



NEWSLETTER

26 August 2010

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

School Dates

27 Aug - Daffodil Day
28 Aug - PTA Quiz Night
31 Aug - Kapa Haka group in Cultural Festival
1 Sep - Yr 3-6 Drumming Show
2 Sept - Numeracy Day/Evening
3 Sept - LEAP
6 Sept - Spellathon
9 Sept - Choir performs at the Art Gallery
9 Sept - Yr 4 & 5 at Writers Festival 1pm-3pm
9 Sept - Primary Schools Winter Tournament
13-16 Sept - Y3-5 Tennis coaching
16 Sept - Yr6 at Art Gallery 9.30pm-2.00pm
16 Sept - Junior cricket
16 Sept - Showcase
17 Sept - Yr 2 parent assembly, 2.00pm
17 Sept - Disco
21 Sept - Yr 3 parent assembly, 12.00pm-12.30pm
24 Sept - Term 3 ends
11 Oct - Term 4 starts
19 Oct - Canterbury Primary Schools Music Festival at the Town Hall
20 Oct - School Athletics
22 Oct - Postponement Day School Athletics
25 Oct - Labour Day - **school closed**
27-28 Oct - Yr 7/8 Musical
27-28 Oct - Yr 4 visit Victoria Park
10 Nov - Zone Athletics
12 Nov - Show Day - **school closed**
22 Nov - Choir performs in the Kids For Kids concert at the Town Hall
2 Dec - Yr 6 at QEII
2 Dec - Yr 7/8 roadshow
6 Dec - Yr 5 at QEII
8 Dec - Yr 7/8 Awards Evening

9-10 Dec - Yr 8 Celebration Camp at Hamner

10 Dec - Yr 5/6 Awards Evening

15 Dec - Yr 4 at QEII

15 Dec - Yr 7/8 at Waimairi Surf Club

17 Dec - Term 4 ends

Congratulations

Mahlia Bobby (trombone) Rm 14

Jackson Roche (drums) Rm 15

A big congratulations and well done for a great performance by some talented Queenspark students on Saturday 21st August at the Christchurch Town Hall. The Christchurch School of Music had a wonderful showcase concert for its many talented musical students.

Samantha Douglas (Recorder) Rm 23

Katie Fox (Senior Choir) Rm 2

Ha Yeon Kim (Flute) Rm 4

Hazel Kolien (Recorder) Rm 16

Kate Robinson (Flute) Rm 4

The above children all successfully auditioned for the Special Groups of the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival. Congratulations to each of you - the Musical Directors were impressed by the high standard of the pupils applying.

Lost & Found

- A scooter went missing last Friday. It is silver & blue and clearly named 'Zac Winter'. If found please return to Rm 7.
- We have had a number of clearly named uniform items go missing lately. This is a timely reminder to ensure your child is bringing home their own uniform, and may also be worthwhile checking school bags and desks.
- A cockatiel has been found in the neighbourhood. If it may be yours please phone 383-3534 and leave a message.

Maths Celebration Day

Thursday 2 September

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

9.30am - 10.30am: 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 the classrooms during that time.

11.00am-11.15am: 'Drop everything and do maths' - the whole school outside on the courts and concrete area doing maths.

11.30am-12.30pm: Syndicate Activities. Watch the 2010 Cantamaths teams in action on the hall - competing against the Board of Trustees and teachers.

7.00pm-8.30pm: Parent Information Evening
Find out more about the numeracy project, specific stages, resources and ways you can support your children.

Spellathon

As some of you may be aware, Tony Mabin is organising a Spellathon for 6th September, which is sure to be a fun and successful fundraiser for the school and the kids. On the day we need 1 extra parent helper per classroom from 9am - 10am to help test the kids on their words. We already have 10 kind volunteers but need 14 more so if you can spare 1 hour on the 6th please contact Karen Martin on 383 0542 or email motherof2@xtra.co.nz as soon as possible. If you let me know the class numbers of your children I will try to put you into one of those classes, however if these rooms already have a helper then you may be asked to help in another classroom that is short

Our Choir Sings At The Art Gallery

The school choir will be singing at the Christchurch Art Gallery on Sept 9th from 12.00 - 12.30 as part of the Kids in Town Series. Parents are welcome to come and support them.

