



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

School Dates

13 May - Numeracy Day
14 May - Yr1-3 Cross Country
14 May - Portfolios come home
17 May - Rms 19 & 21 visit Art Gallery
21 May - Rm 21 visits Art Gallery
4 June - Mufti/Wacky Hair Day
4 June - LEAP
9 June - Canterbury Cross Country
14-25 June - Yr 1-6 Swimming programme

Welcome

Welcome to the following children who have joined us this week:

Rm 5 - Thomas Beesley, Jake Hale, Chloe Kingi-McCarthy

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.

2010 Board Of Trustees Elections

By now you will have received voting papers for our Board of Trustees Elections. For your vote to count it must be posted back to Canterbury Education Services or placed in the specially marked locked box in the school office by **noon on Tuesday 11 May** (postal votes must be post marked before noon on 11 May 2010). See our website for the Candidates statements.

Zone Cross Country

Well done to all of our children who took part in the Eastern Zones Cross Country here on Tuesday.

Congratulations to the following children who placed in the top 6 in their age event and will be representing the Eastern Zone at the Canterbury Cross Country Champs on 9 June.

Disability Race:

1st Jeffrey Taylor, Rm 16

9 Year Girls

1st Courtney Jonkers, Rm 22

2nd Cody Taylor, Rm 23

9 Year Boys

1st Cameron Trumper Rm 23

2nd Ben Magson, Rm 24

4th Nathan Dittfort, Rm 22

5th Michael Norris, Rm 15

6th Bradley Entwistle, Rm 22

10 Year Girls

2nd Abbey Stokes, Rm 15

3rd Kelly Baker, Rm 14

11 Year Boys

1st James Kolien, Rm 4

2nd Jordan Dittfort, Rm 3

3rd Edward De Pina, Rm 2

6th Hayden Neill, Rm 2

12+ Year Girls

1st Monique Currie, Rm 1

4th Kortnee Gardner, Rm 1

12+ Year Boys

1st Kei Arai, Rm 1

6th Jack Jamieson, Rm 1

School Uniforms

Both Mainland Uniforms and Postie Plus have stock of our uniform with the old logo and are both offering **50% OFF** all stock with the old monogram, while stocks last (mainly sweatshirts, sweat-cardis with a few polo shirts & fleeces).

Please note - the old logo is still acceptable after 2012 provided it is on our updated uniform.

Maths Celebration Day

Thursday 13 May

We invite you to join us to celebrate and showcase the work Queenspark has been doing in maths, particularly the Numeracy Project.

9.30-10.30: Open morning

Come and see maths in action in the classroom, and let your children share the activities, games and learning that are part of our maths programme. Please feel free to go in and out of classrooms during that time.

11.00-12.00: School and syndicate activities

'Drop everything and do maths' - on the courts, paths, any hard surface. This will be followed by activities organized by syndicates.

7.00-8.30 p.m.: Parent information evening

What is numeracy?

Why was the numeracy project developed?

What are the key features of the numeracy stages?

Workshops: an opportunity to look in more detail at specific stages, the resources and key ideas, and to ask questions.

Canteen

Another term is upon us and the canteen committee would like to thank those who have been in already and placed their names on the roster for term 2. There are still a few vacancies left so if you can spare an hour or two on a Friday morning it would be much appreciated. Pop in and see Shona or Glenda on Fridays mornings in the canteen or alternatively you can go into the canteen anytime to look at the roster.

PTA News

• Entertainment Books

We still have Entertainment Books available. They can be purchased from the office at \$65.00 each.

• Movie Night

Tickets are now on sale for the best girls night out ever.....Sex And The City II. Tickets can be purchased at the office between 8.30 and 9.00am on Monday and Thursday mornings or by calling Kerrie Crampton on 383-8240. Be in quick, there are only a limited number of seats, so first in is guaranteed a great night.

Remember....

Tickets are \$20 each and includes a free wine, cosmopolitan or fizzy drink.

Date: 20th June 2010

Time: 6.30pm

Where: Reading Cinemas The Palms

Anyone who can sell 15 tickets or more will receive a free ticket.

• Paul Kelly Motors Numberplates

IF you see a numberplate with a Paul Kelly Motorplates surround, write it down and email it to lynnehall@xnet.co.nz We could be in to win \$10,000 for school.

Kind regards

Ross Willocks
Principal

Parenting Advice

Hot Tips From Parents Inc

Dads And Daughters

Dads, naturally, are boys, and as such might need help when it comes to navigating the emotional world of daughters.

A Dad's way might be to gather only as much evidence as you need, devise a plan, then implement it - problem solved!

If your daughter comes to you for help, consider yourself honoured; she trusts and respects your input. Let her discuss with you every aspect of the problem as she sees it. Don't jump in with solutions unless and until you're invited - what she wants to know most of all is that you care enough to listen.

