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Nga mihi nui ki nga whanau o to tatou kura

Volunteer Week

June 20 - 26

In a progressive school environment focused on providing multiple opportunities for our children to succeed, we rely heavily on the support of our wonderful parents, caregivers and whanau who generously donate personal time, energy and expertise.

Volunteer Week provides a great opportunity to acknowledge the valuable contributions of these people. Thank you to all our unsung heroes! We couldn't do it without you!



Whole-School Evacuation Exercise

We are grateful to all parents who have supported us during our evacuation practice today. Please help us carry out a review of the exercise so that we can refine our processes should they be needed in a real emergency situation. You can do this by completing the homework activity with your child. We'd particularly like to know from your perspective:-

- PLUS - What went well?
- MINUS - What didn't?
- INTERESTING - Suggestions for the future

Reporting to Parents Survey

We are strongly committed to refining our reporting to parents processes so that they remain meaningful to parents. We need to know what you like about our existing system and what you would like to see changed.

Sixteen of our 254 families have already responded to our invitation to take part in our Reporting to Parents Survey. We strongly encourage all families to take this opportunity. A link to the survey can be found on the homepage of our school website or accessed directly using this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ReportingtoParentsSurvey>

A \$10 gift card from The Warehouse will be awarded to one family (name optional). The draw will take place at 9am THIS Thursday, 1 July so that the name of the winner can be publicised in the newsletter and the gift card distributed in time for the holidays.

Inter-zone Cross Country – 17 June

As the first date for the Inter-zone cross-country was so wet and miserable, all fingers were crossed for suitable weather on the 17th. An initially overcast start gave way to a clear, sunny day, with a gentle Northerly blowing across the course and brilliant sunshine.

Khandallah School was fielding a strong team of 11 runners. Our numbers were less than anticipated after one of our runners had to withdraw due to illness. Despite this, and other members who had only recently recovered from winter ills, the team was confident and in good spirits as we made our way to Happy Valley Park.

The Year 4 girls led us off in grand style with *Lokye Szeto* and *Francie O'Connor* finishing in the top 10 and going through to the Regional Competition next Tuesday. A short while later *Caitlin Douglass* qualified in the Year 5 girls. Finishing off the event for Khandallah was the year 6 boys race with *Sean Beresford* qualifying for the next round. We also had a number of runners who were unlucky and finished just outside the top ten. However, all runners put in an amazing effort on a course that offered plenty of challenges. All represented our school with distinction!

The provisional placing for Khandallah School runners were:

Year 4 Girls: *Lokye Szeto* (2nd), *Francie O'Connor* (8th)

Year 4 Boys: *Daniel Griffiths* (20th), *Harry McCarthy* (26th), *Rogier Kerbus* (32nd)

Year 5 Girls: *Caitlin Douglass* (8th)

Year 5 Boys: *Toby Simpson* (14th), *Joseph Ahie* (17th)

Year 6 Girls: *Laila Smith* (absent)

Year 6 Boys: *Sean Beresford* (9th), *Arian Ashgari* (12th), *George Holmes* (29th)

Kevin Pegg, Organiser

40 Hour Famine

Thank you to the 35 children who participated in the 40 hour famine this year. A total of \$1067.20 was raised. Well done to all of you.

Judy Hampton, Organiser

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 sports coaches for the time and energy you give to our students.
- ☺ Parents helping around our school.
- ☺ Everyone paying school donations. We value your support.
- ☺ Parents supporting Cross Country runners last week.

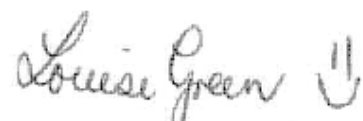
Coming Events

- 25 Jun Mid-Winter Disco
- 28 Jun Whānau Hui, 6:00pm – all welcome. Please bring plate of kai to share.
- 29 Jun Regional Cross Country
- 30 Jun Assembly led by the Green Team, 2:15pm
- 2 July End of Term 2
- 19 July Term 3 begins – Visual Arts Focus
- Home & School Meeting, 7:00pm
- 25 July Board of Trustees Planning Workshop

Finally,

Much energy and organisation has gone into preparations for tomorrow’s “Mid Winter Disco”. We are always grateful to parents and teachers who give generously of their time to provide a safe and enjoyable opportunity for our children to practise their social skills and develop independence.

