



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

School Dates

- 14-25 June - Yr 1-6 Swimming programme
- 24 June - Yr 7/8 Information Day/Evening
- 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
- 4 July - School Band attend concert & workshop at Hanmer
- 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

Canterbury Primary Schools' Gymnastics Competition

On Monday 14 June Callum Roberts and Georgia McFarlane competed in the Canterbury Primary Schools Gymnastics Competition 2010. Both children represented our school with pride - well done to them both.

Callum Roberts Rm 2

- 1st Overall
- 1st Vault
- 1st High Bar
- 2nd Parallel Bar

- 2nd Floor
- Georgia McFarlane Rm 15**
- 5th Overall

Canterbury Cross Country

Results from that Canterbury Cross Country held at Halswell Quarry on Wednesday 16 June are:

Disability:

- 3rd **Jeffrey Taylor, Rm 16**

9 Year Girls:

- 7th **Courtney Jonkers, Rm 22**

- 12th **Cody Taylor, Rm 23**

9 Year Boys:

- 17th **Cameron Trumper, Rm 23**

- 30th **Ben Magson, Rm 24**

- 72nd **Nathan Dittfort, Rm 22**

- 103rd **Bradley Entwistle, Rm 22**

- 105th **Michael Norris, Rm 15**

10 Year Girls:

- 12th **Abbey Stokes, Rm 15**

- 16th **Kelly Baker, Rm 14**

- 106th **Britney Aldridge, Rm 14**

11 Year Boys

- 30th **James Kolien, Rm 4**

- 70th **Edward De Pina, Rm 2**

- 77th **Jordan Dittfort, Rm 3**

- 99th **Hayden Neill, Rm 2**

12 Year Girls

- 46th **Monique Currie, Rm 1**

- 83rd **Kortnee Gardner, Rm 1**

12 Year Boys

- 47th **Kei Arai, Rm 1**

- 80th **Jack Jamieson, Rm 1**

Congratulations

Kaylah Sinclair Rm 3

Kaylah is taking part in the upcoming production of The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe at the Ngaio Marsh Theatre from the 6-10 July. Door sales available or book at ticketek.

School Disco

Friday 25 June

Entry \$2.00

Yr 0-4 6.00pm - 7.15pm

Yr 5-8 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Food, drinks & glow sticks are available for purchase, from 50c to \$2

Please Note: The disco is for Queenspark School children only. Pre-school siblings are welcome provided an adult stays with them. Children must be collected from INSIDE the hall at the end of the disco.

Disco Helpers Needed

We are in urgent need of helpers at both discos. If you can offer a small part of your time please contact Adele on 383-1572.

Baylee & Jaxon Gibbs Support Fund

As you are aware the PTA, in conjunction with you, our parent community, are doing what we can to provide support and funds for Jaxon and Baylee Gibbs, whose mother Sandy, passed away last week.

At the school disco tomorrow night we will be fundraising for the boys.

We will be asking people to donate whatever money they would like to by placing it in the containers marked Baylee & Jaxon Support Fund, which will be available as you enter the disco.

This donation is purely voluntary and any money donated will be put towards purchasing a plot of land and a headstone/plaque for Sandy, so that the boys have somewhere to visit their mum.

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed so far. The response has been overwhelming and very humbling.

Queenspark School PTA

Canteen News

The canteen wishes to thank the very small band of parents who have helped this term. With just two weeks remaining we still have a few shifts left to fill. Many hands make light work so if you can help please call Glenda on 3837272.

List of duties

9am - 11am shift - collating orders as they come in, counting out food as required for that days orders, placing food in ovens ready to cook, fill order bags with non perishable food ie popcorn and cookies

11.30am - 1.00pm shift - help make up hot dogs, fill order bags with hot and frozen foods, sushi and drinks, distributing orders to

children and selling limited food through window during lunch.

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.

PTA News

• Movie Night

The PTA would like to thank everyone who helped support this fundraising event. We were able to raise an amazing \$3,140 which will buy four new video cameras for the school.

Without the support from families at Queenspark School, the PTA would not be able to hold such fantastic events.

We are also excited that with everyone's support who attended the movie, we raised \$390.00 for Jaxon and Bailey Gibbs trust fund.

