

West Spreydon School Newsletter

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Pontifications & Ponderings from the Principal's Laptop

Roll: 171 Boys: 93 Girls:78

Four Weeks Gone and Summer is Here

At last summer has arrived and what a blessing it has been to have the pools in operation. There was a queue of parents and pre-school students lined up outside the pool before three yesterday as the day got hotter. Thanks again to the volunteers who have made the impossible happen. Well done again team.

PTA

Have you ever wondered who the people are who make the dollars go further in our school? You have the chance to meet them and to become one of them on 10th March at 7.00p.m. in the staffroom. We need your help to be able to buy the things that we cannot afford in our budget. We need laptops and a new playground. Big dreams. The more who volunteer to help, the lighter the load. Every parent can make a difference.

Last year the PTA gave us money to buy wet weather games and sports gear. This was such a bonus for the teachers.

We are planning on working closely and dreaming big for the school. You could be part of that. Come along and meet the lovely team or ring Michelle Watts so you can chat over what this involves.

Zone Swimming Sports

Three of our students will represent the school at the Zone Swimming Sports at QE11. They are Denvir Furze, Anysha Te Moana and Shannon Fry. Congratulations girls.

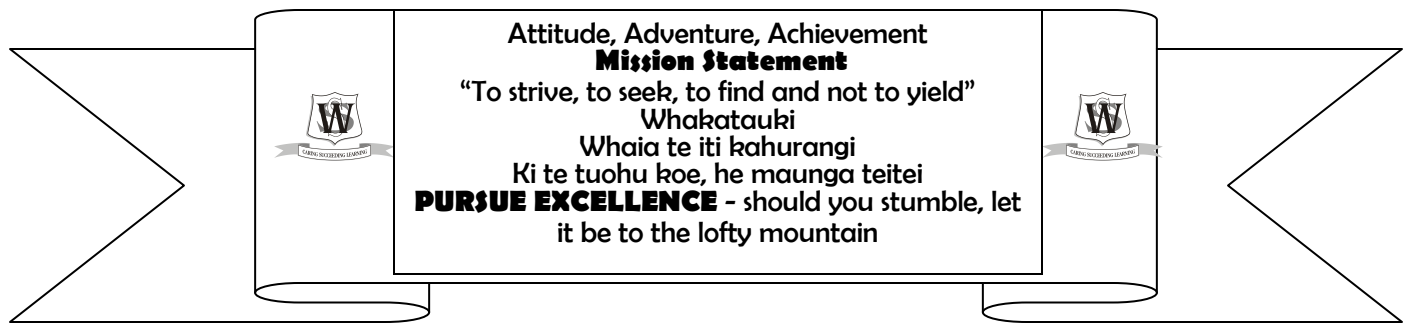
Goal Setting Interviews

Well done to all of the students and parents who attended one of the three nights for the goal setting interviews. Lots of preparation had gone in beforehand so that the children could talk about their goals and plans. I know some parents still struggle with the way things are in schools now as it is very different from when they were at school. Our New Zealand Curriculum states that students have to own their own learning and behaviour and should be able to talk about their achievements clearly and confidently. Students and parents attend these meetings together and there are no secrets. The government talks about teachers, parents and students having a good relationship, with clear understanding in plain language of where the child is currently achieving and what can be done at home and school to support this. We already knew this as do most schools, so we are well on the way to involving our parents with student learning. In June we have the Student Led Conferences where the children will lead you through their learning successes and next steps to progress. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Enjoy the summer weather and thank you for helping your children to have success at school.

Marriene Langton
Principal





West Spreydon Pool Committee News

Welcome back to school. I am pleased to say we have had a great break with no negative issues at the pool.

The average temp of the water has been 21.1 degrees. It warms our hearts to see all the families coming down and using our pool.

The children's confidence and abilities have come forward in leaps and bounds. The children that couldn't even put a foot in the water are now confident boomers! (Jordan Carter-Aranui).

Swipe cards are still available for hire for \$65. The season will end when the weather is too cold to swim. Call me on 980 6078.

We are holding a gala on the 13th March from 11 to 2 pm. We need help from our school to make this successful. A note has gone home for this, so if you want a stall, car boot (ten dollars) or a blanket at the Childs market for \$2, go to the office and grab a spot!

