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Pontifications & Ponderings from the Principal's Laptop

Roll: 199 Boys: 99 Girls:100

right.

Please help us to keep everyone safe at our school.

The Last Full Newsletter for The Year

Congratulations

Well it looks like we have been and gone and done it. What a year! Once again I want to thank our staff and board, students, families, community and the Ministry of Education for the incredible support we have received over the past year. I know that this will be a marker in New Zealand history and I hope that the stories will remain about the courage, resilience, perseverance and community caring for the people of Christchurch. I am thinking of our community in particular who have been so stalwart in very tough times.

Bullying

This issue doesn't go away. We do have four children at present who are causing a great deal of grief and unhappiness for others. Constant intimidation, physical and verbal violence and even cheek and threats to adults have been surfacing over the past two weeks. Bullying is serious and has lifetime effects on children if it is not dealt with effectively. At the moment those children who are persistent bullies are out of the playground and/or class and working with teacher supervision.

We are doing our best to gain the co-operation of the parents of the children who are doing the bullying. One parent is magnificent and works with us at every turn. If you are aware that your child is being intimidated, threatened or hit please tell the teacher immediately.

Some of the instances your child reports as bullying to you, are not so. When teachers investigate we often find that the complainant has been doing a fair bit of stirring in the background before the other child retaliates. It still doesn't make it

Student Achievement

I have just finished reading all of the student end of year reports. I am very pleased to see that very few students do not meet the national standards. The few who do not meet the standards have received a vast range of additional assistance with English language support, specialist programmes in the class or with teacher aides, and through grouping across classes.

I did notice two persistent themes: the student's attitude to giving learning a go is critical; the partnership between home and school matters more than you would think. Fifteen minutes every night where you as a parent set aside time to hear your child read or to practise a maths game or basic facts has a huge impact on progress. It is worth the time.

Success breeds success. If your child gets a little success his/her confidence will grow and he/she will give something else a try. Learning is based on learning blocks. Each step really matters and has to be firmly fastened to the foundations and the next block of learning. We all know what happens when the building is shonky!!!

We have several students who are achieving above the national standards in reading, maths and written language. Some of them have made a big jump from being at the standard.

Personal Achievement

If your child is involved in a sport or hobby and is winning medals, certificates etc. please email this (Continued on Page 2)

School closes at 1.00pm on the last day of school, Friday 16th December. Please ensure your child/ren are picked up on time. Staff will be leaving the school grounds promptly.

Please note that the last day for ASB Children's Banking will Friday 9th December.

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to admin@westspreydon.school.nz.
Attach a photo. We would love to
celebrate this in our newsletters.

2012 Enrolments

Please let us know if you know of any families planning to enrol at our school for next year. The numbers are growing and it makes a difference to class placements. The Ministry of Education is looking at the viability of repairing Rooms 5,6 and R for the start of next year as we are at capacity this year. The Board's heart is to have children from our local area whose families will form the core of a wonderful, supportive community.

Pastoral

Donna Buchanan is working through the frustrating process of recovering from surgery. She also suffered a spider bite which has become infected and is now undergoing I.V. anti-biotic treatment. This will take a while and she is very frustrated at being away from school.

We sadly bid Dom Crowl farewell and a wonderful life in the USA with his future wife. Thanks Krysia, Trish and Macushla for all you have done for our children.



We welcome Rochelle Everest and Jude Lange into an exciting job share position for Terms 1-3. We get double the talent! Ange Malaie will also be a teacher in our school for Terms 1-3.

Classes and levels for teachers are still unconfirmed as we are having to make changes with new requests for enrolments.

On behalf of all of the staff and board we wish you a very safe and happy Christmas. May 2012 be a year of peace, prosperity in health and financial security.

Marriene Langton
Principal

SCOOTERS - your child may ride their scooter to school. They are to be locked and left in the bike stand beside the hall. We are unable to take responsibility for the scooters. Helmets can be attached to your child's school bag and stay in the cloakroom. Scooters are not to be used between 8.30am and 3.30pm unless it's a supervised activity by the teacher. No scooting around the school especially before and after school, as young children and adults have been knocked over in the past. This also applies to pre-schoolers and adults. Please respect others in the school grounds.

SUN HAT REMINDER - Please ensure your child/ren have a wide brimmed sun hat to wear. If a child comes to school without one then they will sit under a tree at break times to stay in the shade.

STATIONERY LISTS

Booklists for 2012 will be coming home in Week 9 with school reports. Look out for them in the envelope.

Your child's requirements will be highlighted. It is important that the correct books etc are purchased.

Please note stationery is not available at the school office.

The stationery list will also be put on the school website.

WEEKLY AWARDS 18 November 2011 Term 4

Friendship Award:
Payton-Rae Wootton R8
Mia Forster R10
Amber Holland R12

Behaviour Award:
Xavier Watson R8
Tayla Pelesa R9
Kendal Sayers R7

Academic Award:
Connor Wilson R1
Danielle Holland R2

Sportsperson Award:
Ashley Lee R1
Damien Palmer R2

Tidy Kiwi Award:
Cheyenne Gray R13

Resilience Award:
Ronwell Rosalitas R13

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GOTCHA AWARDS **Curiosity**

Rm 1 Belle Tonacao
Rm 2 Fox Gray
Rm 7 Joshua Craig
Rm 8 Neko Whymark
Rm 9 Dani Tolchard
Rm 10 Seraphim Rosenbrock-Kavanagh
Rm 12 Jack Conlan
Rm 13 -

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

SCHOOL READING BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

It's time to get hunting under beds, behind furniture and on your book shelves for school instructional readers and journals.

