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Nga mihi nui ki nga whanau o to tatou kura

Welcome to Term 3

A very warm welcome to all members of our school family as we return for another exciting term of learning!

This term our focus will be on “Celebrating Diversity through Visual Arts”. A unit integrating a number of learning areas which combine to create a “rich” and meaningful learning context has been developed by *Andrea Kaye*, lead teacher and the Arts team, with input from teachers across the school. We are looking forward to an active and creative term where children have an opportunity to explore, respond and experiment. All classes will be visiting Te Papa and we are planning an end-of-term opportunity for parents to tour our classroom “galleries”. Check out the “Coming Events” section of the newsletter each week to see what else is planned.

We extend a special welcome to *Emma Thomson*, teaching Room 14. Emma has a background in Social Services and has previously taught Year 4/5 students at Corinna School. We are fortunate indeed to have Emma, who comes highly commended, join our team. After visiting for a day last term, Emma has settled well and is already well regarded by her new colleagues.



Emma replaces *Sara Wilson* who will spend the next six weeks providing extra learning support for senior school children before she takes leave to await the arrival of her precious first baby. This arrangement enables a smooth transition for students and allows for continuity in learning for the whole term. The Board of Trustees believes using Sara’s expertise in this way is an opportunity “too good to miss”!

Also expecting her precious first baby is *Shelley Strand*, our Reading Recovery teacher. Shelley will be with us for about 3 weeks before taking leave. During this time she will continue to provide Reading Recovery to one child continuing on the programme and extra learning support for 3-4 children in the junior school. An appointment to the position for the remainder of the year is underway.

Joining us for the first five weeks of term is *Pippa Barrett*. Pippa, a training teacher from the University of Canterbury, is placed in Room 13 with Beccy Haley. Pippa is in her final year and will be visited, observed and given feedback by a lecturer during this time.