Thank-you to the person who has dropped off the new baby items. We appreciate it and will make a raffle out of them.

We have a donation box made for us from Brian Wilson (Connor Wilson's dad room 10). We really appreciate all your hard work Brian and we know this is going to be used!

Without the help of all our water testers we could not have the pool running, so a big thank-you to them.

Bridgit Veenings
Pool Committee



CONGRATULATIONS
to Kimberley Kamana
for being a Gold Card
Winner.

Well done Kimberley.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Term 1 12 February 2010

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Behaviour Award: | |
| Bailey Ross | R1 |
| Connor Tolchard | R2 |
| Friendship Award: | |
| Ruby Mackenzie | R1 |
| Georgia O'Connor | R3 |
| Mikaela Jamieson | R2 |
| Academic Award: | |
| Damien Palmer | R10 |
| Charlotte Sullivan | R9 |
| Sportsperson Award: | |
| Jake Orpwood | R8 |
| Tidy Kiwi Award: | |
| Astaria Amtman | R7 |
| Resilience Award: | |
| Matthew Chai | R10 |

SPONSORS:

Bourne-Webb Family
Johnston Penno
Channel X

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Gotcha Certificates for Speaking Pleasantly

| | |
|-------|-------------------|
| Rm 1 | Ashley Peters |
| Rm 2 | Nirvana Travis |
| Rm 3 | Faith Millner |
| Rm 7 | Sam Tuita |
| Rm 8 | Mia Forsey |
| Rm 9 | Jak Brownlie |
| Rm 10 | Sikaleti Sikaleti |

Thank you to these children for
showing Self Discipline and
Self Confidence

Update sheets

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have checked and returned the Update Sheets.

For those who still have to return the forms please check, make any changes, sign and return the form to the office.

This is a Health and Safety issue. Your child's wellbeing could depend on you returning this form.

Puppets Please

The Pohutukawa Team want to thank Bradley Moth's Uncle Mitch for making a wonderful puppet theatre for us all to use. All we now have to do now is paint it up and put on some curtains and we will be in the entertainment business.

We would like some puppets - glove or hand held - and we wonder if anyone has some puppets at home that are no longer used, or a sewer who could make some puppets for us. We have some fabric. Please talk to your child's teacher or someone at the office.

Thank you very much.
Mrs Williams, Mrs Krammer,
Mr Crowl, Mrs Haynes

Office hours

Please note the office hours are 8.30am - 2.30pm daily.

PTA Notices**SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE**

Friday 5th March
2.45pm to 3.15pm
Items \$2 each
Polar Fleece \$5 each

PTA AGM

Wednesday 10th March
7pm Start in School staff room
ALL WELCOME

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO ADVANCED NOTICE - NZEI Teachers Meeting 16th March 2010

The School has been advised by the NZEI Te Riu Roa that it is holding a Paid Union Meeting for teachers at 1.00pm on 16th March (Tuesday).

All teachers who are union members at our school will be attending.

A notice went home to parents/caregivers earlier this term.

Please arrange to collect your child/children promptly at 12.30pm. There will be no trained teachers to supervise your child/children. Please make alternative arrangements for your child/children on that afternoon.

Joshua Foundation Year 6 Leadership Training

Our year 6 pupils have just completed a two day leadership training course with Chris and Marama.

Both of the instructors are in the army and provided a challenging and exciting programme.

I was very impressed with all of our year 6 students who participated. The challenges looked impossible to me, however they worked their way through them all.



Maata Smith



WHAT'S COMING UP - Here are dates for you to write in your diaries or alternatively keep this page on your fridge.

February

26 Full Assembly (led by R 8)

March

4 Yr 4 Overnight Camp

10 PTA AGM 7pm

12 Full Assembly (led by R 3)

16 Union Meeting 1 - 3pm

26 Full Assembly (led by R 10)

31 Wacky Wednesday - details to follow

APRIL

1 Last day of Term 1 (Thursday)

2 Good Friday

19 First day of Term 2



REMINDER that the newsletter is posted on the website and photos will be included. We are doing our best to ensure that no photos are published without parental permission. The easiest way for us to do this is for you to remind your child/ren if she/he is not allowed to have a photo taken. It is almost impossible for us to check each time. The school website also has a lot of West Spreydon School dates for 2010 on the calendar.
Marriene Langton
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Violin Classes - Those who learnt violin last year, please give your name to the office if you wish to learn again and any new students please advise the office.

