

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

**Term 2 Week 4**

**Thursday 13 May 2010**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Book Week last week was a huge success culminating in a great book swap on Friday. Many thanks to our librarian Karen Nicholson for organising this event.

Our next schoolwide event is our cross-country. The cross-country will be held in the morning on Tuesday 25 May, the first race starts at 9.30am. The postponement dates are Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

A reminder that out-of-zone enrolments for Terms 3 and 4 close tomorrow, Friday 14 May at 3.00pm.

**Discovery School Art Exhibition**

Your children are currently preparing very special artworks for our biennial Discovery School art exhibition. These precious creations will be framed and displayed in our school hall for public viewing on Tuesday 29 June.

Artworks will be available for purchase both before and during an evening of musical entertainment, wine and other refreshments. This is a fundraising event for the DSPTA. Please put this date on your calendar and watch for more information regarding ticket sales in upcoming newsletters.

Please note that each child's piece of artwork will be for sale, with the proceeds going to DSPTA fundraising. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish your child **not** to participate in this fundraising activity.

**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.

**Netball**

Our netball teams played their games last Saturday 08 May, Players of the Day were:

- ☺ Discovery Bulldogs - Whole team for outstanding team work
- ☺ Discovery Fireballs - Lisa Tweedie
- ☺ Discovery Cheeky Monkeys - Isabella Cronin-Stone
- ☺ Discovery Stars - Katie Powell
- ☺ Discovery Fizz- Kayla Tauroa
- ☺ Discovery Dangers-Briana Davey



**Lost Library Books**

Our Discovery School library has lost three brand new books from the reserve stand in the last month. They are, 'The Music of Dolphins', 'Lost in the Bush', and 'The Wonkey Donkey'. This means we have lost nearly \$100 worth of great new books. Could you please please please check at home just in case these have been accidentally taken home by an avid reader?

### **DSPTA - Entertainment Books**

Entertainment books were sent home recently, please return any unsold books or money to school by tomorrow, Friday 14 May. Any queries or extra books wanted please contact Cara, 2357553.

A member of the DSPTA will be in the school hall from 8.30am to collect money and book returns.

### **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 social skill for the period Monday 10 May to Friday 21 May will be: *"Accepting Consequences"*.

### **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.

### **Book Club Orders**

Book club order forms were sent home recently. Orders will close tomorrow, 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.

### **Some thoughts to share with your children:**

- It is impossible to win the race unless you venture to run, impossible to win the victory unless you dare to battle. (Richard De Vos)
- "The harder you work, the luckier you get." (McAlexander)

### **Dates for your diary**

- Fri 14 May Out-of-Zone Enrolments Close
- Fri 21 May Out-of Zone Ballot (If Required)
- Wed 19 May DSPTA Meeting (7.30pm in the staffroom)
- Mon 24 May BoT Meeting (7.30pm in the staffroom)
- Tues 25 May School Cross-Country
- Fri 18 June Mid-Year Reports sent home
- Tues 22 Jun Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences
- Wed 23 Jun Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences
- Tues 29 Jun Art Exhibition

Have a great weekend - can the Hurricanes keep the winning streak going?

Conrad Kelly  
Principal

**Community Notices:** *When we have space available in the school newsletter we are happy to include community related notices or notices we feel may be of particular interest to our families. Please note that we include as many notices as we can however, we cannot guarantee that the notice will be placed and we take no responsibility for any services offered.*

**Whitby Scout Group Car Rally & Picnic** - all welcome! Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 12pm-3pm rain or shine. Register on the day at 12pm at Whitby Scout Hall Adventure Park, follow a fun mystery route and answer questions along the way. Finishes at the Scout Hall about an hour later, so bring a picnic. Food & drink on sale - lots of spot prizes including best decorated car - fun for the whole family!

**Zone Dance Academy Fundraiser** - Movie night at Lighthouse Theatre, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The movie is "Home by Christmas", Highly recommended, 4 star rated film. Tickets are \$20 available from Tracey 234 7313.

**Discovery Kindergarten Fundraiser** - 2nd hand Book/Movie/Music Fair to be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10am-2pm. Donations required, please drop off outside the Kindy door. Queries to Nic 235 6683.

**Paremata Plunket Playgroup Fundraiser** - Paremata Plunket Playgroup proudly presents.... Sex and the City 2, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010 The Lighthouse Pauatahanui, Supper at 7.15pm, Movie starts at 8pm. Tickets \$20. Raffles, spot prizes and a fun evening For tickets ring or text Melanie Neeley 0211604798