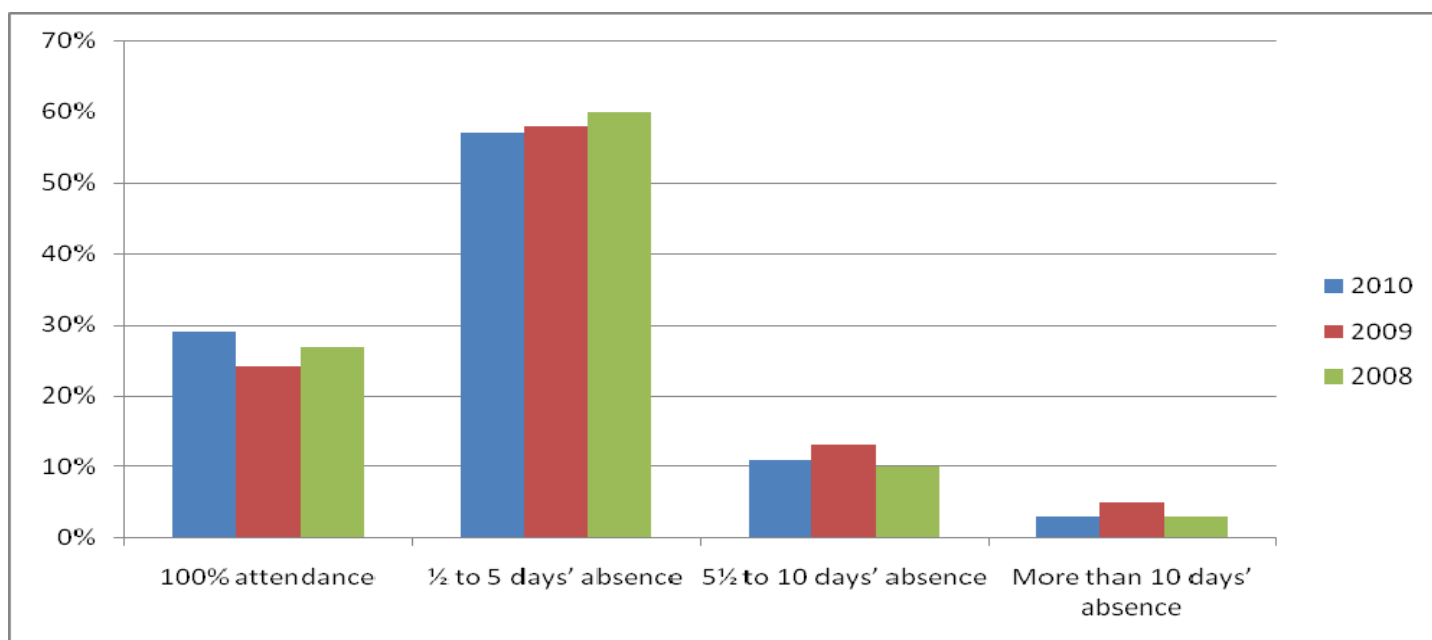
Over the Holidays

The upgrade of heating to D-Block was completed over the holidays. Approximately \$50,000 has been spent replacing aged and leaking pipes and valves and installing thermostats on each radiator. The classrooms are definitely “warm and cosy” again.

Attendance Rates

With the heating problems in D-Block, I was particularly interested to see if absence rates were higher during Term 2 than in previous years. You will see from the table and graph below that the heating problems appear to have had no significant negative impact on overall absence rate. In fact, rates for Term 2 were slightly better than in previous years.

	100% attendance ☺☺☺	½ to 5 days’ absence	5½ to 10 days’ absence	More than 10 days’ absence
2010	29%	57%	11%	3%
2009	24%	58%	13%	5%
2008	27%	60%	10%	3%



Whakanuia Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

We celebrate Māori Language Week as a nation next week. This year's theme is “Te Mahi Kai” – The Language of Food. For more information and great ideas to help your family celebrate go to <http://www.korero.maori.nz/news/mlw>



A bi-cultural thread will run through our “Celebrating Diversity through Art” theme this term. **Cathy Curtis**, lead teacher, has also provided teachers with ideas for developing children’s knowledge and use of te reo.

National Standards

On the last day of the holidays, teachers returned to school for a full day focus on National Standards - Reading and Mathematics. The day provided an opportunity to engage intensively with the standards. There is more learning, dialogue and moderating scheduled before informed, sound and fair judgements against the standards can be made.

An opportunity for parents interested in finding out more about the standards from the perspective of an educational thinker and leader is offered next week. Lester Flockton, a teacher, principal, inspector of schools, Ministry of Education official, researcher and university teacher, is speaking at Island Bay School on Wednesday, 28th at 7:00pm.

A number of our Board members and teachers are attending to hear the views of this well-regarded educator. Parents are also very welcome to join us.

The work our teachers and Board are doing will prepare us to engage with our parent community around National Standards and reporting processes later in the term.

Reporting to Parents Survey

Thank you to the 53 families (21%) who have completed the Survey. The results are in the process of being analysed and will be shared with the Board of Trustees in the first instance and then with parents at the Parent Evening as we plan our next steps for enhancing the reporting process so that it is meaningful for parents and meets legislative requirements.

Book Fair

August 4-6, School Hall.

Family night Thursday 5 August from 5-8pm. Competitions, dress up, raffle. More information to come next week.

Thanks

- ☺ Everyone preparing for the new school term.
- ☺ Rebecca Morder catering teachers' lunch on call back day.
- ☺ Mark Leggett and team organizing a successful "White Out Day!" at the end of last term.
- ☺ Parents helping manage resources and organize fundraising activities – we couldn't do it without you!

