

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

**Term 2 Week 7**

**Thursday 03 June 2010**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

It has been a very successful sporting week at Discovery School with our team winning the Parumoana Interschool Cross-Country Trophy with a number of individuals and Year Group teams performing exceptionally well. Congratulations to all the team who all finished the very tough races which were held in cold and muddy conditions.

Thank you to parents who came and supported the team and also helped with the organisation of the day and a huge thank you to Carl McManaway and Sarah Jenner who organised our team. Details of the results can be found further on in the newsletter along with the names of place-getters in our own school cross-country.

Adventure Syndicate's cross-country will be held next Friday 11 June, further details will be sent home next week.

**Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) in Mathematics**

In last week's newsletter I gave an overview of our Year 3 to Year 8 children's achievement in the Supplementary Tests of Reading Achievement (STAR). Please find below an overview of the results of our Year 4 to Year 8 children's achievement in the Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) in Mathematics. These tests are norm-referenced and enable us to gauge our children's achievement against national norms.

- 4% of students scored in the outstanding category (10 students) - Normal expectation 4%
- 23% of students scored in the above average category (56 students) - Normal expectation 19%
- 62% of students scored in the average category (149 students) - Normal expectation 54%
- 9% of students scored in the below average category (22 students) - Normal expectation 19%
- 1% of students scored in the low category (3 students) - Normal expectation 4%
- 89% of students scored in the average to outstanding categories - Normal expectation 77%

If you would like to know more about your child's achievement please contact your child's teacher. If you would like to know more about group achievement please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Student Council Fund Raiser**

This term our Student Council have decided to fundraise for the Guide Dogs Organisation. Tomorrow, 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)

**Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Meetings - Week 10**

As you will be aware we are holding Parent/Teacher/Child conferences on Tuesday 22 June and Wednesday 23 June.

All bookings for conference times will be done using [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). To book a conference time you need to:

- Go to the website [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
- Enter the school code **NL56A**
- Follow the on-screen instructions to book a conference time with your child's teacher.

You will receive email confirmation of the conference time.

If you do not have access to the internet or have any problems with the process you can book a conference time by contacting the school office (2347103) and a member of the office team will book a conference for you.

The main focus areas of these conferences will be to review the goals set with your child for the first half of the school year, and discuss the mid-year report including national standards.

Please note that school will be finishing at 2.00pm on both these days.

**Discovery School Cross-Country Results**

Please find below the place-getters in our Year 3 to Year 8 school cross-country which was held last Thursday 27 May.

**Year 3 Boys**

1st. Joshua Dean  
2nd. Sam Clark  
3rd. Oliver Arrowsmith

**Year 4 Boys**

1st. Joe Godden  
2nd. Jack Cox  
3rd. Ben Waine

**Year 5 Boys**

1st. Jordan Honeyman  
2nd. Matt Bradley  
3rd. Liam Kendrick

**Year 6 Boys**

1st. Sam Clark-Rayner  
2nd. Mathew Clarke-Cox  
3rd. Brett McBride

**Year 7 Boys**

1st. Liam Kennedy  
2nd. Jared Priston  
3rd. Conor Souness

**Year 3 Girls**

1st. Mia Sciascia  
2nd. Emily McPearson  
3rd. Samantha Clark

**Year 4 Girls**

1st. Akari Penny  
2nd. Corrine Packer  
3rd. Haleigh Wardlaw

**Year 5 Girls**

1st. Ellie Rackcliff  
2nd. Charmaine Farquhar  
3rd. Alana Barns

**Year 6 Girls**

1st. Lisa Tweedie  
2nd. Emma Turner  
3rd. Sascha Marsters

**Year 7 Girls**

1st. Sayla Southee  
2nd. Nancy Thiphakone  
3rd. Aimee McPearson

### Year 8 Boys

1st. Shaun Bishop  
2nd. Ethan Pursglove  
3rd. Cameron Harding

### Year 8 Girls

1st. Emma Burke  
2nd. Sienna Packer  
3rd. Sharelle Buchan

Please find below the names of children who broke the school cross-country record for their age-group.

