



# NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME

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*We welcome all children and families to our school and hope you will have a happy and enjoyable time with us.*

## CHRISTCHURCH FUNDRAISING

We were very pleased with the amount that was raised by the school. The Coin trail raised \$1920, the Year 7/8 Sports morning raised \$855, the staff "Treasures" auction a further \$825, and the staff "Slavedrive" raised \$1400, making a total of \$5000 which was donated to the Christchurch Mayoral Fund. This fund was selected as the money goes to the citizens of Christchurch. Any families wishing to enrol children with us may do so. Please contact the office on 2639060 to discuss. To assist these families we are providing transferring students from Christchurch with free uniform and stationery. *Thank you to everyone who helped us to support others in need.*

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who attended their child's conference. It was an excellent turnout and a super opportunity to meet your child's teacher and set learning goals for the year.

Remember, the school has an open door policy and parents are welcome to contact the school at any stage to discuss their child's progress.

## BOTANICAL GARDENS TRIP

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, some of the children from Endeavour Pod went to the Botanical Gardens.

The first activity we did was rock painting. This was a fun activity. The learning part came next. We went with our hostess to a number of stations to learn about the damaging effect of pollution on our environment. When I saw all the things that people dump in our waterways, I realized how harmful they could be for the plants and animals. We also found out about plants and how important they are to the creatures who live in our streams and rivers and how different plants like different water levels. One interesting fact: ***Did you know... bread is actually poisonous for ducks and can paralyse them over time. We should be feeding them seeds and grains.***

One final thought: Whatever goes down the drain goes into our streams, rivers and oceans. Are YOU doing the right thing for our environment?

*Written by Alan Shaker*



## ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIP

The Ministry of Education is again running the Aspire Scholarship for current Year 8 students. The scholarship is for Year 9 placements at High schools for 2012. Mr Toomer, Deputy Principal of the Senior school and I will be available to discuss this with interested families on Parent Interview night, and by appointment on 2639060.

## PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

We are anticipating work commencing on the Performing Arts Centre at the beginning of Term 2. The centre is being extended and a second storey added to provide seating upstairs. We will keep you updated with progress. Please be aware children will need to wear footwear during construction times as a safety precaution.

## EASTER RAFFLE

A reminder that the Parents Group are fundraising with an Easter Raffle. The raffle will have several prizes and will be drawn on Wednesday 13 April.

**Tickets are available every morning by the PAC from 8am-9am.**



## OUT OF ZONE BALLOT

Please be aware we have advertised another ballot for Out of Zone students. Places are available for students in Years 1-6.

**Applications close on Monday 11 April 2011.**

Parents will then be notified by 18 April as to whether they were successful or not. Should you require more information please contact the office on 2639060.

**1 April 2011**

**WELCOME**

Christchurch Fundraising

Parent Teacher Conferences

Botanical Gardens

Aspire Scholarships

Performing Arts Centre

Out of Zone Ballot

Easter Raffle

Firewise

Clean Hands

Cricket

Life Education

Winter Uniform

School Leave Form

## FORTHCOMING



<b>3 April</b>	Daylight saving finishes
<b>7 April</b>	Numeracy evening for Parents
<b>13 April</b>	BoT Meeting 7pm
<b>15 April</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>
<b>22-25 April</b>	Easter & Anzac Day (in holiday time)
<b>2 May</b>	<b>TERM 2 STARTS</b>

## A FIREWISE VISIT

On Monday 15 March Apollo, Discovery and Voyager were visited by two fire teams from the Papatōetoe



“Brown Watch”. We practiced routines for escaping a burning building. We now all know to:

**Get down, Get low, and Get out - FAST!**

In case of a fire. Both teams were impressed by our “Firewise” knowledge. **Well done everyone!**

## CLEAN HANDS

Thank you to the team from Initial Hygiene who visited Discovery pod on Monday. Together we learnt that washing hands for 20 seconds and then drying them for 20 seconds more makes us “clean hand stars”. We sang songs, watched videos and practiced being **CLEAN HAND STARS**.



## CRICKET

On Wednesday, 16 March a boys’ and a girls’ team participated in a tournament at Ngati Otara Park organised by Primary Sport and Auckland Cricket. The competition was very close with most games being won or lost by 2-3 runs. Our girls team came 5th overall. Excellent behaviour and sportsmanship by all of our students made us winners on the day. A big thank you to all the parent supporters who came along to cheer us on.



*Pictured above: Ivor Chen from E2 bowling for the Y6 boys. Below: Year 6 girls cricket team photo*

## LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

We have been very fortunate to have Ariana, “Harold” and the Life Education Truck with us for the last two weeks. They will be here for one more week teaching our students about healthy living, wise food choices and looking after ourselves. Each class is getting two sessions with the Life Education team and this learning opportunity is

being followed up with lots of classroom activities.



## WINTER UNIFORM

Winter uniform is now available in the office. Please ensure your child’s clothing is clearly labeled to avoid items being mislaid.

Lost property is stored in Discovery Pod for your child to check if items go missing. Please note children are allowed to wear their own raincoat on wet days.

All uniform can be purchased from the school office.

- Trackpants** \$25
- Polar Fleece** \$35
- Intermediate Jacket** \$80

## APPOINTMENTS FOR STUDENTS

We have recently implemented a new “school leave slip” for children who are leaving school grounds for an appointment during the school day. We would like to remind parents and caregivers that according to the Ministry of Education, students should only be absent during the school day for a doctors or dentist appointment and should produce the appropriate paperwork if approached by a truancy officer while out. Both the Ministry of Education, the Otara Truancy agency and the Police are behind stricter policies regarding children out of school. It is also school policy that all children are signed out through the office by an identified family member over the age of 18 years. This is to ensure the safety of the student. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

<b>SCHOOL LEAVE SLIP</b>		<b>REDOUBT NORTH</b> PRIMARY SCHOOL 47 Diorella Drive, Clover Park Auckland 2023
Name: .....		Phone <b>09 263 9060</b>
<i>Has permission to be out of school</i>		
Purpose: .....	Time Out: .....	Time of Return: .....
Signed: .....	Date: .....	
	<b>ON YOUR RETURN YOU MUST REPORT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE</b>	

TERM DATES 2011	Term 1 1 Feb—15 April	Term 2 2 May—15 July	Term 3 1 Aug—7 October	Term 4 25 Oct -15 Dec
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**J MILNER - Principal**