Chan's Martial Arts

Mondays & Wednesdays School Hall
Classes: Children 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Adults 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Tai Chi 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Effective stress-free training - all ages!

Contact: Dave Lane

Phone Numbers: 354-2032 or

021-063-5370

Email: morgoth@ihug.co.nz

Sydenham Rugby League 2010

Registrations: Bradford Park, Milton St, 21st & 28th February 11am - 12.30pm,

free sausage sizzle for the children.

Reasonable subs. Uniform provided. If

unable to attend phone Debra Powell

980 4640 or 379 6954 with details.

Hot Tips for Parents – Ian Grant

Aurora Centre, Burnside High School, Cnr

Memorial Ave & Greers Road Wednesday

10th March 2010 7.30pm – 10.00pm

Tickets can be purchased from any Postie

Plus store in Christchurch and Rangiora,

Funky Pumpkin Blenheim Road

Tickets \$15

Hockey-The Junior Sydenham and Selwyn Hockey Clubs

are combining this year and will begin pre season

trials/training soon. Please go to the

websites www.sydenhamhockey.co.nz or

www.selwynhockeyclub.co.nz for further

information on dates and times. We look

forward to seeing you there.

Christchurch United Football Club

Registration Dates for 2010 Season

When: 27th February 2010 10am – 3pm

Where: Barringtons Shopping Centre –

Foodcourt

Pre-season Training Weekly from

Monday 8th February 4.30pm – 5.45pm

(Mini – 10th Grade) Weekly from Monday

8th February 6.00pm – 7.15pm (11th grade

and above)

Weekly from Friday 12th February

4.30pm – 5.45pm (Mini – 19th Grade)

Where: Spreydon Domain, Domain

Terrace

All potential, new and existing players are more than welcome

Junior Club Inquiries:

Tina Brokenshire: Ph 960 2654

Tony Vallance: Ph 338 4709

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Gifted Child? Here's your chance to come and try out One Day School, New Zealand's longest running programme for gifted learners. There will be two age based sessions on **Friday 5 March 2010** at Kendal School, 53 Kendal Ave, Burnside, Christchurch. The session for 9-12 year olds runs from 9-12 noon, and the session for 5-8 year olds runs from 12.30-3pm. The cost is \$30 per child. Places are limited and bookings are essential! For more information, or to book a place for your child, ring Andrea on 021646963 or email

andrea.wong@giftededucation.org.nz

Christchurch South Parents

Centre is holding a Baby & Kids

Gear Sale on Saturday 10th April at

the Cashmere Club, Beckenham

10am – 1pm. Admission \$2 per adult.

New and pre-loved clothing, books,

toys and baby equipment for 0 – 12yr

olds at bargain prices. Tables are

available for people who want to sell

their own gear. Contact

markandvicky@clear.net.nz or

phone 337 1120 for table hire and

further info.

Halswell Netball Club

Phone Chrissy on 980-7765 or

Email :chrissy2410@gmail.com.

CASHMERE NETBALL CLUB INC

Trial dates for: U14, 13, 12, 11 starts

at 11.30 is Sunday 14th March 2010

and Tuesday. (Will notify) after first

trial.

U19, 17, 15 starts at 10am, Sunday

14th March 2010. Anyone who can

not make the Sunday March 14th, a

trial will be held at Cashmere High

School Netball Courts on Tues 16th

March at 6pm.

2A, Sunday 28th February 2010 at

10am.

Boys U15 are eligible to play.adm

Contact details: -

cashmerenetball@hotmail.com

Wayne Hawker home: 389 9802

Work: (before 10.30am only)

385 6286 Cell: 021 234 2511

Suburbs Rugby Club:

Registration Days: Thursday 25th

February

Tuesday 2nd March plus 2 Crusaders

at Hoon Hay Park at 6pm. Bring birth

certificate

Contact: Michael Christy: Cell 021

210 6858 or 338 6120

SCHOOL CLOSURE / CANCELLATIONS for school based activities

NEWSTALK ZB 1098

CLASSIC HITS 97.7FM

The BREEZE 94.5FM