

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Welcome to Coel Hogan, Byron Nugent, Remedy Simeki, Kaya Anapa, Melody Hingston, Iamanu Tagatanuu, George Lopeti, Eida Afungia, Lyric Asiata, Sharlene Muru-Tucker, Harlemalee Toa, Upasna Kumar, Alan Zhang, Navdeep Kaur, Zachariah Levu, Aushin Warren, Lupe Malafu, Ceanna Aurelio, Avishay Prasad, Betty Zhang, Gideon Faofua, Brandon Tupu Tuia, and Andrey Kaufasi.

We welcome all new children and families to our school and hope you will have a happy and enjoyable time with us. We would also like to welcome to our teaching staff Miss Juliana Teh and Miss Anna Seaton. We are very fortunate to have them join us this term.

23 October 2007

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POD STUDIES

We have a very busy term planned for everyone these next few months. The Pods will be studying the following areas:

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| A <i>Keeping Clean and Healthy/The Farm</i> | D <i>Roar, Hiss, Squeak—an Animal study</i> |
| V <i>Traditional Tales / The Farm</i> | X <i>“Walking like an Egyptian”</i> |
| C <i>“Walking like an Egyptian”</i> | E <i>Rugby World Cup / Literature studies</i> |
| N <i>Kiwi Ingenuity</i> | |

If you are able to assist or have any resources we can access, we would really appreciate hearing from you. It is great to have your involvement. Our highlights this term will be a visit from Old McDonald’s Farm, At the Oscars (Movie evening), Christmas in the Playground and two Prizegivings. We have an action-packed term.



KITTENS IN DISCOVERY POD

Matlyn Miller was more than happy to share the new additions to her family - 4 beautiful, 12 day old kittens! Discovery pod are studying the different groups of animals and what characteristics identify them.



EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

This term we welcome the Education Review Office in to school for the week commencing October 29th. The Review Officers will be with us during the week looking at different aspects of our school performance. They will then report back to the Board of Trustees with the report ultimately becoming available for public information later on this year. All schools are reviewed on a cyclic basis and reports can be viewed on the website www.ero.govt.nz. Check out our last one in December 2004. We hope to exceed the super report we previously received.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that everyone should be moving into **summer uniform** and wearing shorts instead of trackpants. The classrooms become very warm during the day and children soon get overheated and unwell. All children are required to wear a school sunhat at playtimes and lunchtimes as part of our health policy. Please check your child’s hat is clearly named. Sunhats can be purchased from the office for \$10.00.

NEW CLASSROOM BLOCK

At last the Ministry has approved the funding for the new Intermediate block. Discussion and plans are under way with Architects and Builders. The Board has committed further school funds to create a state of the art building with a technology suite, glass atrium/gallery and latest computer information. We have an exciting time ahead.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 24	Portrait Photos/Board of Trustees Meeting 7 pm
Oct 25	Rubella Injections (Y7’s) / Old McDonald’s Farm
Oct 29-Nov 2	Education Review Office visitors
Nov 8	At the Oscars—6.30 pm
Nov 30	Reports home
Dec 6	Xmas in the Playground— 6.30 pm
Dec 13	Prize Giving for Junior School—2 pm
Dec 14	Prize Giving—Middle/Senior School—2pm



RUGBY LEAGUE AUCKLAND MAORI TEAM

Two of our students, Erin Clark and Quillan Pritchard Malaki have been selected as



representatives for the Auckland Maori Under 10yrs 2007 Rugby League team. Our congratulations go to these two boys.

Well done!

PARENT INTERVIEWS

What a great turnout of parents - 526 families were involved in reviewing their child's work and the setting of goals for the rest of the year. We anticipate some great end of year achievement results.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

A latest document on Pacific Education by the Ministry quotes that only 14% of schools are recognising and catering for Pacific Island children. We are therefore, delighted to report to you that those children completing all their schooling at Redoubt North not only reach their chronological reading age but some surpass it by as much as 4 years. This means some of our Y6 students last year were reading at a 14 year old level! Fantastic news—overall our data at the Y6 level shows that 100% of our Maori children are reading on or above their age and that 97% of Pacific Island also are achieving at this rate. We are currently compiling this year's end of year data and will update you when it has been completed. It is interesting to note that our high achievers are students who have completed all their school at Redoubt North. Next year we shall not only be applying for Y7 school scholarships but also Year 9.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On Friday October 26 it is "World Teachers Day". On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to acknowledge and thank all our wonderful teachers and support staff who are dedicated and committed in not only educating our children, but caring for them. I am sure you will join me in saying a big "thank you" on Friday.



C ZIEGLER Board Chair

J MILNER - Principal

KBB MUSIC

KBB Music organise musical instruction lessons in school and would be interested in hearing from anyone wishing to learn an instrument. We currently have 25 students who have lessons playing keyboard, guitar, drums, saxophone, trumpet, trombone etc. The students perform in the school band and at assemblies. They will be doing a series of mini lunchtime concerts during this term on the Library deck for the children. If you are interested in your child participating please contact Damon or Barbara from KBB Music on (09) 623 8028 or 0800 775 226 extension 208. An information sheet is also available from the office.



Jason the Music Teacher, leading the band at practice

TECHNICS

The students of Enterprise have been creating their own Lego masterpieces. The Batmobile and the helicopter can be broken down into hundreds of Lego pieces. They are even motorized and fire their own Lego missiles.



David Tomlinson and Brittany Kaukasi proudly showing off their finished helicopter.

Vincent Chan, Richard Hann and Ashley Westerlund with their Batmobile"



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