



Newmarket School News 12 December, 2011

From these roots will strong trees grow

Tena koutou katoa Dear Parents and Caregivers



As this is our last newsletter of 2011, on behalf of the staff I would like to say thank you to all of our parents for your friendship, support and encouragement for our school throughout 2011. It has been a fast paced year with an amazing amount achieved. Together we really do make a huge difference for each and every one of our students. Thank you.



2012 Classes

On Wednesday students will meet their new teachers for 2012. Organisation of our classes this year was a little challenging as we have a large bulge of Year 5s moving into the senior block, Room 7 out of action for refurbishment, and several teachers moving rooms. The proposed organisation for 2012 rooms is as follows:

Room 2	Mrs Kaa	Y0/1	Room 3	Mrs Irshad	Y1
Room 4	Mrs Morriss	Y1/2	Room 5	Miss Mann	Y2/3
Room 6	Miss Walden	Y3/4	Room 8	Miss Gardner	Y4/5
Room 9	Miss Geddes	Y4/5	Room 10	Miss Penno	Y5/6
Room 11	Mr Jamieson	Y5/6			

While it is still not 100% confirmed, it is very likely that we will 'loan' Mrs Sutherland to the University of Auckland's teacher education 'literacy' programme in 2012. Mrs Sutherland is keen to study for her Masters of Education and will spend part of her week as a 'student', part as a lecturer. We wish Nola well in her studies, and in teaching 'bigger' students at the University in 2012.

Eileen Dixon and Virginia Kung will use their wonderful skills in supporting students learning needs, in extension programmes, and in school leadership. Sonya Van Schaijik continues to support ICT and ESOL.

Farewells

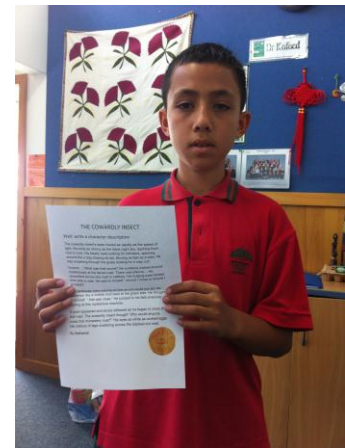
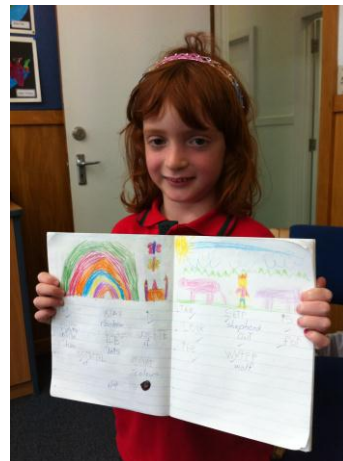
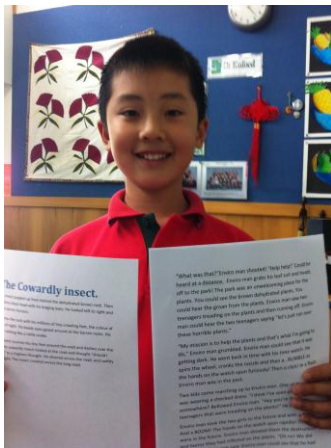
We farewell Mrs Rowe who has worked in Room 2 for several terms and who has done all-sorts for us over the last three years. We thank her most sincerely for her efforts with running our library and for her work in the arts, with some of her students' art work in the James Wallace Art Collection.



We also farewell Mengmeng Song who is heading back to China after her year as a Mandarin Language Assistant. Thank you Mengmeng for sharing your knowledge of Chinese language and culture with students and teachers. The students of Room 7 made a fabulous book that details Mengmengs work this year.

Principals Awards

My goodness, students are still hard at work right up to the last week, and don't you love the proud smiles. I have seen some fabulous work this week and I congratulate all of our many hard working students in 2012.



Year 6 Assembly and Prize-Giving

Thank you to the senior teachers for organising a fabulous Year 6 assembly. It was very special having Casey Williams, the Captain of the Silver Ferns, speak at our assembly and present the sports cups. Thank you to Richard Last and Eileen for organising this treat.

The Big Day In

Each year the Big Day In gets more exciting. We had a great group of senior students, past students, and parents support this year's very successful and fun morning of sports and games. Congratulations to Green Team for winning the competition.





Thank-you from the PSG

A big thank-you to all the Families and Staff who supported the PSG this year in so many ways. Through your commitment the PSG was able to easily raise the \$10000 that we pledge to the school each year. Along with this loads of FUN was raised too (especially at the Big Day In).

So ... thank-you and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Parent Support Group (PSG).

Flippa Ball Term 1 2012

We are going to be entering a year 6 Flippa Ball team in this competition next year.

If there is enough interest from Year 4 and 5 children we will enter a team in that grade too. We will require one or two parents to manage the Y4-5 team. Please email Libby on jules.libby@clear.net.nz if your child is interested in playing Flippa Ball in 2012.

Christmas in the Park Parking - A Big Thank you!

Thank you to all the children and parents Chengming, Jeff, Tim, Kevin, Jane & Richard for their valued time in helping out with Christmas in the Park car parking – \$1,060 was raised for the PSG. All funds raised goes towards the purchase of various extra equipment and facilities for the children of the school. A big thank you to Nic Rabjohns for co-ordinating this event.

The Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now closed. It will open the week before school starts 9am – 3pm on Wednesday the 25th January and Thursday 26th January. Normal hours resume on Tuesday 31st January.

School Early Closing – 15th December

Can we please have a prompt collection of children at 12 noon this Thursday. Any students not collected will be sent to the Parnell Trust Out of School Care Programme in the school hall, 6 Seccombes Road. There will be no lunch orders on Thursday.

Leavers

We wish all of the children and their families who are leaving our school community the very best for the future.

Have a very safe and happy holiday and we will see everyone back on Tuesday 31 January.



With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wendy Kofoed'.

Wendy Kofoed
Principal

Community Notices



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