Arohanui



Louise Green
Principal

Green Team visit to Williams Garden Centre

We had a really good time yesterday when we went to Williams Garden Centre in Crofton Downs. When we got there we met Alan Johnson who told us we could ask loads of questions, which we did - and he answered every single one of them. Alan told us heaps and heaps of things that we can do to make our veggie patch even better than it is, especially how to make the soil healthy. He was very enthusiastic and he was funny. We got to taste some of the plants and we learnt how to grow seedlings. If anyone wants to know more then they can ask anyone from the Green Team. We'll be planting and doing some of the propagating on Friday, so if you want to learn some planting skills then come along.

We spent \$114 of the money that we raised from Hero day and Williams Garden Centre gave us \$180 worth of plants and propagating equipment!!! We would highly recommend going to Williams Garden Centre if you don't know anything about gardening because they are very helpful.



Looking at the raised garden beds created by the Kelburn Girl Guides group. They give all the vegetables that grow here to the Wellington City Mission – we thought this was a fantastic idea 😊



Showing us the blood and bones and sheep pallets – basically sheep's guts, bones and blood and sheep's poo!



The Green Team

Back row: Stella, Evie, Carys, Stephanie, Vijay, Patrick

Front row: Tegan, Kristen, Kaitlyn T-M, Nathan, Caitlin D, Oscar, Caitlyn R, Mitchell

Mid Winter Discos

Mid Winter Disco's are on tomorrow night. Tickets will be coming home with your children today. Thanks to all the people who offered to help - those required have now been contacted.

Please remember that children will not be allowed to leave until collected from the hall by their parent/caregiver. Please enter the front door of the hall and exit at back door. No early drop offs (resulting in prolonged waiting) or late pick ups. Due to tight timeframes and organisational issues, we are unable to let senior students in to their Disco until juniors have been collected.

Calling all Future Silver Ferns

Next Term we are planning to run a Fun Ferns session during one Tuesday lunchtime on the Netball courts at school. Fun Ferns is a fun netball programme introducing and developing basic ball, movement and game skills.

This program has been run at the school for the past couple of years and has been hugely successful. This will be run for all current year 3 girls to give them some ideas and skills for when they can play netball in year 4.

If you have any queries please contact **Ruth Humble** on 479 3861 or **Katrina Magee** 479 4159



Whanau Hui

Staffroom, Monday

6:00 – 8:00pm

Tamariki welcome.

Agenda: Welcome
Kaupapa for the evening
Revisit whānau collective ideas
Kai
Programme resources
Next steps

FIFA World Cup 2010

The amazing All Whites have done it again! A second draw, this time against Italy ranked number 5 in the world! What an inspiration to all our young (and not so young) players.

Fingers crossed that tomorrow's game against Paraguay sees their great preparation, determination and form continue.

Can NZ's favourite team pull off a hat-trick or better?



Community Notices

Midwinter Knack Craft Market

Saturday 26th June, 9.30am-1.30pm

NEW, BIGGER VENUE!!

South Wellington Intermediate School Hall

Rintoul Street (Next to Wakefield Hospital), Newtown

A fantastic range of beautiful, original, NZ made craft, also using recycled, eco-friendly materials. Come and check out South Wellington's lovely craft market! Hot soup and baked potatoes, fresh coffee, live music, plenty of parking, and we have eftpos!

For information: Justine - knack.market@gmail.com,

(04) 972 4099 or 027 381 3409

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.

Die Fledermaus

Johann Strauss' Masterpiece of Comic Opera. This touring production, performed in English, is traditionally staged, with full sets and splendid costumes, by the producers of *The Tales of Hoffmann* (2007), *Iolanthe* (2008) and *The Yeomen of the Guard* (2009). Direction is by Dr David Skinner, and the cast of 43 singers is supported by an orchestra of 31 players conducted by musical director Hugh McMillan.

Wellington Thurs 19 – Sat 21 August. Wellington Opera House – Book at Westpac St James Theatre, Courtenay Place. Ticketek 04 384 3840 or www.ticketek.co.nz

Performances are at 7:30pm, with additional 2:00pm Saturday matinees at Wellington, Kapiti and Palmerston North venues.