3 Things All Children Crave By Michael Grose

Kids crave three things - control, **power** and **belonging**. Parenting consistency delivers all three.

I'll explain.

Let's look at **control** first.

Most kids like to feel they are in control of their lives. Some crave control more than others. One of my kids when young, would wake up most school mornings, asking who was picking her up after school. She yearned for control. *Routine was her friend.* Being forewarned about change was essential, otherwise she'd become stressed, even agitated. She certainly couldn't relax until she was certain of what's going on. If you have a child like this then the notion of **consistency** is paramount for your parenting.

Let's look at **Power**.

It's different to control. It means having the ability and competence to affect and influence your own world. **Power** comes from the little things, not necessarily the big things of life. Doing up his shoe laces gives a young child power, just as being able to drive a car gives a teen significant power. That's why independence is so important for kids- it gives them a certain real power. *Kids that don't have real power often try exert their own power over their parents.* Anyone who has a child who deliberately dawdles when you want

cooperation is try to exert their power over you! That's not the sort of power you want kids to have. *A consistent approach gives kids real power and deals effectively with these annoying power plays.*

Okay, let's look at **belonging** - the third thing kids crave!

Kids want to **belong** to their family. Kids will belong to their families through positive or negative ways. If they can't belong due to their positive place, then they'll misbehave or belong in other negative ways. At least you'll know they're around. So these kids develop self-defeating beliefs about belonging. Here's some negative ways some kids belong to their families:

"I belong because I'm the best."

"I only belong when I'm the centre of attention."

"I belong when I'm the boss."

"I only belong when I'm the best."

"I only belong when I can please others."

Here's the kicker. Kids take these negative ways of belonging into adulthood. Do you know any adult who always has to be the centre of attention in any group, or someone who always has to be in charge. Nothing wrong with that as long as they are also able to belong without having to be noticed, in charge or the best. But some adults, like kids, belong only for these reasons..... that's not healthy! So you want your child to feel like they really belong as you value them for their contribution to family-life. That means you need to give them opportunities to help out..... That's a column for another time.

A parenting approach based on consistency between parents, as well as individual consistency can deliver control, power and belonging to kids. Consistency not only brings **predictability**, which is important for kids, but it also makes life easier for parents. One of the simplest ways to improve kids' behaviour is to be more consistent.

Consistency means:

Being on the **same page** as your partner. Having **standards of behaviour, expectations and limits** based on common sense, kids' ages and stages of development and family needs.

Maintaining those standards and not altering them or responding to kids' poor behaviour

according to your **mood**. Having **child-friendly routines** that take into account kids' needs and temperaments as well as your own needs.

Responding consistently with good communication and behavioural consequences when kids misbehave.

Difficult children like consistency.

Limits and boundaries provide them with structure and teach them how to behave. Children also like to push parental boundaries so parents need to resist pressure that they can exert. Consistency is a challenge as it's tempting to let children's misbehaviour go. We become tired and sometimes doubt our own judgement. It's easy to think, 'Maybe I'm being a bit tough.....'.

Consistency prevents misbehaviour from escalating. We help children develop consistency, which is our aim, when we are consistent and do as we say we will -every time.

The challenge for you is to strive to develop the type of consistency of parenting that gives kids control, power and a sense of positive belonging. The three things they crave!

Community News

Noel Leeming - Supporting Our Community

Please note - this offer has been extended until Sunday!

Friends and families of Christchurch schools are invited to a Cost + 10% + GST sale at Noel Leeming, Moorhouse Ave. To take advantage of this great offer please call in to the office for a Noel Leeming flyer, which must be presented.

Children's Technology Zone

Registration is now open for Technology workshop for kids age 5-7, start on Tuesday 8th of June, once a week for 3 weeks from 3:30pm-4:30pm, at St Timothy's Church, 46 Kendal Ave/ opposite side of Kendal School. Classes are limited to 5 children.

For more information please visit <http://www.ctzone.co.nz/> or contact Faris on 359-0315 or 021-0260-3265 or email info@ctzone.co.nz

New! After School Extension Computer Programme

Bubble Dome is launching an exciting new afterschool programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions at a school near you this term on starting next week. This is an 8 week programme, open for all students aged 6- 12 years interested in Computers, Art, Design, and Inventions. Students will be given a software list so they can continue using the software for their own school and personal projects providing hours of learning and creative opportunities! Spaces strictly limited. For questions Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz

Rangi Ruru Girls' School - Scholarships

Rangi Ruru is pleased to offer scholarships for girls entering year 9 in 2011 who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents. Scholarships are awarded for **academic excellence**, for **excellence in music** and **all-round excellence**. Scholarships are for a portion of the tuition fees ranging from 25% to 75%, depending on the caliber and circumstances of the student. Applications close on Wednesday 19 May at 4.00pm. Application forms and information sheets are available from our school office or contact Pauline Clegg at Rangi Ruru on 983-3717