Showcase 2010

Thursday 16 September, 6.00pm

Join us as we are entertained by our shining lights -

Kapa Haka group

School Choir

School Orchestra

Dance Groups

Instruments

Gold coin entry or \$5 per family

Christchurch Schools' Music Festival

Tuesday 19 October

If you missed out on our preferential order through school, tickets may now only be purchased through Ticketek from mid September at a cost of \$14/adult and \$6.00/child plus Ticketek booking fee.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Ross Willocks
Principal

Parenting Advice

Hot Tips From Parents Inc

Decisions, decisions

At some point, all teenagers have to put some serious thought into which direction their lives will take after they leave school. These may be the biggest decisions your child has faced yet, and it might help to know that you can do a lot behind the scenes to help them make great choices.

Encourage your kids from an early age to discover their own gifts, talents, and interests. Help them to understand their strengths, and what form of learning might suit them best. Finally, if they know how to break an insurmountable goal down into achievable chunks then the world is truly their oyster!

Community News

Conservation Week 12-19 September

Forest Families - free fun at Riccarton Bush, 10.00am - 4.00pm

A day of fun-filled activities exploring the hidden treasures of New Zealand's forests. Activities include sensory trail, guided walks, lizards up close, bug hunts, bird tracking, face painting, crafts, flax-weaving and more.

Fundraising Dinner At Ja-Basco Bar

Dine with their guest chef - South Island Chef Of The Year 2010 - Lawrence Purser, and help a little girl get well.

Enjoy a fantastic dining experience and help us give financial assistance to Maddie Collins.

Who is Maddie Collins?

Maddie Collins is a 6yr little girl from West Melton who has been diagnosed with a kidney disorder. She is resistant to the usual treatment and will need dialysis before having a kidney transplant.

We were touched by Maddie's story and we would like to offer financial help to Maddie's family. We will be hosting fundraising dinners over the next four weeks.

Fundraising Dinner Evening Dates:

Thursday 26th August

Friday 27th August

Thursday 2nd September

Friday 3rd September

Thursday 9th September

Friday 10th September

Thursday 16th September

Friday 17th September

Bookings Essential. Ph 379-5118

2 course dinner - \$35 per head plus drinks - fully licensed bar available.

Book a table for your group of family, friends and colleagues.

Embracing Style - A Fresh New Look

Thursday 9 September, St Michaels School Hall, cnr Durham & Lichfield Sts.

Join the Inner Wheel Club of Otautahi-Canterbury to explore the art of dressing every body shape. Learn some new style tips from a great line up of style, undergarment and accessory professionals.

Tickets \$25, available from Jo ph. 357-1023, text Sue 027-688-1945 or email

peter.suejones@paradise.net.nz

Drinks & nibbles from 6.45pm.

Enjoy all this while raising funds for Pregnancy Help Christchurch.

p.s. bring some spending money for raffles and all the fabulous style items on offer.

AquaGym

459 Cashel St, Ph 381-0299

email info@aquagym.co.nz

Learn to swim and coaching. Book now for September holidays and term 4.

Summer Football

The Southwest Football Foundation Trust in conjunction with Halswell United AFC and the Canterbury Down Syndrome Association will be commencing summer football for children with special needs of primary, intermediate and high school age and their families.

This is designed to be fun and where younger children can play football.

Where: Halswell Domain on Halswell Rd

(entrance by the Halswell swimming pool)

Commencing: Monday 1 November and each

Monday for a 6 week period prior to

Christmas. A further 6 week period of games will begin on 24 January 2011

Time: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Fees: FREE

To register contact Kaye Young on 329-6187 or kaye.swfft@xtra.co.nz

Patricia Paul School Of Dance

Ballet RAD from 3yrs, Jazz NZAMD, Hip Hop & Tap

Classes in Fendalton, Beckenham, City Central & Queenspark.

Ph 372-9191 for further information or to book.

Competitive Aerobics Workshop

Saturday 11 September, 12noon - 1.30pm
Fendalton Community Centre Hall, 170 Clyde Rd

Cost - \$10 per person.

