

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

**Term 2 Week 2**

**Thursday 29 April 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.

On Monday morning we welcomed around 50 parents, teachers and children from Kio Kio School with a powhiri. I was extremely proud of how our children welcomed our visitors.

This Saturday our school hockey team plays its first game, many thanks to Sharon Lewin for organising this opportunity for our children and coaching the team.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week children took part in Art Workshops led by Jane Lloyd. Many thanks to the DSPTA for covering the workshop costs of \$4 per child.

As you are probably aware we have begun preparing for our school cross-country which will be held in the sixth week of the term. We will be choosing a Discovery School Cross-Country Team to compete at the Parumoana Schools' Cross Country on Tuesday 01 June. Selection for this team will be based on the results of our school races.

You might like to encourage your child to put in a little bit of extra training for these events, it could also be a good reason to get out and about as a family for some exercise

**Discovery School Board of Trustees Election  
Declaration of Parent & Staff Election Results**

Parent Representatives: At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations received was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

- Burns, Adam
- Honeyman, Craig
- Wiszniewski, Paul

Staff Representative: At the close of nominations as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare

- Howarth, Vicki duly elected.

Signed: Kathy Wall Returning Officer

**Book Week - Week 3 Term 2 - Book Swap**

Next week is Book Week at Discovery School. Once again we will be holding a book swap as part of Book Week. If you have books at home which you'd like to swap for other books, bring them to the library and you will be given a swap ticket. *One book = one swap ticket.* On Friday 07 May all the books will be on display in the hall for you to go and spend your swap ticket.

**Social Skills Programme**

As you may be aware we run a social skills programme at our school. Each fortnight a new skill is introduced by teachers and discussed with children. The skill is then reinforced throughout the fortnight including the issuing of TRUMP tickets, when members of staff 'catch' children actively using the skill:

Thinking

Relating

Using language, symbols and texts

Managing self

Participating and contributing

The current skill is; *"Praising/Giving and Receiving Compliments."*

**DSPTA - Entertainment Books**

We are awaiting delivery of the Entertainment Books and these will be sent home as soon as possible. Any queries or extra books wanted please contact Cara, 2357553.

A member of the DSPTA will be in the school hall from 8.30am each morning from next Monday 03 May to collect money and book returns.

**DSPTA Fundraising**

**DSPTA Fundraising Lunch - Sausage Sizzle**

This, Friday 30 April, we are having a DSPTA Sausage sizzle.

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



**Book Club Orders**

Book club order forms were sent home recently. Orders will close on, Friday 14 May. 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

Practice has started on Fridays for all players. The season starts on Saturday 08 May. Any queries contact Cara, 2357553.



### College Enrolments 2011 Information

#### St Mary's College - Open Morning,

St Mary's College Open Morning Tuesday 11 May, 8.00am to 10.00am. For further information please contact the principal's assistant, 473 5554 extension 844.

#### Aotea College - Information Evening

The principal of Aotea College, Tim Davies-Colley, will be at Discovery School on Wednesday 12 May, to provide information about the college for both children and parents. He will be talking to Year 7 and 8 children at 1.30pm and will also be presenting information for parents at 7.00pm in the Discovery School library.

### Out of Zone Enrolments - Terms 3 & 4 2010

Please note the details below regarding the enrolment process for out-of-zone children for Terms 3 and 4 2010:

- If you live out of zone and have a child who will be **starting** school in Term 3 or Term 4 this year, you must ensure that you have completed and returned an enrolment form for him/her to the school office by 3.00pm on **Friday 14 May 2010**. Any application for enrolment received after 3.00pm on Friday 14 May 2010 will not be considered.
- If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, children will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on **Friday 21 May 2010**.
- If you have friends who live out of zone who wish to send their children to Discovery School please pass this information onto them.
- If you live within our school zone and have a child who will be starting school this year please ensure you have

completed an enrolment form for him/her and returned it to the school office.

- There are no out-of-zone places available in Years 2, 3, 4, 7 & 8.
- Children living within zone have absolute right of entry to our school regardless of whether we receive an enrolment form prior to **Friday 14 May 2010** or not. It is however very helpful to us to know how many children are likely to be coming to Discovery School.

### We Need Your Help

#### Parents Helping in Numeracy Knowledge (PHINK)

Wednesdays from 9.00am - 10.30am

Do you want to help your child with maths homework? Or learn fun maths games to play with your child? Join our PHINK team, play games once a week for just over an hour, with a small group of 4 children. You and your child will both benefit. You don't need to be a Maths whizz...just eager to learn.

You will need to be available on Wednesdays from 9.00am to 10.30am and would work with another parent helping a small group of children with numeracy knowledge. Full training will be given as will ongoing support from our Numeracy Leaders, Yvonne Thomson and Sarah Jenner. If you can help, please leave your name and contact details at the school office (2347103) and Yvonne will contact you.

### A thought to share with your children:

- "He who asks a question may be a fool for five minutes, but he who never asks a question remains a fool forever."  
(Tom Connelly)

### Dates for your diary

Fri 30 May	DSPTA Sausage Sizzle
Mon 03 May	Book Week Begins
Fri 07 May	Book Week Book Swap
Fri 14 May	Out-of-Zone Enrolments Close

Conrad Kelly  
Principal

### Community Notices:

Plimmerton Scavenger Hunt to be held this Sunday, 2nd May. Loads of spot prizes to be won. Sausage sizzle. Bouncy castle. Starts at 1.30pm from Plimmerton School. \$15 entry per family/team (cash/cheque only).

**Skylight - Family Change Group.** A six week programme for children ages 6- 11 years, and their Parent/Caregiver who have had a family Separation or Divorce. Date: Every Tuesday from 18<sup>th</sup> May - 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Time: 2.30 - 4pm, Venue: Skylight, Newtown, Wellington. Cost: \$120.00 per child. For further information please ph (04) 920 9967 or 0800 299 100 or visit our website [www.skylight.org.nz](http://www.skylight.org.nz) for further details.