

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

Term 2 Week 5

Thursday 20 May 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

The wet weather seems to have begun, lets hope it stays away next Tuesday so that we will be able to hold our cross-country. A sponsorship form for the cross-country accompanies this newsletter.

The DSPTA met on Wednesday evening, this group continues to put in a huge amount of work to fundraise for resources for our children.

You may have noticed that a group of parents and staff have been doing a fantastic job painting the interior of our hall. The hall gets an awful lot of use before, during and after school hours and was in definite need of a 'spruce up'. A huge thank you to the following people who have given a lot of their spare time to this project:

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| ☺ Jodi Cox | ☺ Christine Leadbeater |
| ☺ Lyn Hickling | ☺ Gerie Harvey |
| ☺ Julia Ching | ☺ Michelle Cochran |
| ☺ Sharon Hall | ☺ Mary-Ann Gardner |
| ☺ Raewyn Tibble | ☺ Dave Molen |

Sports News
Cross-Country

As mentioned above, we will be holding our school cross-country next Tuesday 25 May, the first race starts at 9.30am with the last event finishing around midday. The race order is as follows:

- Y1 girls then boys
- Y2 girls then boys
- Y3 & 4 girls then boys
- Y5 & 6 girls then boys
- Y7 & 8 girls then boys (low-course)
- Y7 & 8 girls and boys (high-course)

The postponement dates are Thursday 27th May and Friday 28th May.

Netball

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

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| ☺ Discovery Fireballs | Quinn Morgan |
| ☺ Discovery Cheeky Monkeys | Whole Team |

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| ☺ Discovery Fizz | Lucy Burke & Rose McLean |
| ☺ Discovery Dangers | Mekhala Vongla |
| ☺ Discovery Bulldogs | Catherine Fell |
| ☺ Discovery Stars | Tasmin Kennedy |

Hockey

Our Year 3 and 4 hockey team has had its first two games. The results so far:

- ☺ Week 1 - Discovery lost 3-4
- ☺ Player of the day: Jaqkarta Toimata-Holtham
- ☺ Week 2 - Discovery won 6-2
- ☺ Player of the day: Hunter Deans-Skipworth

This team is new to the game but finding their feet well. Their games are always 9.40 at Linden if supporters want to come to cheer them on.

Student Council Fund Raiser

This term our Student Council have decided to fundraise for the Guide Dogs Organisation. On Friday **June 4th** we will hold **Sunglasses Day**; children can wear any type of sunglasses, and can even wear them during school assembly! A gold coin donation will be collected. (Lisa Tweedie)

Thank You

A big thank-you to **Porirua City Fitness** for supplying Resolution Syndicate with ear plugs for their "Surround Sound" inquiry unit.

Discovery School Art Exhibition

Your children are currently preparing very special artworks for our biennial Discovery School art exhibition. These precious creations will be 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.

Lunch Order Price Changes

Due to a price increase from our suppliers the following items will be increased from Monday 24 May:

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| • Mince and Cheese Pie | \$1.50 |
| • Potato Top Pie | \$1.50 |
| • Small Chocolate Chip Cookie* | 80c |

- Small Fudge Brownie Cookie* 80c

The full lunch order list is as follows:

Please find below the full lunch order menu and price list:

- Mince Pie (110 grams) * \$1.30
- Mince and Cheese Pie \$1.50
- Potato Top Pie \$1.50
- Pizza* \$2.00
- Sausage Roll (100 grams) * \$1.20
- Fruit Juice \$1.80
- Calci-Yum Chocolate Milk \$1.50
- Calci-Yum Strawberry Milk \$1.50
- Small Chocolate Chip Cookie* 80c
- Small Fudge Brownie Cookie* 80c
- Large Gluten Free Choc Chip Cookie \$2.80
- Chocolate Muffin \$1.20
- Blueberry Muffin* \$1.20
- Chocolate Moosie * \$1.20
- Lime Moosie * \$1.20

Please note the items with the * carry the Heart Foundation's Tick of Approval,

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.

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"*.

A thought to share with your children:

- "You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you." (Dale Carnegie)

Dates for your diary

- 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

Conrad Kelly
Principal

Community Notices:

"Celebrate mid-winter at Plimmerton Kindy's Mid-Winter Swim, Sunday 20th June at 10:30am (in the water at 11:00am). Gold coin donation to enter. Check out the website www.plimmertonkindy.school.nz for further information".

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

DSPTA - Entertainment Books

Entertainment books were sent home recently, please return any unsold books or money to the school office as soon as possible. Any queries or extra books wanted please contact Cara, 2357553.

DSPTA Fundraising

DSPTA Fundraising Lunch - Sausage Sizzle

This, Friday 21 May, we are having a DSPTA Sausage sizzle.

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



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?

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,