- Y4 boys - Joe Godden 6 minutes 01 seconds
- Y6 girls - Lisa Tweedie 6 minutes 32 seconds

The following records were set for the alternate Year 7 and 8 'low course'.

- Y7 girls (Low Course) - Sayla Southee 11 minutes 03 seconds
- Y8 girl (Low Course) - Emma Burke 10 minutes 07 seconds
- Y7 boys (Low Course) - Liam Kennedy 9 minutes 25 seconds
- Y8 boys (Low Course) - Shaun Bishop 9 minutes 28 seconds

We were unable to run the traditional high course cross-country for Year 7 & 8s who wish to take part in this more demanding race. We will run this event at a later date.

### Parumoana Interschool Cross Country Place-getters

Congratulations to the following children who were placed in the top-ten in their respective races. These children will go on to represent Parumoana at the Wellington Regional Cross-Country.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Godden Year 4 Boys
1 <sup>st</sup>	Liam Kennedy Year 7 Boys
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lisa Tweedie Year 6 Girls
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jared Priston Year 7 Boys
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Burke Year 8 Girls
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jordan Honeyman Year 5 Boys
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ellie Rackliff Year 5 Girls
4 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Turner Year 6 Girls
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mathew Clarke-Cox Year 6 Boys
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Cox Year 4 Boys
6 <sup>th</sup>	Haleigh Wardlaw Year 4 Girls
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Clark-Rayner Year 6 Boys
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sayla Southee Year 7 Girls
8 <sup>th</sup>	Charmaine Farquhar Year 5 Girls
8 <sup>th</sup>	Cameron Harding Year 8 Boys
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sienna Packer Year 8 Girls
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Waine Year 4 Boys
9 <sup>th</sup>	Max Tweedie Year 8 Boys
10 <sup>th</sup>	Thor Burns Year 5 Boys
10 <sup>th</sup>	Brett McBride Year 6 Boys

As well as the Discovery School team winning the overall event the following year group teams also won their respective events:

- Year 4 boys
- Year 5/6 girls
- Year 5/6 boys
- Year 7/8 boys

### Discovery School Website Survey

One of ICT objectives this year is to improve our school's website. Barri Dullabh has set up a survey on the website to help us gather information to help us decide how best to do this. It

would be very helpful if as many of you as possible gave us feedback by completing the survey.

The survey can be found on the Discovery School Website:  
[www.discovery.school.nz](http://www.discovery.school.nz)

### Book Club Orders

Book club order forms were sent home recently. Orders will close on Friday 18 June. 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.

### Sports News

#### Basketball Results

Our basketball team has won its two most recent games:

- 29-17 vs against Adventure School - Players of the Day - Oliver Elms, Bronson Aiono and Sam Gallagher
- 32-24 vs Papakowhai School - Players of the day: Bronson Aiono, Dom Kafalolu

#### Year 4 Netball - Players and Coaches Wanted

If any Year 4 children wish to play netball or if any parents wish to coach our Year 4s, please contact Cara, 235 7553.

### College Enrolment Information - 2011

#### Wellington Girls' College - School in Action Morning,

Wellington Girls' College are holding an Open Morning at the college on Wednesday 16 June. There will be three sessions; 9.00am, 10.30am and 11.30am. Students who are interested in enrolling at Wellington Girls' College in 2011 and their parents/caregivers, are warmly invited to attend any of these sessions, which will begin with a formal presentation in the college hall from the principal, student leaders and current Year 9 students and conclude with a tour of the college.

### A thought to share with your children:

☺ "Those who do nothing are never wrong." (Theodore de Bouville)

### Dates for your diary

- Mon 07 June Queen's Birthday Holiday
- Fri 18 June Mid-Year Reports sent home
- Mon 21 June Board of Trustees Meeting (7.30pm)
- Tues 22 Jun Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences
- Wed 23 Jun Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences
- Tues 29 Jun Art Exhibition
- Fri 02 July Term 2 Ends
- Mon 19 July Term 3 Begins

Wishing you all a relaxing and reviving long weekend.

Conrad Kelly  
Principal.