



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

### School Dates

- 4 June - Mufti/Wacky Hair Day
- 4 June - LEAP
- 7 June - Queens Birthday - **school closed**
- 9 June - Canterbury Cross Country
- 9 June - Yr3 Parent Assembly, 11.30am
- 14-25 June - Yr 1-6 Swimming programme
- 16 June - Internet Safety Seminar
- 24 June - Yr 7/8 Information Day
- 25 June - Disco
- 29 June - Choir performs in Eastside Rocks at Aranui High School
- 30 June - Yr4 Parent Assembly, 9.15am
- 2 July - Yr2 Parent Assy, 2.15pm
- 2 July - Term 2 ends
- 19 July - Term 3 starts
- 2 Sept - Numeracy Day
- 9 Sept - choir performs at the Art Gallery
- 24 Sept - Term 3 ends
- 11 Oct - Term 4 starts
- 19 Oct - Canterbury Primary Schools Music Festival at the Town Hall
- 25 Oct - Labour Day - **school closed**
- 12 Nov - Show Day - **school closed**
- 22 Nov - Choir performs in the Kids For Kids concert at the Town Hall
- 17 Dec - Term 4 ends

### Welcome

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

**Rm 5 - George Coffey**

**Rm 8 - Gemma Francois**

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.

### Mufti Day/Wacky Hair Day

Friday 4 June

Tomorrow we have a Mufti Day/Wacky Hair Day. Bring a gold coin and join in the fun.

### LEAP

Friday 4 June, 3.15pm

Learning To Excel in Arts Performance.

Some of our children who receive music, singing and/or dance tuition at school will be performing in front of a live audience tomorrow from 3.15pm. Come along and support these wonderful young performers.

### Internet Safety Seminar

Wednesday 16 June, 7.30pm, School Hall

The Internet is a fantastic source for resources. It is also a place where criminals, bullies and predators lurk, looking for their next victim! Parents need to understand the issues earlier rather than later. Dean Stewart, of Dean Computer Consulting, will be presenting a seminar to our school parent community, which will have parents understanding the dangers which fall into the 3 C's (content, contact & conduct), being able to educate their kids of the dangers, being able to look up additional resources and the ability to choose which software solutions to install.

Please confirm your attendance at the office by Wednesday 9 June, ph 383-1578, or email [admin@queenspark.school.nz](mailto:admin@queenspark.school.nz).

### Parent Occupation/Skills Database

We are looking to update our database of parent/caregiver occupations and/or skills.

One of the things we are exploring with our new website is to put up a list of local trades and services that are available in our local community and who could be of support to our school.

Please pass your details to the office, either by email, phone or in person.

### Piano & Keyboard Tuition

Resident tutor, Ian Swansbury, will be available to give lessons on Friday mornings, at

school, from week 6 of this term (28 May). Currently Ian teaches Wednesdays and Thursdays. After school lessons are also available. Contact Ian direct on 980-4847 or 027-408-6859, if you have children who are interested in earning.

### **PTA News**

#### **• Entertainment Books**

There are still some pre-ordered Entertainment Books to be collected from the office. If you would like these sent home with your child please send them with a note to the office to collect. If you did not pre-order a book we do have a few for sale, but as stocks are limited be in quick before they sell out. Only \$65 for many incredible savings!

#### **• Movie Night**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased movie tickets so far. Because of your enthusiasm towards this fundraiser, we have been able to increase the cinema size twice since our original booking. We have now sold out of tickets but we do have the ability to upgrade the cinema again but to do this we need YOUR HELP to sell approx another 180 tickets.

**We are taking registration details at the office to gauge interest and if we can get close to another 180 tickets then we will upgrade and issue tickets. Please register your interest before 9th June. So....gather your friends together and let the office know how many tickets you would like.....this will be a great night not to be missed....great fun, great prizes. WHAT WILL THE MONEY BE SPENT ON....**

The money raised from this fundraiser is to be spent on video cameras for each of the learning teams within the school. These will replace the current ailing tape video cameras currently in use or repair. Queenspark school video cameras are used for:

- Recording learning taking place in the classroom.
- Presentation and communication of learning processes used in various curriculum areas.
- Preparation of mini documentaries, interviews, or news reports as further

development of language and literacy skills.

- Recording student role playing difficult social situations; and creating and analysing the solutions and communicating the solutions through video role-play

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Ross Willocks  
Principal

## Parenting Advice

### Hot Tips From Parents Inc

#### Parenting A Perfectionist

Some personality types prefer to practise in private, and learn to do it right before they join everyone else. That's OK, but what can you do if this tendency becomes such an obstacle that taking risks, or potentially looking foolish, is something your child is just not prepared to do?

To help your budding perfectionists, grow a family culture which celebrates those brave enough to take a risk, emphasises the importance of mistakes in helping us learn, and laughs with, not at, those who fall down while they're learning. Make your home a safe place to be 'imperfect' by not being too harsh on yourself when you slip up either!

"halftime" supper with around 4 hours of musical entertainment. Contact Glen Cawood on 0274 323 867 for tickets and further information.

### Art & Craft Fair

Saturday 26 June, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Burwood School Hall, New Brighton Rd.

Beads, Canvas Art, Children's Art, Soy Candles, Scrapbooking, Gift Cards, Jewellery, Mosaics, Pottery, Paintings & Prints, and more.

Come and join in the fun.

Entry - \$2 adult, \$1 child.

For information on becoming a stall holder please contact Belinda on 383-5188.

Stalls cost \$20 (small) or \$30 (large).

## Community News

### Parenting Course - The Middle Years

Monday 14 June, 7.30pm

Nothing gives parents more pleasure than seeing their children grow and mature. The Middle years are your window of opportunity to stay connected, teach skills and build memories. It is now that children learn about right and wrong, and most important of all, during these years that they are still interested in what you, as a parent, think! This course will provide you with the skills and strategies needed to be the parent you have always hoped to be. You will get insight into the challenges and opportunities that the middle years bring. And you will gain tools for handling the challenges that arise along the way.

**Contact: Lauren and James McGifford  
3821298**

### Neil Diamond & Meatloaf 'Tribute' Night

Back by popular demand, this event is being held at the Parklands United Sports Club on Saturday 19th June from 8pm. Tickets are \$25 each which include a