

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

Term 1 Week 8

Thursday 25 March 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

The Board of Trustees met on Monday evening, a summary of the key discussion points will be included in next week's newsletter. Please remember that all parents are welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

There is information in this newsletter regarding the upcoming Board of Trustees elections. If you are interested in standing for election there is a training session for prospective trustees being held at **Bishop Viard College on Wednesday 31 March from 7.00pm to 8.30pm**. I would recommend that anyone who is considering standing for election attend this session if possible.

The session will be led by experienced trustees and will clarify for prospective trustees what being on a board of trustees is all about. It will cover the following:

- What is a school board of trustees?
- What do trustees do?
- What sort of skills do trustees need?
- How much time is required?

The Discovery School Parents' and Teachers Association (DSPTA) held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening. The DSPTA's office holders for 2010 are as follows:

- Chairperson Robyn Fell
- Secretary Donnella Matchett
- Treasurer Paula Nichols-Cox

A huge thank you once again to the DSPTA for their great work in 2009. A letter outlining the DSPTA's fundraising targets for 2010 was sent home last week.

Thank you also to those families who had photos taken last weekend and to those families who donated cakes. The cake stall raised over \$120.

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

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

We Need Your Help

Parent Reading Tutor Programme

We run a very successful reading support programme, Parent Reading Tutor Programme. The programme is aimed at children who need some tuition to attain and maintain their chronological reading age. In recent years all children involved in the programme have made great learning gains.

One of our volunteer reading tutors is unable to continue with the programme next term and we are seeking a replacement. Tutors are trained in basic reading support skills, and given specific instructions by a trained teacher individually aimed at each child in the programme.

The time commitment for tutors is 1½ hours per week between 9.00am - 10.30am on the same day each week. The same children are seen each week so a rapport can develop between tutor and student. Tutors see one child at a time. Grandparents and other adults who can make the commitment are most welcome to be involved.

If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more please leave your name, phone number and address at the school office and we will contact you.

Stationery

Prices for school stationery reverted back to recommended retail prices as from this Monday 22 March.

DSPTA Fundraising

DSPTA Fundraising Lunch - Sausage Sizzle

This, Friday 26 March, we are having a DSPTA Sausage sizzle.

- Sausage in bread \$1.50.
- Money to class teachers before school please.



Entertainment Books

The DSPTA will be selling the ever popular Entertainment Books again next term. These are fantastic value at \$60 each. All families will receive a copy of the Entertainment Book in the first week of next term either for purchase or to return to the school.

With the school holidays coming up next month some families may wish to purchase a copy earlier. If you would like to purchase a copy before the end of this term, please contact Cara, 235 7553.

The first 10 to order will receive bonus vouchers. The books will be available from next Monday 29 March.

DSPTA Nutrimerics Fundraiser

Orders for the Nutrimerics Fundraiser are due in this Friday 26 March.

Wanted 9 Year-Old Rugby Players

The Pare-Plim Shark's rugby team, a team of players aged 9 years old, is looking for a couple more players who would like to play with us this coming season. If your son or daughter (we have two girls in our squad currently) is interested in playing rugby in a fun and safe environment under the guidance of NZRU qualified and accredited coaches, please give Stephen Bailey a call on 027 - 2211476

A thought to share with your children:

- "Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up." (Jesse Jackson)
- "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." (William James)

Dates for your diary

Thurs 01 April	Term 1 Ends
Mon 19 April	Term 2 Begins
Mon 26 April	BoT Meeting (7.30pm)
Fri 14 May	Out-of-Zone Enrolments, Terms 3&4 Close
Tues 24 May	School Cross-Country
Thurs 26 May	School Cross-Country Postponement (1)
Fri 27 May	School Cross-Country Postponement (2)
Tues 01 June	Interschool Cross-Country

Conrad Kelly
Principal

Community Notices:

St Theresa's Seaside Carnival - St Theresa's Seaside Carnival is on Saturday 27th March from 11am-2.30pm. Free entertainment throughout, including talented musician Craig Smith of hilarious "Wonky Donkey" fame, pirate ship, petting zoo, horse rides, loads of great games and rides, good food, quality goods and much more! For further information go to www.st-theresas.school.nz Opposite Palmers, SH1 Plimmerton".

Cross Country for Kids - Olympic Harriers - Does your child love cross country running or want to get fit for the winter sports season? Olympic Harriers is holding its introduction and opening day on Saturday 27 March at 1pm at Alex Moore Park in Johnsonville. Training days start the first Tuesday of term 2 from 4pm to 5pm. Contact Jo Murray on jo@kellysports.co.nz or 2329409 for more info or check out our website www.olympicharriers.org.nz. We're a family club so welcome all ages from 5 years old and above. We are also holding our first Porirua City Scenic Fun Run or Walk around the spectacular Whitiorea Peninsula on Sunday 18 April. Starts and finishes at Onepoto Park. There is a kids' 1km fun run which you can enter on the day. Details on our website.

Kelly Sports Holiday Indoor Soccer Tournament - We are running an indoor soccer tournament at Porirua Indoor Sports the first week of the school holidays. Enter as a team or as an individual in any of the following age groups - Year 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6 and 7 & 8. For an enrolment form or more info contact Jo Murray or go to our website www.kellysports.co.nz. Details also on our website for our Term 2 Ball Blitz programme on Mondays for year 1 to 4 students. Sports include football, hockey, basketball, rippa rugby, netball to name a few. Designed specifically so children can experience a range of sports.

iSoccer Camps at Ole Soccer Academy in Porirua - Camps available for boys and girls 7-12 years old, April 7th to 9th only \$75 and receive a free iSoccer membership Boys and girls aged 5-6 April 10/11th or 17/18th only \$35 All session held at Wellingtons top soccer facility - Ole Soccer Academy Coached by one of NZ's top coaches - UEFA Pro Licensed Dutch coach John Kila Using a revolutionary new training and assessment tool - iSoccer, for further information or to register go to www.ole.co.nz

Discovery Kindergarten is holding a *Children's Second-hand 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.