

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

Term 3 Week 1

Thursday 22 July 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to school for the third term of the year. It's hard to believe it's now more than half way through the year. We have another busy term ahead packed with great learning opportunities for your children. Some of these opportunities are detailed below:

- This week we began a five-week football coaching programme for all classes taught by the Ole Soccer Academy. The Ole coaches will be in school every Monday and Wednesday for the first five weeks of the term.
- Next Tuesday 27 July and Wednesday 28 July children will participate in the second in our series of three art workshops taught by Jane Lloyd. This term the focus of the workshops is on "How to draw in 3D". Thank you to the Discovery School Parents and Teachers Association who have generously funded the workshop.
- Next week is Te Wiki o te Reo Maori, Maori Language Week. Te Reo will be a focus at the school throughout the week.
- New Zealand Maths Week begins on Monday 09 August. Maths will be a schoolwide focus during this week.
- The Life Education Caravan will be at our school in the fourth and fifth weeks of the term. Life Education is a programme which encourages children to make healthy choices in life, the caravan contains a huge range of resources to support these programmes.

The DSPTA held their July meeting yesterday evening. New members are always very welcome, dates and times of the DSPTA's monthly meetings are published in the school newsletter.

The Board of Trustees meets next Monday 26 July in the staffroom for their regular monthly board meeting. Board meetings are held in the staffroom, commencing at 7.30pm. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

Swimming Pool

You may have noticed that work has commenced on the renovation of the school swimming pool building. This work is expected to last for the remainder of this term. I will keep you updated with developments as the term progresses.

Discovery School Sports Tee-Shirts

At the end of last term a number of our sports teams finished their respective competitions. If your child's team 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 this term.

Sports News
Netball

Congratulations to the 'Players of the Day' from the last netball games played before the holidays:

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| ☺ | Discovery Fireballs | Charmaine Farquhar |
| ☺ | Discovery Cheeky Monkeys | Amy Jeffries |
| ☺ | Discovery Fizz | Whole Team |
| ☺ | Discovery Dangers | Briana Davey & Daena Allen |
| ☺ | Discovery Bulldogs | Jasmin Inglis-Matchett |
| ☺ | Discovery Stars | Aimee McInnes |



Basketball

The Discovery Basketball team played Paremata School in the last week of Term 2 , the game ended in a 17 all draw.

Players of the day:

- ☺ Oliver Elms
- ☺ Andrew Stewart.

Yesterday the team played Windley School winning 25 - 10.

Player of the day:

- ☺ Sam Gallagher



Child Safety

Absence Procedures

A reminder of the procedures for notifying the school when your child is absent.

- The school office *the central and only place* for parents to notify us when children are absent or going to be absent.
- If your child is absent or going to be absent please either telephone the **school office** (234 7103) or send a note with a sibling to the **school office**. The school has an answerphone so messages can be left at any time.
- Please call the **office** every day your child will be absent. If you know your child will be away for an extended period of time eg a trip, please send a signed note to the school office.
- Teachers call the roll and send the names of absent children to the office.
- The list of names of absent children is checked by office staff against the names of children notified by parents/caregivers as being absent.
- Office staff attempt to contact parents/caregivers of children who are absent and for whom we have had no notification of the absence.

Parking Safely

We have had occasional problems in the past with parents double parking. This seems to be either so they can wait for their children at the end of the school day or drop children off before school.

In comparison to many other schools we are very fortunate with the amount of parking we have available near the school. I often return to school from meetings at around 3.00pm and have never had to park more than a couple of minutes walk away from the school. Please use the carparks available and if there are none free drive out of the carpark. Double parking, slows down traffic flow and obscures the view of other drivers, creating a safety issue.

I am sure that the vast majority of parents/caregivers are responsible and considerate and do take this issue seriously.

DSPTA Fundraising Lunch - Sausage Sizzle

This, Friday 23 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

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 current social skill we are reinforcing at school is: *"Cooperating and Contributing."*

Some thoughts to share with your children:

- ☺ "If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." (Michael Jordan)
- ☺ "Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you had everything to do, and you've done it." (Margaret Thatcher)

Dates for your diary

- Mon 26 July Board of Trustees Meeting (7.30pm)
- Mon 26 July Maori Language Week Begins
- Mon 09 Aug Maths Week Begins
- Tues 07 Sept School Photographs

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.*

Mana Music Centre - Vacancies for music appreciation class for Term 3 - Only \$12 per Term. This is an introduction to music class for 5 and 6 year olds which is held on Saturday mornings at Maraeroa School. For further information and enrolments please phone Sandra 235-9019.

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