Coming Events

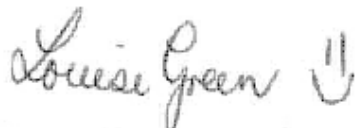
- 25 July Board of Trustees Planning Day, 11:00-4:00pm.
- 26 July Swimming Trial at Keith Spry Pool, 12 -2pm
- 27 July PSW Netball Tournament - Year 5 & 6 (postponement date 29 July)
- 28 July Lester Flockton speaking at Island Bay School, 7:00pm. All welcome.
- 30 July Home & School General Knowledge Quiz testing
Home & School, Board of Trustees and Staff Mid-Winter Gathering
- 2 Aug Home & School Meeting, staffroom, 7:00pm
- 4-6 Aug Book Fair
- 9 Aug Parent Rep Meeting, staffroom, 7:00pm
- 3 Aug ICAS competition – English
- 4 Aug Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00pm, Staffroom
- 17 Aug ICAS competition – Mathematics
- 20 Aug General Knowledge Quiz Sponsorship money returned
- 25 Aug Northern Zone Swimming, Kilbirnie
- 30 Aug Parent Engagement Evening – National Standards / Reporting to Parents

Finally,

I hope you have all been proactive in twisting the arms of loving and supportive grandparents, relatives, neighbours and friends to sponsor your child in the Home & School General Knowledge Quiz. This fundraiser, which promotes learning about the world around us, is always popular and successful, generally raising around \$4,500 annually.

To be a success, we need **everyone** playing their part by getting sponsors, learning answers, collecting pledges and returning money raised! Children have just one week to **learn, learn, learn** ready for the QUIZ Day next Friday. Money raised is going towards a much-needed upgrade of our school playgrounds – so **every child** will benefit. Happy learning!

Arohanui



Louise Green
Principal

Do you have baby items you no longer want? Pregnancy Assistance would love anything you are able to donate so they can continue to provide pregnant women and new mothers with the clothing, bedding and cloth nappies they need for their babies. Label 'Pregnancy Assistance' and drop off at the St Vincent de Paul shop in Newtown or phone 3897122 for more information.

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

Community Notices

Capital Rhythmic Open Day

Capital Rhythmic Gymnastics are holding a free Open Day on Saturday 14th August between 10.30am and 12.00noon at the Anglican Chinese Mission on Glenmore Street - feel free to drop in, see what we do and give it a try.

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a discipline falling midway between dance and sport. It is performed to music while using small hand apparatus - rope, hoop, ball, clubs and/or ribbon. The special appeal of Rhythmic lies in the unity of graceful body movements and skilful handling of the apparatus. During the exercise the gymnast and apparatus must be in constant motion.

We offer Recreational Classes (for girls from age 5) through to success at NZ National Championships. Recreation Classes are held Monday & Wednesday 4-5pm, 5-6pm; Saturday 10-11am and 1-2pm. There are typically 6-8 gymnasts per class, taught by qualified coaches. We train at the Anglican Chinese Mission, Glenmore Street, opposite the Botanical Gardens.

For more information call Jo on 027 370 4141, or email joboddy@hotmail.com

Kelly Sports

We are starting in week 2 on **July 26th**. If we get enough children then we'll run 2 groups **Fun Fundamentals** is a skills programme ideally suited to younger or less confident children aimed at developing co-ordination, speed, spatial awareness and all the basic skills essential to sports. **Winter Winners** is a multisport programme, 2 sessions of 4 different sports; **Hockey, Netball, Ripper Rugby** and **Fitness Fun** - for children interested in sports (or just having fun) it allows them to try a wide variety of sports in a fun & challenging environment. As always, all Kelly Sports Programmes are aimed at having fun and encouraging all children to reach their full potential and develop a love of sport. The fliers are available through our website www.ksports.co.nz or contact the office for more information at rachel@kellysports.co.nz or on 04 972 7201.

Kelly Sports is starting a **Pre-School Indoor Football Programme** (ages 1-5) at **Wellington Indoor Sports** in Newtown on **Tuesday 10th August**. We teach your child football skills whilst the games and drills encourage team work, build confidence, improve coordination, game play and spatial awareness, all in a safe and fun indoor environment. For more information take a look at our website www.ksports.co.nz or contact the office for more information at rachel@kellysports.co.nz or on 04 972 7201.