

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

Term 2 Week 10

Thursday 24 June 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

The Board of Trustees had their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening. An outline of the matters discussed at the meeting will be included in next week's newsletter.

Many thanks to those of you who attended the parent/teacher/child conferences we held on Tuesday and Wednesday. As usual we had a high attendance rate. We see the parent/teacher/child partnership as being vital in ensuring that your children receive the best possible education in their time at Discovery School.

It has been wonderful to see parents, teachers and children working together to set learning goals. Your attendance at these conferences and your participation in goal-setting sends a clear message to your children that you value education and that their personal goals are important to you. This is powerful motivation for your child to work hard and do his/her best.

Last Friday you will have received your child's mid-year report and a report in relation to the newly introduced National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The Board of Trustees and staff is very interested in your feedback related to the reports. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey, which was sent home with the reports and return it to the school office by the end of the term.

On the first day of next term we will welcome Chris Ryan to our staff team. Chris will be teaching our third new-entrant roll-growth class. Chris is a very experienced teacher who up until recently was assistant principal at Rangikura School.

Next week is the last week of Term 2. Tuesday 29 June will be particularly busy. Next Tuesday:

- Twenty of our Year 4 to Year 8 children will be representing Discovery School and the Parumoana Sports Association at the Wellington Regional Cross-Country, we wish them all the best.
- Our Art Splash Choir will be taking part in a rehearsal at Bishop Viard College. The choir is preparing for a performance at the Michael Fowler Centre next term. We have a dance group preparing for this event as well.

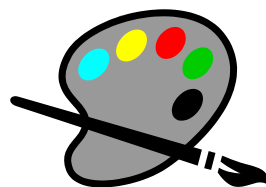
- The Discovery School Art Exhibition takes place in the evening from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. If you would like to know more, attend the exhibition and/or purchase your child's art please read the art exhibition information contained in this newsletter.

Discovery School Art Exhibition

The Art Exhibition on Tuesday 29th June is looking to be another success! Children are completing beautiful paintings, artworks of paper mache, pastel, collage, crayon and dye, screen prints....and more. The coloured frames are on the way to compliment the artworks and make them a stunning feature on a wall in your home.

From 7.30pm - 9.00pm the evening includes time to view almost 400 original artworks by your children. There will be raffles, a lucky ticket prize and the chance to win an artwork from our local artist and Discovery School teacher, Rachel Berney. Wine and cheese, coffee and brownie will be available as you listen to live music by the Piano Man of Plimmerton.

Tickets are currently on sale. A letter with details of the ticket sales was sent home with the newsletter recently. If you have misplaced this letter please contact the school office 2347103.



Student Council News - Red Socks Day

Friday 02 July (The last day of school this term). The Student Council is selling Red Socks, and Red Sock lapel badges:

- \$2 per pair (large only), and \$2 for a badge
- each morning before school, from the Hall, during the last week of term.

By purchasing these items, your child can help our Student Council support the work of the Peter Blake Trust which encourages leadership opportunities for young people, AND participate in Red Socks Day on Friday 02 July. This Day will also be for dressing up in red colours, including makeup/face paint. More information next week!

Sports News

Netball

Congratulations to the 'Players of the Day' from last Saturday's netball games were:

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| ☺ Discovery Fireballs | Katie Cameron & Quinn Morgan |
| ☺ Discovery Cheeky Monkeys | Renee Tracy |
| ☺ Discovery Fizz | Melissa Bailey |
| ☺ Discovery Dangers | Mekhala Vongla |
| ☺ Discovery Bulldogs | Sascha Wiszniewska & Anjali Kansara |
| ☺ Discovery Stars | Katie Bailey |

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.

Basketball

The Discovery Basketball played Glenview last week and the score was 20-12 to Glenview. Players of the day: Corey Jefferies and Conor Souness.



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

Social Skills Programme

The current social skill we are reinforcing at school is; *"Respecting Others."*

College Enrolment Information - 2011

Tawa College - Open Evening

Tawa College will be hosting an open evening tonight, Thursday 24 June. If you have any queries about the open evening or enrolment at Tawa College please contact the college, 2328184.

Some thoughts to share with your children:

- "Without goals, and plans to reach them, you are like a ship that has set sail with no destination." (Fitzhugh Dodson)
- "Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein." (*Life's Little Instruction Book*, compiled by H. Jackson Brown, Jr)

Dates for your diary

- Tues 29 Jun Art Exhibition
- Fri 02 July Term 2 Ends
- Mon 19 July Term 3 Begins

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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.*

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 July programme will be running from 5-16 July 2010. Bookings open Monday 14 June.

Wellington School of Cricket (WSC) July Holiday Programmes - Week one, 5th to 9th July Standard Holiday Programme (SHP) for children between the ages 6 to 10 years Intermediate Cricket Clinics (ICC) for children between the ages 11 to 14 Advance Skill Development Clinics (ASDC) for children over the ages 12. For more information and on line registration visit our website www.cricketwellington.co.nz or contact one of us Mana: Glenn Pocknall on 021 409 864 Hutt and Basin: Ivan Tissera on 021 894 338

Holiday Programme @ Adventure School - 5 - 16 July 2010 Exciting field trips, fun activities and much more offered daily from 8 am - 5.45 pm. The programme is OSCAR approved and registered with WINZ. For enquiries and bookings please ph. 234-6440 or e-mail afterschool.funclub@extra.co.nz. Everyone welcome ☺