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Nga mihi nui ki nga whanau o to tatou kura

2010	SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTIONS
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Board of Trustees Elections

Earlier today, votes for the four parent representative positions on our Board of Trustees were counted. All candidates will be contacted with the results during the course of today. Results will be published in the newsletter and on the school website as soon as possible and in next week's newsletter.

We are grateful to the five candidates who have put themselves forward for election. I look forward to working collaboratively with the four new and three existing parent representatives following sound governance processes to ensure our journey towards excellence continues.

The new Board of Trustees takes office from tomorrow with their first meeting scheduled for next Thursday, 7:00pm in the school staffroom.

Property Matters

Drainage – Many of you will be very aware of the significant amount of drainage work which has been carried out over the past couple of months. Our aging infrastructure, clogged with tree roots and debris, was disintegrating and in urgent need of repair. We are grateful to the contractor who has worked diligently to ensure that repairs have been carried out safely, as quickly as possible and with minimal disruption to school operations.

Heating – Our radiator heating system which supplies heat to Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 16 is in the process of being upgraded. While most of the system is generally sound, the pipes reticulating hot water from the boiler in the administration block have come to the end of their life and are leaking badly. We have been advised by the heating engineers not to operate the system because of the health & safety risk and the potential damage to the boiler itself.

Tenders are due back within a week and we are determined to progress the remedial work as soon as possible.

In the meantime, gas heaters, on loan from the Ministry of Education store, have been located in the affected classrooms. Advice from the property consultant and heating engineers is that these heaters can be operated safely for up to 3 hours a day in well ventilated rooms.

The classrooms in the three storey block face south, get little sun, are draughty and very cold in the mornings. While gas heaters are not an ideal solution in the longer-term, they will be used as necessary following the operating guidelines. Teachers are aware of the need for vigilance, supervision and ventilation during usage.

The Board's property committee has discussed this situation fully and put in place measures to mitigate risk to children, staff and property. We ask parents to help by ensuring that children wear warm clothing to school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Swimming

Please send outstanding payments of activity fees for swimming to school this week. Thank you.

Winter Ills

Home is the best place for children when they are unwell. Besides being comforted by a caring adult, they can be kept warm, rested and medicated if necessary. It is important for parents to keep children home until they are fully recovered to minimise distress for the child and prevent the spread of infection to other children and staff.

Education Review Office

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

Last week, Bill Courtney, BOT chair, and I met with Claire Cockburn who will be leading the education review in our school beginning 31 May. Claire has been part of three previous reviews at our school.

In relation to parents, whānau and communities, the review will address the following:-
*How effectively are you **engaged** with the school to promote students' learning – engagement, progress and achievement?*

Invitation

Claire has invited parents who would like to contribute to the review to email her directly claire.cockburn@ero.govt.nz anytime up until 31 May, 2010. ERO are particularly interested in changes since the previous review in 2007.

Entertainment Books

Are you one of the 31 families who still have an Entertainment Book at home?

If so, please return \$60 payment or the book to school immediately. For every book not accounted for the school must pay the cost. With \$1860 worth of books outstanding, the collective good work of all other families is undone!

Home and School

Thank you to the committee organising the Entertainment Books and Ladies' Movie Night fundraisers and to everyone supporting and enjoying the benefits of these ventures. You are awesome and your ongoing support of our school is highly valued!

Whānau Hui

One whanau has responded to our invitation to meet and talk about aspirations and achievement of tamariki Māori, our school curriculum goals and priorities, te reo me tikanga Māori and biculturalism within our school curriculum.

This hui will take place THIS Monday evening from 6:00pm and include kai. We encourage those interested in attending to let us know numbers by phone or email office@khandallah.school.nz by Monday morning. Please remember that tamariki are very welcome.

Young Leaders Conference

Fourteen students have been selected to represent Khandallah School at the Young Leaders Conference held on 24 May. They consist of our 8 student leaders and 6 other students who have been chosen because of the leadership qualities they consistently display.

Congratulations to *Vijay Chand, Laila Smith, Brendan Courtney, Alick McCalman, Grace McLean, Carys Beddow, Francesca Grange, Charlotte Mason, Arian Asghari, Stephanie Cheevers, Nicholas Lane, Evie Howard, Angus Liddell* and *Tom Harford*.

To find out more about this event, you might like to visit www.halogenfoundation.org

Green Team and Garden Gang

Recently three students, *Carys Beddow, Stephanie Cheevers* and *Evie Howard*, very efficiently organised the Garden Gang. It was decided at a recent meeting with the Green Team that it was in the best interests of the students at Khandallah School that these three students should become part of the Green Team. This means that officially the Green Team and the Garden Gang have amalgamated.

The Green Team representatives recently asked the students in their classes if they knew the difference between the terms “sustainability” and “environmentally friendly”. The results showed that no students really knew what was meant. Fortunately, Dave Wilson (from the Ministry for the Environment) has volunteered to come and talk with our students about these issues later on this term.

The Garden Gang have been doing a great job keeping weeds at bay in the amphitheatre area – the weeds just keep multiplying no matter how hard the gang work on getting rid of them!

