



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of term 1 already. It has been a very busy term but we have had a great start to the year and we thank all parents and caregivers for helping their children establish their school routines.

School Dates

- 1 Apr - Last day of Term 1
- 19 Apr - Term 2 begins
- 20 Apr - Senior School Cross Country
- 22 Apr - Cross Country postponement day
- 26-30 Apr - Yr 5-8 School Camps
- 28 Apr - Teachers' Union Meeting - **school closes at 2.00pm**
- 4 May - Eastern Zone Cross Country
- 6 May - Zone Cross Country postponement day
- 9 June - Canterbury Cross Country
- 14-25 June - Yr 1-6 Swimming programme

Welcome

Welcome to the following children who have joined us recently:

Rm 5 - Lachlan Dodd, Josie Seymour, Blake Randall, Luca Randall, Maddison Roberts, Josephine Situe

We hope that you have already made new friends and that your time at Queenspark will be a most enjoyable one. Welcome also to all the new mums and dads. We are looking forward to getting to know you and seeing you become involved in our school.

Congratulations

Mitchell Barry Rm 16
Bowler of the Year
Cricket - Parklands Junior Super 8 6
Laura Carrington Rm 14

Mikayla Clayworth Rm 14
Hazel Kolien Rm 16
Kaitlin Robinson Rm 16
Abbey Stokes Rm 15

The above girls played in the Indoor Netball Summer Competition and their team took 1st place in the competition

Bradley Entwistle Rm 22

Player of the Year

Riccarton 3 - Junior 1-day Cricket (hardball)

Dylan Everest Rm 24

Best Batter

Club Team of the Year

Parklands 5 20/20 Cricket

Ben Magson Rm 24

Best Allrounder

Club Team of the Year

Parklands 5 20/20 Cricket

Flynn McShane Rm 24

Most Improved

Club Team of the Year

Parklands 5 20/20 Cricket

Chrystal Mitchell Rm 24

1st Overall

3A WAG

CSG Tumbling Gym & Trampoline Comp

Jasmine Mitchell Rm 15

2nd Girls Red Badge DMT Trampoline

CSG Tumbling Gym & Trampoline Comp

Timothy Mitchell Rm 18

3rd Boys Red Badge Trampoline

CSG Tumbling Gym & Trampoline Comp

Jackson Taylor Rm 14

Outstanding Club Prospect

Best All Rounder

Selected for Regional Team Y6 Fleming

Emerging Player

Cricket - Parklands Junior Super 8 6

Brendan Van Der Merwe Rm 15

406 runs

Best Allrounder - team

Best Allrounder - Club

Parklands - Cricket Junior Super 8 7

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to the following prizewinners in our Easter raffle:

- 1st Macy Ryan
- 2nd Joanne Monney
- 3rd Fesny Situe
- 4th Murphy family

5th Jack Jamieson
 6th Pat Kinzett
 7th Robyn Braid
 8th Nicholas Jenkins
 9th Jorja Dann
 10th Condry Randall
 11th Grace Sharman
 12th Kaylah Sinclair
 13th Mr J A Curtis
 14th Maddi Cromarty
 15th P J Oakes
 16th Britney Aldridge
 17th Debbie Gurden
 18th Adrienne Stone
 19th Joblin family
 20th Bouwmeester family
 21st Zoe Riordan
 22nd Vanessa Orr
 23rd Jenny Im
 24th Betty Wright
 25th Cushla Ansett
 26th Sally Davies
 27th Rachel Parkin
 28th Bradley Entwistle
 29th Linda Pearce
 30th Gaye Lynn Dowling
 31st Lara Prince
 32nd Becky Burns
 33rd Tony Mabin
 34th kaitlin Robinson
 35th Nicole Jackson
 36th Paul Morgan
 37th Leigh Vercoe
 38th Sandy McWilliams
 39th Papa Williams
 40th O'Rourke family
 41st Lange family
 42nd P Curtis
 43rd Karl Koch
 44th Hutchinson family

Winter Sports Coaches Needed

We are in need of parents/caregivers who are able to coach a team in this winters' Friday sports tournament. Without your assistance our children will not be able to take part in the weekly winter tournament. If you can help in any way please contact Steph Deavoll, Rm 22, or leave your details at the office.

Statements

Statements have been mailed home this week. Your account may be paid in full, term by term, or at set intervals via cash, cheque, eftpos, direct credit or on-line to our bank account. Your statement will include any outstanding payments from 2009 - we would appreciate the settlement of these asap. Please feel free to contact the office to discuss your account in the strictest confidence. N.B. Any payments made after 23 March will show on your next statement.

Teachers Union Meeting

Wednesday 28 April
 NZEI have informed us that the planned teachers' union meeting is now being held on Wednesday 28 April 2010. **Children will be leaving school at 2.00pm on this day.** Please make arrangements for your child's care on this afternoon.

Yr 5-8 Sports Shorts

It is intended that all Yr5-8 students will have their own sports shorts as part of their uniform. These shorts will be worn for Athletic Sports, Cross Country, Swimming sports (over their togs), Syndicate weekly sports afternoons, Winter sports tournament, Summer sports tournament, School basketball team, House assemblies, PE lessons and lunchtime 'physical' games. They are not to be worn during the day in place of the usual uniform shorts.

They cost \$13 and are available from school. Try on and buy in the hall foyer from 8.30am - 9.00am, or place an order on any of the following days:
 Monday 19 April, Tuesday 20 April.
 From then on they can be purchased from Mr Browne's office before 9.00am and after 3.00pm daily.