Bring them back to school to a teacher or just leave them in the office. No penalty!

SHERBET

I like it. The sherbet tasted like sugar. Sherbet is fantastic. It is yummy. Sometimes I don't like it. I think it has heaps of sugar. I will be bouncing off the walls when I get home. My family doesn't like me hypo. I am talking about sherbet. Mrs Williams made it. It's yummy. It's beautiful. I hope I won't be bouncing off the walls. It is little. Does Mrs Williams like sherbet? Yes she does. I do too!

By Shyane Mills
Room 7

PUPIL MEDICATION

Would all parents/caregivers please call into the office to collect their child/children's medicine. Please also collect asthma spacers so they can be washed.

At the start of next year, you will be able to bring in fresh/current supplies and we will ask you to complete a new permission form so that we have up to date details.

Any medications left at school on the last day will be disposed of.

Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Charlotte Sullivan received a gold Medal on Sunday 27th November for enetering and completing the Weet-Bix Duathlon. She had to start with a 1 km run, 3 km bike ride around Hagley Park followed by another 1 km run to the finishing line.

Charlotte now plans to participate in the Weet-Bix Tryathlon in March 2012.

Well done Charlotte!

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY**

What a wonderful day we had on the 17th November. It was great to see every child participating and also encouraging others.

A new event was the House Relay - some great runner there - especially Hillary House.

All children showed great perseverance and attitude which made this such a fantastic day.

I hope the parents are fully recovered from their race!
Thank you all for your support.

Shirley Haynes

**CARETAKER'S CORNER**

Kia ora

Thank you to Meadow Mushrooms for the planting boxes that were donated through Bridget and Richie. Also Leanne who gave us some silverbeet plants and last but not least the generous donations of heaps of vege plants and the sawdust for our long jump from Oderings Nursery.

Oderings Nursery and their family have had a long association with West Spreydon School so please show your support and visit them for all your garden requirements.

There are still far too many parents double parking to let off or pick up children. **An instant \$80 fine may come your way if this continues.** It is illegal to park in the cycle lane and also very dangerous to other road users.

Please assist our new road patrol team and stop at the pedestrian crossing if someone is waiting to cross.

Also encourage your children to always use the crossing.

Bill

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property is located in the back room of the library.

Please ensure you check there for any of your child/ren's lost clothing before the end of the year.

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

DECEMBER

- 2 Full Assembly R9
ASB School Banking
- 9 School reports go home
Last day for ASB School Banking
Helpers Morning Tea 10.30am - 11am
Year 6 Breakup
- 16 Final school assembly for 2011 at 11am
Last day of school
School closes at 1pm
Please ensure your child/ren are picked up promptly.



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 2011 on the calendar.

Marriene Langton
Principal

Story 1

Ingredients for the ice-cream in a bag.

- 6 T of rock salt
- One t spoon
- One big snaplock bag
- Two small snaplock bags
- Half a cup of milk
- Half a cup of cream
- ¼ of a teaspoon of vanilla essence
- 1T of sugar
- 26 cones
- 1 bag of ice (1 more just in case)

Instructions

- 1) Pour six tablespoons of rocksalt into the big snaplock bag
- 2) Take 5 big handfuls of ice and put it in the snaplock bag.
- 3) Put half cream and half milk into 2 of the small snaplock bags.
- 4) Take 1 whole cup of sugar and pour into one of the snaplock bags and then take another whole cup of sugar and pour it into the other small snaplock bag.
- 5) Pour ¼ of vanilla essence into both snaplock bags.
- 6) Seal both of the 2 snaplock bags and put it into the big snaplock bag and then seal it.
- 7) Shake the big snaplock bag until it is very thick. Make sure the big snaplock bag doesn't make a hole.
- 8) Try out your icecream. ♥

By Divyana
Room 9

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Safe 'Stressfree' Training for all Ages
'Shao Chi Chuan's' hallmark is its dynamic but flowing and relaxed movements that enhance the body function rather than over-stress it. Shao Chi Chuan deploys natural long and short range combat techniques, holds and throws, internal energy development and application to co-ordinated pressure points. All these are based on time tested classical principles. It can be described as a modern interface between the very hard Shao Lin Chuan and the very soft Tai Chi Chuan.
Classes Monday and Wednesday at the West Spreydon Primary School Hall
Children 5.30pm Adults 6.30pm
For further information phone
Chans Martial Arts
West Spreydon Branch
(03) 344 6124 or
027 343 9585

Luke Murdoch, Second Degree Black Belt Chief Instructor,
West Spreydon School,
147 Lyttelton Street, Christchurch
Chans Martial Arts International Classes:
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Adults 6:30-7:30pm
Tai Chi 7:30-8:30pm
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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2012

1st Term	Wed 1st Feb - Thurs 5th April
2nd Term	Mon 23 rd April - Fri 29th June
3rd Term	Mon 16 th July - Fri 28th Sept
4th Term	Mon 15th Oct - Tues 18th Dec

Public Holidays

Waitangi Day	6th Feb (Monday)
Good Friday	6th April
Easter Monday	9th April
Easter Tuesday	10th April
ANZAC Day	25th April (Wednesday)
Queen's Birthday	4th June (Monday)
Labour Day	22nd Oct (Monday)
Anniversary Day	16th Nov (Friday)



Look at our children having fun times at Tennis, Healthy Heroes and ASB Getwise.

