

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

Term 2 Week 11

Thursday 01 July 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved with our Art Exhibition. The art work was amazing, you can be very proud of your children and their efforts. Many thanks to our organisers, Sandy Moeke, Natalie Packer and Donnella Matchett, the DSPTA and to the many other parents and staff who worked hard to ensure that the exhibition was such a success.

Please note that the art work is available for sale until the end of the term. If you wish to purchase your child's art work and have not yet done so, please contact the school office, 2347103.

A big thank you to the following businesses for their very generous donations of time and goods:

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| ☺ The Piano Shop | ☺ Te Rauparaha Arena |
| ☺ GE Thompson Ltd | ☺ Junglerama |
| ☺ Mondo Espresso | ☺ Whitby Blockbuster Video |
| ☺ Cut n Curl | ☺ Staglands |
| ☺ The Crowsnest | ☺ Whitby Pharmacy |
| ☺ Lighthouse Cinema
Pauatahanui | ☺ BP |

Tomorrow we farewell Jeanelle Ymker. Jeanelle has worked as a teacher at the school since 2008, filling a number of part-time roles. Next term we welcome back Betty Stewart to our teaching staff in Jeanelle's place.

Board of Trustees Update

The Discovery School Board of Trustees meets on the last Monday of each month - 7:30pm in the school staffroom. At the 21 June meeting, the school governance topics discussed included:

- **Annual Plan 2010:** Updates for 3 of the schools objectives:
 - **Objective 1 - Mathematics & Statistics Review:** Year 3 to 8 class teachers have been participating in training regarding better use of the NZ Council for Education Research website.
 - **Objective 3 - Implementation of the National Standards:** Lead teachers continue to attend training by Accent Learning (Victoria University) and Learning Media. The Lead teachers then share this information with the whole teaching team.
- **Objective 6 - Review the Procedures for Working with Parents of Children from Split Families:** We have started gathering information to help scope the review.
- **Strategic Plan/Charter May 2010 to May 2013:** The Ministry of Education have acknowledged that the schools Charter meets the legislative requirements set.

- **Secondary School Survey:** A survey has been sent to secondary schools, regarding Discovery's 2009 Year 8 students. Feedback from colleges enables us to better understand the college's expectations of our Year 8 students.
- **Student Council Fundraisers:** The council has planned for two events this term. The Sunglasses day successfully raised \$400 for the Guide Dog Organisation and a Red Socks Day will be held on Friday 02 July Red to fundraise for the Sir Peter Blake Trust.
- **Board of Trustees training:** Four members of the Board attended trustee training over the past month. This ensures the members have an understanding of their roles and responsibilities as Board members.

These are a few of the topics covered at the June Board meeting. Please feel free to attend a future Board meeting. Next meeting: Monday 26 July 7:30pm in the staffroom. Your input is most welcome. (Craig Marsters)

Student Council News - Red Socks Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow Friday 02 July, is RED SOCKS DAY. The Student Council has been selling Red Socks, and Red Sock lapel badges each morning this week to raise money for the Sir Peter Blake Trust. These can still be purchased from the hall tomorrow morning.

- \$2 per pair (large only)
 - \$2 for a badge
- RED SOCKS DAY will be a day for dressing up in red colours, including makeup/face paint. Get dressed up and join in the fun!

DSPTA Fundraising Lunch - Sausage Sizzle

This, Friday 02 July, we are having a DSPTA Sausage sizzle.

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



Thank-you to Daryl Watson and George Western Foods for donating the bread for this term's sausage sizzles

Discovery School Sports Tee-Shirts

With the Term ending tomorrow a number of our sports teams have finished their respective competitions. If your child's team has finished their competition can you please return his/her team uniform to the school office or to Sarah Jenner. We need these tee-shirts for teams playing in new competitions next term.

Ex-Pupils Musical Success

Ex-Discovery School pupils Sam Taylor, Jeff Bain, Joe Lucas, Dayln and Finlay Robertson, collectively known as Garage

Six IX (their band) were recently selected out of 70 bands to go through to the Smokefreerockquest Wellington Regional Finals. This Friday 2nd July 2010 they will compete at the Wellington Town Hall for a spot in the National Finals.

Garage Six IX was formed following Finlay, Sam and Jeff playing in the School Band at the Discovery School end of year concert in 2008 when they were all Year 8s. Dayn stepped in when their previous drummer's family moved back to the UK. Joe joined as the bassist earlier this year.

Sports News

Regional Cross-Country Results

On Tuesday we sent 20 runners to the Wellington Regional Cross-Country held at Waikanae. These children were selected to represent our school and zone because of their top-ten placing at the recent Parumoana Zone Cross-Country.

Congratulations to Liam Kennedy for his 5th placing in the Year 7 Boys race. Liam will now go on to represent Wellington at the National Cross Country Championships in Hamner Springs.

Netball

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

☺ Discovery Fireballs	Briana Inglis-Matchett
☺ Discovery Cheeky Monkeys	Abby McRoberts
☺ Discovery Fizz	Laura Cameron & Sian Lewin
☺ Discovery Dangers	Aimee McPearson
☺ Discovery Bulldogs	Catherine Fell
☺ Discovery Stars	Brooke Molen

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.

Hockey

Congratulations to the 'Players of the Day' from last week's hockey game against Paremata:

- ☺ Jaqkartah Toimata-Holtham
- ☺ Hannah Cameron

Basketball

The Discovery Basketball team played Pukerua Bay School last week, Discovery won 39 -11. Players of the Day were:

- ☺ Ethan Pursglove
- ☺ Dominique Kafatolu.

Year 7 & 8 Handball

The team made it to the semi-finals in their first time playing handball, unfortunately narrowly losing. Handball is a fast and exciting game and the team and supporters all enjoyed the opportunity to play. Thanks Warren for looking after the team.

Social Skills Programme

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

A thought to share with your children:

- "If people knew how hard I worked to get my mastery, it wouldn't seem so wonderful at all."
(Michelangelo)

Dates for your diary

- Fri 02 July Term 2 Ends
- Mon 19 July Term 3 Begins

Wishing all the children a great holiday, come back refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

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.*

Discovery Kindergarten Women's clothing sale....start clearing out your wardrobe ladies, the sale will be on September 4th, donations accepted after the holidays....watch this space for more details

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@xtra.co.nz. Everyone welcome ☺

ZEALANDIA (formerly Karori Sanctuary) is running a number of special educational activities for children and their families over the July school holidays. For the first time ever, they are running nightly Kids Night Walk with hot chocolate, stories and a visit to the glowworm grotto. Booking is essential. Call 04 920 9200 or book online at www.visitzealandia.com. Also, on Saturday 10 July, there is a Kiwi Fun Day with displays, demonstrations and hands-on activities from 10am-2pm. ZEALANDIA is on Waiapu Road, first left after the Karori Tunnel.