• Entertainment Books

We only have 3 books left! Be in quick. Only \$65 for many incredible savings!

Does anyone know R A Rudd and/or D G Gale? Their Entertainment Book has not been picked up yet.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Ross Willocks
Principal

Parenting Advice

Hot Tips From Parents Inc

Bringing Back Books

There are enormous benefits for our kids in being able to navigate technology, and with your guidance, some great learning can happen alongside the fun. There are so many engaging games available on the internet, though, that many parents are struggling with bringing kids back into the 'real world'.

If you're keen to make sure your children appreciate the unique value of books and reading, how about a simple guideline for your family; You're welcome to use computers/video games, for equal time that you've spent reading books that day. Keep a simple log book to avoid disputes.

Would You Make This Parenting Mistake? By Michael Grose

Miranda usually makes her two children's lunches each morning and places on them on the kitchen bench for them to put in their schoolbags as they dash off to school.

This is a smart parenting.....

She makes the lunches which is her job, but her kids take over and pack them ready for school. Sometimes though she is tested!

Ben, her eight year-old and youngest, sometimes forgets to pack his lunch. He's so busy getting out the door that he just buzzes past his lunch-box.

Sometimes Miranda notices before he's gone and reminds him about his lunchbox.

BUT more often than not, Miranda sees the forgotten lunch sitting forlornly on the bench when Ben is well and truly at school.....

It's these times that she's sorely tested.

One side of her knows that her son will survive without his lunch. In fact, deep down she knows that he will beg, borrow or swap something at school to get a feed. He is resourceful, after all.

Another side of her says that she doesn't want her son to be inconvenienced or to go without.

This is the classic battle between the **Good Parent** and the **Responsible Parent**, that plays out every day in homes around Australia.

The **Good Parent** is well-meaning, but can take on too much responsibility for kids' welfare. The **Responsible Parent**, tends to take a harder line and gives more responsibility to kids for their welfare.

Who wins?

In Miranda's case, the **Good Parent** usually wins out. She usually ends up taking the lunch to school before recess, so that Ben has his play-lunch as well as his lunch. She feels a little embarrassed knocking on the classroom door and passing it over to Ben's teacher, but she also feels that she is doing her job as a parent.

This is a parenting mistake, and NOT smart parenting.

From my perspective well-meaning Miranda is making Ben's problem her problem. Ben will never have to worry about packing his lunch when his mum will bring it up for him.

Why would he worry?

When you are more worried about a child's responsibility than they are then the responsibility becomes yours! The same goes with getting up in the morning, eating dinner, putting washing in the washing basket and whole range of areas.

Miranda's job is to **make it easy** for Ben to remember to pack his lunch but not to become responsible for it.

That's a big difference!

Okay, it's only a school lunch. But it's the little areas that make the big difference in parenting.

If you want to kids to be responsible then you need to give them responsibility..... and then stand back a little so that they can learn what that really means. That's a **BIG FAMILY STRATEGY** that you can put in place regardless of the size of your family.

What would you do if you were Miranda?

Would you be the **Good Parent**, the **Responsible Parent** or be somewhere in between?

Community News

Art And Craft Fair

Saturday 26 June, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Burwood School Hall

Beads, Canvas Art, Children's Art, Soy Candles, Scrapbooking, Gift Cards, Jewellery, Mosaics, Pottery, Paintings & Prints.. and much more. Something for everyone. Come and join in the fun.

Entry \$2 adult, \$1 child.

Aqua Gym

459 Cashel Street, Ph 381-0299

Learn to Swim and Coaching

Book now for July holidays and Term 3.

Email info@aquagym.co.nz

Drama For All - Fee Friendly Drama Clubs

Groups for 6-8 and 9-13 year olds at Huntsbury, Fendalton and North New Brighton Community Centres.

\$45 per 8 week term

All clubs for Term 3 commence week beginning 26th July. Registrations now being taken for Term 3, please contact Janet on 3870635 or 021134303 or email

drama_for_all@hotmail.com

Olympia Gymnastics Aerobics

Take the skills you have gained from your school jump jam programme to the next level - join the new Olympia Aerobics classes on offer in Term 3 - for details including times, dates and fees telephone Olympia on 344 6060 or email marketing@olympia.org.nz - enrolments being taken NOW.