Please remember to email the Green Team with any queries that you may have – big or small, as they would love to make sure that Khandallah School is as environmentally friendly as possible. Their email address is greenteam@khandallah.school.nz

Electronic Newsletters

Electronic newsletters will continue to be sent to the school email address of children in Rooms 6, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16. This week system will be extended to families with children in Room 5.

“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, 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.

Thanks

- Coaches who give so much of their personal time to help our children enjoy organised sport.
- Everyone paying swimming fees. We urge those still to pay, to do so immediately.

Coming Events

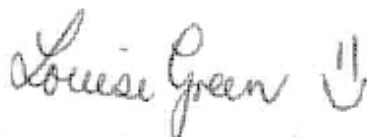
- 17 May Whānau Hui, staffroom, 6:00pm
19 May Junior School Cross Country, 11:45am
Middle / Senior School Cross Country, 1:30pm
20 May **Board of Trustees Meeting**, 7:00pm staffroom
24 May Young Leaders' Conference
31 May 2 June ERO on-site
14 Jun Home & School, 7:00pm
2 July End of Term 2

Finally,

Today and early next week, the Assessment to Learn (AtoL) facilitators are observing our teachers in the classroom during writing time. The facilitators will be supported by the syndicate leader. During the process, six students are spoken with to gauge the extent of their understanding and involvement in the learning process. Following the observations, the teacher, facilitator and syndicate leader engage in a feedback session focused on the effectiveness of teaching and the learning outcomes for students.

Our second strategic goal emphasises the importance of promoting quality teaching. School-based professional development programmes of the quality of AtoL are extremely effective in achieving our goal.

Arohanui



Louise Green
Principal

Board Meeting – Agenda for 20th May

- Election of Chair; Property & Finance committee members;
- Principal's Report
- ERO Visit
- Property Update
- Traffic Safety

Crofton Downs School Quiz Night & Auction

Friday 28th May, 2010, Doors open 7pm, B.Y.O. Tickets \$15.00 each including supper
Book your table of 8 – Be in Quick. **TO BOOK A SEAT PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE -4792429**

Copies of this and previous newsletters available from www.khandallah.school.nz

Community Notices

ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL "WAKE UP YOUR WARDROBE"



Friday 14th May 2010 at 7.15pm

at the Khandallah Town Hall

11 Ganges Road, Khandallah

Tickets \$30.00 per person – or why not get a group of friends together

Tables of 8 available for \$25.00 per person

If you have heard of Trinny & Susannah and thought how useful it would be to gain some personal styling tips of your own, then St Benedict's School "Wake Up Your Wardrobe" fundraiser night is just for you.

Lisa O'Neill is a well known stylist and guest speaker, who educates and inspires women to love the way they look and how to look the way that they want!

Fun, informative and informal, Lisa covers body shapes, colour, clothing styles, and many other tips to help you with your own style sense.

Tickets can be purchased from the following places in the Khandallah Village – Rosa Cafe, or Harveys Khandallah, or by phoning Catherine Rundle on 479-1416.

"Dawn till Dusk"- Netball for World Vision

The World Vision committee of Wellington Girls' College is holding a student run event as a major fundraising opportunity on behalf of World Vision. A "Dawn till Dusk" non-stop netball game and fair, culminating in a concert will be held on Sunday 30th of May in Civic Square. The event will run from 6am to 6pm and players from secondary schools across Wellington will be joining the Wellington Girls' College students in what is sure to be a day of fun. The event will include a fair, sausage sizzle, face painting and spot prizes. As well as a concert featuring local acts including Meghan Glue, James Shaw, The Laundromat cats and Emerge Dance Crew from 4 pm onwards. Come down and help support the girls as they attempt to contribute their largest sum ever to World Vision charity work.

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 dependant 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.

Activate Self Defence courses

Activate Self Defence (Ltd) offers regular group self defence courses as well as private tuition, in a friendly, positive and safe training environment throughout the Wellington region. Activates courses are reality-based, which means participants learn simple and extremely effective tools which can be applied in actual situations. Activate has an upcoming course in Ngaio on Sunday 23rd of May. To book or find out more, visit the Activate website www.activateselfdefence.co.nz or contact D'arcy on 027 27 66 798 or email admin@activateselfdefence.co.nz

Breathing Space Workshop

Understanding Your Anger - A workshop for Parents

7pm-10pm, Wednesday 26th May

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

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_mceilly@windowlive.com

Star Dance Academy Wellington

A wide range of dance styles for youth.... Hip-hop, Jive, Disco, Fun Dances, Jazz, Dance Games, Cha Cha, Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Team Work, Confidence, FUN!

Newtown Hall - Corner of Daniell and Constable Street, Newtown.

Wednesdays - Juniors (5-7yrs)/ Intermediates (8-9yrs) = 3.30 - 4.30pm

Wednesdays - Seniors (10-15yrs) = 4 - 5.15pm

Fees: Juniors/Intermediates =\$60 a term/Seniors =\$70 a term (9 weeks)

Contact: stardancewellington@gmail.com for information or visit www.stardanceacademy.co.nz

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