

Discovery School
"Educating for successful living"
"Te whakaako kia momoho ai, kia ora ai"

Term 1 Week 7

Thursday 18 March 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

On Tuesday we had a great day at Adventure Park for our athletics sports. The weather was perfect and the children enjoyed and excelled themselves.

A huge thank you to Sarah Jenner and Carl McManaway for their great organisation, the day ran very smoothly because of their thorough planning and preparation. Thank you to all those parents and staff who assisted with running the events, our children are very fortunate to have such supportive parents, teachers and support staff at Discovery School.

Discovery School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of three parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Friday 23 April 2010** and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on **Friday 7 May 2010**.

Kathy Wall - Returning Officer

Parent Donations

Thanks to all those families who have paid their 2010 donation and a reminder that these are discounted until 31 March. The parent donation for 2010 is set out below.

- \$145 for the first child, discounted to \$135 if paid before 31 March 2010
- \$290 for two children, discounted to \$270 if paid before 31 March 2010
- \$360 per family of three or more children, discounted to \$340 if paid before 31 March 2010

Stationery

Prices for school stationery will revert back to recommended retail prices as from Monday 22 March.

Book Club Orders

Book club order forms were sent home recently. Orders will close tomorrow, Friday 19 March. Please ensure that your child's teacher's name is included on the order form, this will help us with distribution of the books.

Please also ensure that the correct money is included with the orders as they are not processed straight away.

**Netball News
Registrations**

Netball registration forms for the upcoming netball season were sent home recently for players in Years 5, 6, 7 & 8. Please return the registration form along with payment by tomorrow, Friday 19 March.

Year 7 and 8 Trials

There will be more trial games for Year 7 & 8 players, at the Discovery School netball courts, tomorrow Friday 19 March from 3.10pm to 4.30pm.



DSPTA News

DSPTA Fundraiser - Family Photo Day

What a way to record how well you scrub up! Be quick to book a space to have your family photos with Positive Negatives photography (for more info see www.positivenegatives.co.nz).

Each booking is for 10 minutes and there is no charge. You get your proofs back to keep and orders will be back to you in time for Mothers Day! For further information please contact Bernee Koschak, 2341226.

☺ Date: Saturday 20 March 2010

☺ Venue: Discovery School Hall

DSPTA Help Wanted

This term Sausage Sizzles will be coordinated by Rebecca Arrowsmith. We are looking for someone to work with Rebecca this term with a view to taking over coordination next term. If you are interested in finding out more please leave your name at the school office, 2347103, and one of the DSPTA members will contact you.

DSPTA Bunnings Warehouse Fundraiser

Bunnings Warehouse has invited the DSPTA to take a fundraising table at their store on Saturday 20 March. We plan to have a cake stall and require volunteers to donate home baking. We also need volunteers to assist with the setting up and manning of the stall from 9.00am until approximately 2.00pm that day. If you can help with either of these, we would be very grateful for your assistance. Home baking can be dropped to the office on Friday 19 March or contact Gerie Harvey, gh@discovery.school.nz to be included on the roster.

DSPTA Discos

We will be holding our DSPTA Discos tomorrow Friday 19 March. Door entry is \$3, with sweets, chippies and drinks ranging in price from 50c to \$1.

Disco times are:

- 4.45pm - 5.45pm for New Entrants - Year 3
- 6.00pm - 7.15pm for Years 4 - 6
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm for Years 7 & 8.

The discos are just for Discovery School children. DSPTA members will be on duty throughout the evening but we would appreciate some extra parent help with supervision to ensure the events are fun and safe for everyone.

We are still need more parents/caregivers to help with supervision at the Year 7 & 8 disco.

Children will not be allowed to leave the hall until their parent/caregiver has arrived to collect them. Children will only be allowed to use cellphones to contact parents/caregivers at the end of each disco. Cellphones used to text friends etc will be confiscated.

If you are able to help at one of the discos please fill in the details on the form included at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office. A DSPTA committee member will then contact you.

Whitby Community Guardians

As you may be aware the Whitby Community Guardians was set up recently to help ensure that Whitby remains a safe community. The guardians' presence has led to a significant drop off in vandalism at our school.

The group currently has 16 local residents as WCG patrollers. This allows them to call on each member's services once a month. It does not allow for times, when through illness, holiday time or social commitments people are not available.

The time commitment is for either a Friday or Saturday night for 2-3 hours. A 1-2 hour training session is given by the local Community Constable. If you are interested in joining the Whitby Community Guardians please contact John Earley, 234-7880.

A thought to share with your children:

- Today is a most unusual day, because we have never lived it before; we will never live it again; it is the only day we have. (William Arthur Ward)

Dates for your diary

Fri 19 March	DSPTA Discos
Sat 20 March	DSPTA Photo Fundraiser
Mon 22 March	Board of Trustees Meeting (7.30pm)
Wed 24 March	DSPTA Meeting (7.30pm)
Thurs 01 April	Term 1 Ends
Mon 19 April	Term 2 Begins

Conrad Kelly
Principal

Community Notices:

The Porirua Grand Traverse is being held this year on March 28th. This is an event which involves teams of 5 participating in a 2 km waka ama challenge, 8km bike ride and 2 km run. If you and your friends are interested in finding out more, please email Graham Findlater pgt@nuttyb.co.nz.

Discovery Kindergarten is holding a *Children's Secondhand Clothing and Toy Sale* and we need your help by *donating* your pre-loved Children's clothing (Newborn to 10 years) and Toys...Good condition and clean please. Drop off to Discovery Kindergarten during sessions or leave outside the door after hours (Checked daily). *Sale will be 9am-1pm Saturday 27th March in the Discovery School Hall. *Enquiries to Nic Kibblewhite 235 6683.

The Porirua City Council Holiday Programme - The Porirua City Council Holiday Programme runs quality programmes for children aged 5-14 years at 5 convenient venues in the Porirua Basin and Churton Park. We are an OSCAR approved programme, so our policies and operation of the programme are of a very high standard and which also means that you may be eligible for a WINZ subsidy. Contact (04) 2371523 for bookings and information. The April programme will be running from 6-16 April 2010. Bookings open Monday 15th March .

Holiday Programme @ Adventure School - 6 - 16 April 2010 Exciting field trips, fun activities and much more offered daily from 8 am - 6 pm The programme is OSCAR approved and registered with WINZ. For enquiries and bookings please ph. 234-6440 or e-mail afterschool.funclub@xtra.co.nz.

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DSPTA Discos Friday 19 March - Parent Help

I can help at the:

- Years 7 & 8 Disco 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Name:

Contact Telephone number/s: