



Important Notes /Dates

Term Dates remaining 2017:

Term 2 – Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July

Term 3 – Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

Term 4 – Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

Public Holidays remaining:

Monday 5 June - Queens Birthday

Monday 16 October – Labour Day

Friday 17 November – Canterbury Anniversary Day

Teacher Only Day:

*** New date in Term 4 to be advised ***

What's coming up:

June:

Friday 2 June – Rahwiti Sport begins

Tuesday 6 June – Teacher Only Day – School closed for instruction

Monday 12 June – Canterbury Gym Competition

Tuesday 13 June – ICAS Writing Exam – 11am hall foyer

Wednesday 14 June – ICAS Spelling Exam – 11am hall foyer

Friday 16 June – LEAP – 3-4pm school hall

Tuesday 20 June – Junior Mini Concert 11am school hall

Tuesday 20 June – Canterbury Cross Country

Thursday 22 June – 2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2-3.30pm Hall Foyer

Friday 30 June – QPS DISCO!!

July:

Tuesday 4 July – Senior Mini Concert 11am school hall (note change of date from the 27th June).

Thursday 6 July – House Competition – Remember House T Shirts

Friday 7 July – Last day Term 2

Monday 24 July – First day Term 1

A note from the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Safety to and from school

The recent incident reported to the Police, once again reminds us of the importance of clear child safety routines when walking to and from school. We are reminding our children frequently about this. The Police have advised us the importance of children travelling in exactly the same route each day when walking from school, leaving school promptly, and the importance of being aware of potential safe places that are located along the way. eg. A friends house, local shop etc. The Police inquiry is ongoing and there is no conclusive outcome as yet. We are having regular contact with the Police and the family concerned. Remember students may call home (from the office) if plans change after school. If students are late to school please remember they **MUST** come to the office to check in. This is a safety procedure that is very important.

A good idea is to have a family password that the children would ask about should they be approached on the pretext that the person is known to the family. Check out the following website from the Parenting Place:

<http://www.theparentingplace.com/johns-corner/walking-to-school/>

Concerns Policy

We encourage regular and open dialogue. No problem is ever too big that it can't be resolved. In fact we encourage you to come and talk to your child's teacher early in the piece while the problem is small and at its early stages. We remind you that our policy for expressing a concern is to go to the teacher first. If it can't be resolved at this level we ask that you contact the Team Leader, DP and myself in that order so as to achieve resolution.

We have noticed recently that some parents have taken to a public social media forum to talk about school issues they are trying to resolve. Some of the comments have been negative, damming of others and bordering on bullying behaviour. We have to ask; is this really the best place to sort issues and what sort of role modelling is this providing for our children? Also spare a thought for the person /s on the receiving end. I have seen some very hurt people " first hand " lately who have been unfairly publically maligned. This sort of behaviour is simply unacceptable. We understand that the original purpose of this forum was for parents to support each other and share school news which is great when things are positive. However no one asked permission of the school for our school name to be used in this way. You can understand the public relations implications of this for our school in the digital world that we all live in. We are seeking legal advice on this and will be discussing this issue at this week's BOT meeting. We teach our children to be " face to face " when sorting out conflict. We need to set the example here.

Cross Country:

Well done to all students who competed in the recent Cross Country! It was great to see everyone giving their best. Congratulations to those children selected to compete at the Zones & the Canterbury's. Well done.

Tuesday 25 July – Pre ICAS English Exam 11am hall foyer

Tuesday 25 July – YR1 Swimming begins

Thursday 27 July – YR2 Swimming begins

August:

Tuesday 1 August – Zone Winter Sport Tournament (details tbc) (PP Date 8 August)

Tuesday 1 August – ICAS English Exam 11am hall foyer

Wednesday 2 August – Strum, Strike, Blow Festival

Tuesday 8 August – Pre ICAS Maths Exam 11am hall foyer

Wednesday 9 August – QPS Open Day – Come along at any time to any class and see what we are up to

Monday 14 August – Life Education begins

Monday 14 August – Cultural Festival begins

Tuesday 15 August – ICAS Maths Exam 11am hall foyer

Thursday 23 August – Cantamaths 4-7pm

Friday 24 August – Canterbury Winter Tournament (times TBC)

September:

Friday 8 September – LEAP – 3-4pm school hall

Thursday 13 September – Senior Choir area rehearsal 8.30am-12pm – Shirley Boys High School

Thursday 14 September – 2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2-3.30pm Hall Foyer

Wednesday 20 September – Kids for Kids Junior Choir (Horncastle Arena) 8.30am – 1pm

Thursday 21 September – House Competition – Remember House T Shirts

Thursday 28 September – QPS Showcase 6pm school hall

Friday 29 September – Last day Term 3

October:

Monday 16 October – First day Term 4

Tuesday 24 October – Nest Class Beach visit

Wednesday 25 October – Rm 7 Beach visit

Thursday 26 October – Senior Athletic Day 9.30am – 3pm (PP Date 2 November)

Teacher Only Day – Postponed:

A notice went home last week about the postponement of our Teacher Only Day. The reason we have postponed this day is because we were scheduled to be meeting with our appointed architect to discuss the upcoming school rebuild. There has been a change in the property schedule from the Ministry and there has been a delay in appointing the architect.

We will reschedule this day later in term 4 and will advise you as soon as this date has been set. Mash have been advised of this change as they were due to open on this day.

Rawhiti Sport – Year 5-8:

This sports programme starts this afternoon for our YR5-8 students. Please encourage your children to bring their correct sports gear every Friday. Talk to them about packing this in their bags the night before to avoid forgetting it on sports day. If there are any parents who are available to help assist us over these afternoons, please contact the office or email our Sports Coordinator Mark Harris (mharris@queenspark.school.nz). Thank you.

Link for all weekly draws:

www.eastercommunity.co.nz/programme/rcsi-sport-cluster/

Dogs on school grounds:

A reminder to please leave dogs well clear from inside school grounds. There are spaces at the front to tie them if you need to but they are not to be brought in to the school at anytime. Thank you for your assistance here.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Ross Willocks

Principal 😊

Pure Sushi has arrived at Queenspark School!

Orders are via 'Lunch on Line'. Your Sushi will be delivered to school on a Wednesday just in time for lunch! (Arrives early for the seniors before going to technology also).



pure
sushi

Wednesday
Sushi day at
Queenspark School
Order through
www.lunchonline.co.nz

**Healthy, authentic and
delicious Brain food!!!**

Senshi Shizoku - Kids Self Defence

1hr free workshop

Teaching our children the basic skills to keep safe:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/136127070270855/>

A local karate club in Parklands is providing the next generation of kids the tools to succeed through building confidence, co-ordination, focus, discipline and courtesy. All while having a lot of fun and learning to self defence tools. Come and see why our students are smiling and having fun while learning essential life skills.

Try a FREE class for children 5 years+, teens and adults. Beginner classes are Mondays or Wednesdays at 4.30pm for kids and Adults at 6.30pm.

www.karate4kids.co.nz

For further information or to book your FREE class please contact Chris on 021 823 857 or email senshishizoku@gmail.com

Friday 27 October – QPS Open Day – Come along at any time to any class and see what we are up to

Friday 27 October – YR6 Cycle Safety begins

November:

Wednesday 1 November – Rm13 visit the beach

Thursday 2 November – Rm8 visit the beach

Friday 3 November – Rm12 visit the beach

Friday 10 November – YR0-3 Athletics Day 10.30am-12.30pm
(PP Date: 16 November)

Wednesday 15 November – Zone Athletics Day 9am – 3pm
(PP Date: 20 November)

Tuesday 21 November – Junior Mini Concert 11am school hall

Friday 24 November – School Twilight Fair 5-8pm

Friday 24 November – LEAP (Performing at the Fair)

Tuesday 28 November – Senior Concert 11am school hall

Wednesday 29 November – YR1 Wheels Day 11.30am – 12.30pm

December:

Friday 1 December – LEAP 3-4pm school hall

Tuesday 5 December – YR1 Parent Assembly 9.15am

Wednesday 6 December – Canterbury Athletics

Friday 15 December – Last day Term 4 – All classes released at 12.30pm

2nd Hand Uniform Sale:

We would like some helpers for the uniform sale on Thurs 22 June please.

One hour in the morning (8.30-9.30) and 2-4pm in the afternoon.

Can you please leave your name at the office or contact Philippa 0211525205

Head Lice:

4% dimethicone lotion: a subsidised treatment for head lice

From 1 May, 2017, 4% dimethicone lotion can be prescribed fully subsidised for the treatment of head lice, which adds another treatment option to the currently subsidised 0.5% phenothrin shampoo. Lice are unlikely to develop resistance to dimethicone lotion as it is not an insecticide and instead kills lice by suffocation. Your child may go to the doctor and get a prescription, which is fully funded.

Parking / Driveways

A reminder please to not to park over any driveway. Please keep well clear of private driveways when dropping off or picking up your children. We teach our students to remember the 3 R's so we need to be leading by example. Please be courteous of other people's properties.

Soul Spa:

Relaxation Massage - Super Introductory June Special for Parents of Queenspark School

Escape the winter chills and enjoy your next 60 minute Relaxation Massage for \$69 instead of the usual price of \$80 or enjoy a 75 minute Relaxation Massage for \$79 usually \$95!

Details:

- Must be purchased by 5pm June 10th to grab this deal
- You will have 2 Months to use your Massage Voucher
- You can purchase One massage for yourself and one for a gift at this special price!
- Payment made to The Soul Spa 03 1599 0102330 00

Relaxation Massage - all massages include heated cosy massage table, Aromatherapy Essential Oils to nourish body and mind, steaming hot towels, soothing relaxation music and candles for deep relaxation. Relaxation massage is a wonderful way to lower stress and anxiety, a massage can help to release muscle tension, improve circulation, digestion and sleep patterns leaving you feeling refreshed and recharged.

Any queries please contact me anytime on 021 275 9612 or check out my website www.thesoulspa.co.nz.

Maths Tip of the week:



Anxiety in Maths

Please have a look at this link to learn more about how to overcome anxiety with Maths:

<https://youtu.be/7snnRaC4t5c>



COFFEE VICE

Amy and her team are visiting QP School every Monday, Wednesday & Friday morning. If you would like a nice hot drink to warm you up on these chilly mornings please look out for the van at the front of school. \$4.50 small \$5 large.

PTA NEWS:

Let's get ready for the **FAIR OF THE YEAR !!!**

Friday 24 November 5-8pm

Families... if you are having a spring clean over the next few Months, the school fair committee would appreciate the following items:

- good quality children's clothing
- items to be sold in the white elephant (**NO electrical items**)
- books
- plants or start seedlings growing
- plastic bags

We will advise dates and drop off areas at the beginning of the third term.

Please DO NOT bring in any items until we advise later next term.

If you are able to help with the organisation of the fair, please leave your details at the office or email admin@queenspark.school.nz



Latest Sausage Sizzle Money Raised was:

The amount from the latest sausage sizzle held after the Junior Cross Country was.....**\$1100 !!**

The proceeds will be used by the PTA for costs associated with the twilight fair in November 2017.

A big thank you to Clare King, Philippa Cope & their team of helpers for all their hard work and to you all for your continued support!