Ages 8 years and up

High flyers aerobics club is holding an aerobics workshop for beginners aged 8 years and up.

The workshop will give a basic introduction to competitive aerobics. So come along and learn about this extreme sport. Learn the secrets to getting strong and flexible. Fun is guaranteed and we will have special guests performing their routines for you.

Contact Megan 027-290-7238 or email highflyersaerobics@yahoo.co.nz if you have any questions, otherwise just turn up on the day.

Drum, Dance & Marimba Extravaganza

25 September, 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Caledonian Hall, 135 Kilmore St

Adults \$10, School Children \$5, Under 5's free

To book your ticket please call 379-4222 or 027-273-8815 or email

events@canterburybusiness.org.nz

\$1 from each ticket sold goes towards Camp Joshua Childrens Home, Tanzania

North East Secondary Education

The North East Secondary Education (NESE) Committee Inc is working hard to achieve a local high school for our community. They are making steady progress.

A newsletter has been sent to our database this week. If you would like to receive NESE's

newsletter or if your email address has changed email nese.newsletter@gmail.com.

Further information and newsletters are available online at www.nese.org.nz

Burwood Park Tennis Club

Cresswell Ave, Burwood,

Junior Tennis - interclub and non-competitive
Saturday coaching - contact Viv Montgomerie
Ph 385-8844 or 027-211-7714

Senior Tennis - interclub and social - contact
Graham Clayworth ph 383-2398 or 027-583-7490

Midweek - interclub and social - contact Sally Walker ph 385-8844.

Professional Club coach - Andrew Falck, ph 021-0232-0143.

Also us about Easi-tennis and Mini-tennis. All levels of tennis catered for.

North Beach Tennis Club

34 Palmers Rd

Holiday Coaching Clinics

Mon 27th - Thurs 30th October

1.00pm - 2.30pm - 8-10yrs - Cost \$30

2.00pm - 4.00pm - 11-16yrs. - Cost \$40

Enrolment is advisable and a \$15 deposit will be required to secure a place.

Phone Ruth on 388-0682 or Ethna on 981-5491

For other school holiday coaching clinics, individual or group lessons contact the resident pro, Geoff Smith, on 027-415-1599

Tennis - Holiday Coaching Clinics

Conducted by professional coach Geoff Smith. "Coaching with an emphasis on learning made fun"

Mon 4 - Weds 6 October

North Beach Tennis Club

38 Palmers Rd

1.00pm-3.00pm - 6-10yrs

3.00pm-5.00pm - 11-16yrs

Cost \$35.00 per person, plus \$5 for non-club members court fees)

Enrolments forms are available from the school office.

All enquiries to Geoff on 385-6665 evenings.

Parklands United Sports Club

Junior Cricket Registrations

Sat 4th & Sun 5th September, at the clubrooms
(opposite Subway on Queenspark Dve)
Times - 11.00am - 2.00pm
Contact Glen Cawood (cricket convenor) on
383-2325 or 027-432-3867.

School Holiday Golf Programme

This new and exciting Kids School Holiday Programme is running at a club near you. Join us for lots of fun. We are offering three different sessions so there is something for everyone. For coaching venues and times check out details on our website www.canterburygolf.co.nz, contact Rachel on 359 4000 or pop into the school office to pick up a brochure.

Beyond The Camera

10-13 year olds - Make a Live TV Show in ONE Day!!

Beyond The Camera Beginners is an introductory 1 day course on Sunday 19th September for 10-13year olds who love to act, sing, dance, play an instrument. It is aimed at young people who want to learn how to operate a real television studio. The students on the course will both perform in front of the camera and drive the studio and all the elements beyond the camera. The course is held at St Andrews College in Christchurch. For further information, please email btcfanc@yahoo.com, or contact Franc Bol on 021 666921. Alternatively you can call the media dept at St. Andrews College - 940 2065. www.beyondthecamera.org.nz

Bubbledome

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Toy Story are made? Learn the latest in 3D animation and games design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop these school holidays. For students aged 6 to 16 years.

Ph 0800-438-282, email
info@bubbledome.co.nz or visit
www.bubbledome.co.nz