



Nga mihi nui ki nga whanau o to tatou kura

!!! Newsflash !!!

What: **Evacuation Exercise**

When: **Thursday, 24th June - 2:30pm onwards**

Why: To practise evacuating the school in case of a real disaster.
To ensure parents know what to do if the school has to evacuate.

How: Children evacuated to central assembly point to await collection.

Who: Parents, caregivers or nominated adults collect children.

Where: Central assembly point – top court.

Today, each family will receive a paper copy of a special newsletter which clearly outlines the work we have been doing to prepare for, and respond to, an emergency situation. Please read the special newsletter carefully so that you are fully aware of what is happening and the expectations.

What do you need to do to help us?

1. **Send** the items for your child's individual kit listed in red on page 2 of the special newsletter.
2. **Send** \$5 per child to school to cover the cost of food / water / glow sticks.
3. **Read** carefully the evacuation procedures on page 3 of the special newsletter.
4. **Make arrangements** to collect your child from school on Thursday, 24th or make arrangements for one of the people nominated on your child's emergency contact form (updated in Term 1) to do so.

Your child's safety is important to us.

Please take this exercise seriously.

2010	SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTIONS
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Board of Trustees Elections

We are grateful to all five members of our school family who put themselves forward for the four parent representative positions on the Board of Trustees.

Congratulations *Gary Anaru, Lisa Barton, Stuart Johnson* and *David Soper* who embark on their 3-year term with their first Board meeting tonight.

Agenda items include Election of Chair, Property & Finance committee members; Principal's Report; ERO Visit; Property Update and Traffic Safety.

Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent representatives votes:

Anaru, Gary	150
Barton, Lisa	148
Soper, David	147
Johnson, Stuart	110
Cohen-Ronan, Saar	77
Invalid votes	35

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Gary Anaru, Lisa Barton, David Soper, Stuart Johnson

Staff representative: No nominations received.

Judy Cosgriff

Returning Officer

Whānau Hui

A wonderful turnout of eight whānau including 9 parents and 6 children, Cathy Curtis and I met on Monday evening to discuss aspirations for our Māori students. After kai, a presentation of what our school is already doing in response to our responsibilities under the Treaty of Waitangi followed.

These include:

- Maori student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy meets school's targets.
- The school Charter and Curriculum have specific statements outlining our commitment and expectations.
- A lead teacher has been appointed.
- Following a staff skills / confidence survey, an action plan for development is in place.
- Unit planning and classroom practice include a Māori perspective.
- Formal and informal school occasions include te reo and tikanga.

A further whānau hui is scheduled for later this term. Details to follow.

World Vision's 40 Hour Famine

Twenty of our wonderful children are "Ready to go without for those without!" by participating in this year's 40 Hour Famine. These children have been given permission slips but some still need these signed by parents before they can be given the kit.

For those participating, "thank you" for fighting poverty, hunger and injustice!

Cross Country

Wet, southerly weather conditions led to the postponement of both Cross Country events on Tuesday. Weather permitting, these will go ahead tomorrow. To minimise the number of phone calls to the office, we ask parents to press 2 for the message service to hear whether the cross country is going ahead on Friday. Alternatively, check the school website. You'll find the message in the yellow band at the top of the home page. Thank you for your assistance.

Absences

Please remember to ring the school **before** 8:45am each day if your child is going to be absent from school. Remember to leave a clear message with your child's name, room number and the reason for the absence on the school answer phone (479 6685, option 1).

Education Review Office

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

In last week's newsletter, Claire Cockburn, lead reviewer, invited parents to email her with observations about *“How effectively our school's curriculum promotes students' learning – engagement, progress and achievement?”* Claire is happy to receive comments anytime until 31 May. ERO are particularly interested in how effectively parents are **engaged** with the school to promote student learning and the changes you have noted since the previous review in 2007.

To date, Claire has received two emails. claire.cockburn@ero.govt.nz

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

A number of children have enrolled in voluntary ICAS assessments in Science, Mathematics, English, Spelling, Writing and Computer Skills which take place over the coming months. ICAS is offered in twenty countries around the world. While ICAS caters for students of all abilities, their achievement is compared only with that of other students participating in the assessments. Students receive a comprehensive report and certificate to acknowledge participation or achievement.

The top scoring New Zealand students are acknowledged at medal award ceremonies in Auckland and Wellington. Two Khandallah students have received medals in the past two years – **Nicholas Yang** and **Chelsea Kah**.

Entertainment Books

*Are you one of the 20 families who still have an Entertainment Book at home?
Please do not let the team down!*

Return \$60 payment or the book to school immediately. For every book not accounted for the school must pay the cost. With \$1200 worth of books outstanding, the collective good work of all other families is at risk of being undone!

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 provided on our website for your convenience.

Annette Colls, ICT Lead Teacher

Congratulations

After many years of determination and study, **Sarah Tannahill** graduated from the Open Polytechnic last week with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science (Psychology). Congratulations on your fabulous achievement, Sarah!

Welcome to **Austin**, a beautiful little boy, born to **Amy** and **Grant Miller**. Congratulations to you both.

Condolences

The sympathy of our school community is extended to **Jane** and **Kevin Hatley** and **Nicola Trotter** and family following the loss of loved ones.

Electronic Newsletters

Electronic newsletters will continue to be sent to the school email address of children in Rooms 5, 6, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16. This week system will be extended to families with children in Rooms 11 & 12.

“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

- Parents helping with PMP – you are awesome.
- Teachers for your commitment to enhancing your teaching.
- Teachers organising and parents helping with cross country.

Coming Events

20 May	Board of Trustees Meeting , 7:00pm staffroom
21 May	Junior School Cross Country, 11:45am Middle / Senior School Cross Country, 1:30pm
24 May	Young Leaders’ Conference
25 May	ICAS – Computing
31 May-2 June	ERO on-site
9 Jun	ICAS – Science
22 Jun	ICAS – Spelling & Writing
24 Jun	Whole-School Evacuation
25 Jun	Mid-Winter Disco
14 Jun	Home & School, 7:00pm
2 July	End of Term 2

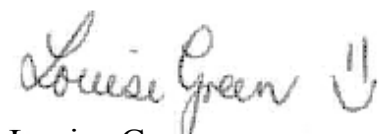
Finally,

With one week to go until the Education Review Office visit, we have been completing a review of our progress in six key areas since the last review in 2007 – Student Achievement, Effective Teaching, Leading and Managing, Governance, School Culture and Engagement with Families/Whānau. Teachers and Board members have been able to reflect on the significant amount of work undertaken over the three years and the progress made in all areas.

One of the main aspects ERO will be checking is how our school uses self review processes to reflect, refine and redefine ourselves in strategic, governance, operational and learning areas. In my opinion, this has been an area of strength and we have documented evidence which shows student, staff and community engagement.

Very soon we will be asking for your feedback on our “Reporting to Parents” processes. This will take the form of an internet survey, involve senior students, staff and parents and build on an earlier survey conducted in 2008. The feedback you provide will help us review and enhance our systems and procedures to better reflect the needs and aspirations of our school community.

Arohanui



Louise Green
Principal

Community Notices

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***

"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 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.

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@windowslive.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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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.meggetamusic.co.nz



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Carolyn Patchell is running classes in Johnsonville and at Nairnville Recreation Centre in Term 3 with introductory classes on 24th June and 1st July as well as in the school holidays. Visit

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