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)

Queenspark School will be offering the opportunity for pupils in Year Levels 4,5,6,7 and 8 to take part in an Australasian academic competition. For more than 20 years the University of New South Wales (UNSW) has been conducting the International

Competitions and Assessment for schools. Queenspark pupils will **compete against equivalent age pupils** from schools in Australia, New Zealand, India, Singapore, Brunei, Malaysia, South Africa, Hong Kong, China and the South Pacific region.

Every pupil who enters the ICAS receives a certificate acknowledging their results. The certificates are for **Participation**, (for general results), **Credit**, (Top 20% of Entrants in New Zealand), **Distinction**, (Top 10% of Entrants in New Zealand) and **High Distinction** (Top 1% of Entrants in New Zealand). Certificates are accompanied with an analysis of entrants score.

Before each actual test date there will be a practice session to help entrants familiarise themselves with the test procedure and to answer any concerns they might have.

Children wishing to enter one or more of the competition subject areas will need to go to the school office for a **school entry form**. We have been notified that the cost of the 'Writing' assessment has increased this year. Costs are as follows: -

EXAM SUBJECT	COST	YEAR LEVELS	SITTING DATE
Computer Skills	\$7.50	4 to 8	Tues 25 th May
Science	\$7.50	4 to 8	Wed 9 th June
Spelling	\$9.50	4 to 8	Tues 22 nd June
Writing	\$17.50	4 to 8	Tues 22 nd June
English	\$7.50	4 to 8	Tues 3 rd August
Mathematics	\$7.50	4 to 8	Tues 17 th August

Practices will be held approx a week before the exam date depending on classroom timetables.

The competition **dates** have to be **strictly adhered to**. All **entries with payment** must be into the school office by 3:31pm, **Thursday 27th April**. (1st Week, Term 2)

Please contact Tony Mabin (ex 719) if you require further information or visit the ICAS website: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

Wishing you all a happy Easter and a relaxing break with your family and loved ones.

Kind regards

Ross Willocks
Principal

Parenting Advice

Hot Tips From Parents Inc Music And Movement

There are plenty of ways to enjoy music and movement with your baby, which will all help to build relationship and fun memories.

A regular music group is a great starter 'extra-curricular' activity for under-3's, who aren't quite ready to tackle more physical pursuits. The benefits for parents are just as important as for baby; an added incentive to get dressed and out the door can be helpful in the early months, getting to know a bunch of parents at a similar stage as you is always beneficial, and furthermore groups provide a great source of songs and actions which will be a comforting and memorable part of your children's early lives.

Community News

Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics

Delta Rhythmic Gymnastic are calling for enrolments for Term 2,
If you are interested please contact Fay Richardson, ph: 3585728.

Toolbox Course

Early year - 0-6 years, Starting 3 May, 7.00pm
Come and learn strategies for living with your children of differing personalities. Learn to play on their strengths.

Middle Years - 6-12 years will take place from July.

Contact Rebecca Rosser on 383-3388 for more details.

Pre World Cup Dinner

With Ricki Herbert & Friends

23 April 2010, 6.30pm
Cophthorne Hotel, Durham Street
Dress:

Men - Jacket and Tie

Ladies - Evening Wear

Price: \$110 - Includes dinner and drinks

Key note speaker: Ricki Herbert

Special guest speaker: Jaynie Hudgell (nee Parkhouse)

(1974 Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist)

MC: Reon Murtha

For all Football Fans this is a once in a lifetime chance to spend an evening with Ricki Herbert. This will be Ricki's last speaking engagement before he goes into camp on the 28th April with the All Whites ahead of the World Cup in South Africa.

At the end of the evening there will be an auction which will be a great opportunity to purchase some unique memorabilia and treasures

Numbers are strictly limited so don't miss out
Reserve your seat or table

Contact Andrea Phillips 021 1849386 or jacmatjes@slingshot.co.nz

Brought to you by Parklands United Sports Club in partnership with The 82 Football Academy

Gifted Children, Myths & Realities and the Work of CAGCY

On Tuesday March 30th we host our FREE Public Meeting on 'Gifted Children, Myths & Realities and the work of CAGCY', in the Sydenham Room at the South Library Learning Centre at 66 Colombo Street. Speaker: CAGCY President, Kate Coleman

We will also have a number of people who are experts or contact people for various aspects of gifted education and support. These people are wonderful resources and will be available to chat, after the seminar, over tea and coffee. Booking for CAGCY Adult Education seminars is not always essential, but it is really appreciated, to help us plan, and there are some limits to seating capacity.

BOOK: Sue ph (03) 352 7566 or email: grownups@cagcy.org.nz or Text Kate ph 027 555 95 35 so we know you're coming!

Rugby Programme at Parklands

Motivationz Rugby Holiday Programme with Scott Robertson

Monday 12th April

Parklands Rugby Club Fields

7,8,9 year olds: 10.00am -11.30am

10,11,12 year olds: 12.00pm-1.30pm

Cost: \$30

To book, please email motivationz@extra.co.nz

Or visit www.motivationz.co.nz for more info.

Netball Clinics

Canterbury Netball in partnership with Mercury Energy Tactix would like to present: 'Player Discovery Clinics'

QE2 Stadium, Travis Rd

8 - 12 yrs:

Weds 7 & Thurs 8 April, 12pm-2pm

or Weds 14 & Thurs 15 April, 2.30pm-4.30pm

13-16 yrs:

Weds 7 & Thurs 8 Apr, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Or Weds 14 & Thurs 15 April, 12pm - 2pm

Cost \$60 per person

Sessions include Tactix players & end of session signings.

Registrations available from

www.canterburynetball.org.nz,

www.netballchristchurch.org.nz or

www.tactix.org.nz