remove dead, damaged and/or dangerous growth over the next few weeks.

The kauri tree, planted in 1940 to commemorate the centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, however, is extremely healthy. At 70 years old, the tree is still a “baby” and I can't help wondering what the tree and the surrounding area will be like in another 70 years.

With Waitangi Day celebrated last Saturday, you might like to take a moment to visit our Kauri which provides a “link with history” and a continual reminder of our bicultural heritage.

Arohanui



Louise Green  
Principal



## **HOME & SCHOOL NEWS**

### **CALLING ALL MEN!**

Do you enjoy the chance to dress up?  
Do you have a flare for design?

Home & School need your help to raise much needed funds for Khandallah School. We are planning to hold a fun night around the end of May which is a cross between WOW and the 7's. If you are a male that enjoys strutting your stuff, or you know someone that does – contact Jan Meyer on [jan@rutherfordandmeyer.co.nz](mailto:jan@rutherfordandmeyer.co.nz) by Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Feb and more details can be released.

## Community Notices

### Feline Dance

Feline Dance has some availability coming up soon and we have some new classes ahead.

We are a community dance group, and have been running for 11 years locally. We focus on fun dance including hip hop, jazz, creative and a little contemporary all rolled into one class. We are definitely about boosting self esteem, and also team work is a major part of what we do. Everyone, absolutely everyone, gets a chance to shine in our shows. NO need to have had previous experience just a positive attitude to give it a go, all are welcome. We open our doors so to speak once a year for some new spaces. The average stay with Feline Dance is 3-4 yrs and people tell us that what they love is the “feel” so if you are looking for something a bit different around dance for your daughter, please give Fiona a call for more details or to secure a space. First come, first served.

**Where:** Khandallah School hall  
**How much:** \$80 per term, if she doesn't LOVE it you get your money back  
**What to wear:** Anything comfortable, no formal outfit, no exams  
**When:** Thursdays and Tuesdays after school, Wednesdays in J/ville and Saturday am (for age 4 and 5 yrs only)  
**Age range:** 4 to 14 yrs, mostly same age classes

Fiona Hunter is also a proud sponsor of CanTeen, teenage cancer charity. Profits and show proceeds go to them and have done for 11 years, everyone wins. If you are interested call Fiona on 479 2877 or 021 800 212 or email Fiona @feline-dance.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

### Jennifer Evans Dance Academy

Classes available in classical ballet, jazz ballet, hip hop and tap. For boys and girls of all ages, from beginners to advanced.

Highly regarded male and female tutors. Classical teachers are all former royal New Zealand Ballet dancers. Studios in Karori and Khandallah. Phone 476 2821 or 027 635 0191.

### Star Dance Academy Wellington 2010 - Dream it dance it do it

First class- 24th february 2010

#### Classes 2010

**Location:** Newtown Hall, Corner of Daniell and Constable Street, Newtown, Wellington  
**Ages:** Juniors- 5-7years  
Intermediates- 8-10 years  
Seniors- 11-13years  
Senior Leaders in Training (Star LIT)-14-17years

#### Times:

##### *Wednesday*

Juniors/Intermediates- 3.30pm (Arrive) - 3.45 (Start)-4.30 (Finish)  
Seniors/LIT- 4pm (Arrive) - 4.15 (Start)-5.15 (Finish)

**Fees:**

Juniors/Intermediates: \$60

Seniors: \$70

Star Dance Academy runs on a school term bases. 8/9 weeks per term.

STAR DANCE ACADEMY teaches a variety of dance styles from Salsa to Hip-hop.

**Friday Night Flippa Ball**

Flippa ball is based on water polo but you're able to stand (in chest-deep water). Anyone from Year 3 to 6 can play but you must have a good level of water confidence.

Cost: pool entry of \$3.20 per session and a one-off team fee set by your school.

Flippa ball is played at Keith Spry Pool every Friday from 3.45pm. If you'd like to join your school team Mr Leggett will call a meeting next week.

Parents: your school needs parents to help the team. Can you help?

## **Contacts**

Ms Bex- 0276365819

Ms Chloe- 0272859275

[stardancewellington@gmail.com](mailto:stardancewellington@gmail.com)

## **Onslow Gymnastics**

"Onslow Gymnastics has vacancies in General Gymnastic classes for Primary, Intermediate and College aged children.

For class times, venues, enrolments and enquiries, check out our website

[www.onslowgymclub.wellington.net.nz](http://www.onslowgymclub.wellington.net.nz)

or phone Lihn Blumsohn 4791776, email [onslowgym@xtra.co.nz](mailto:onslowgym@xtra.co.nz) "

## **Breathing Space Workshops**

### **Being Present With Your Children**

1pm-4pm, Sunday 28th February

You will come away from this workshop with clear examples of how you can make the most of your time with your children and how parenting can be even more enjoyable.

### **Understanding Your Anger**

7pm-10pm, Wednesday 10th March

You will come away from this workshop more aware of what your 'triggers' for anger are. You will develop strategies on how to become calmer within yourself and with your child/children.

**Please check our website for further information [www.breathingspacenz.com](http://www.breathingspacenz.com)**