



## Big Day In – 9<sup>th</sup> December this Friday

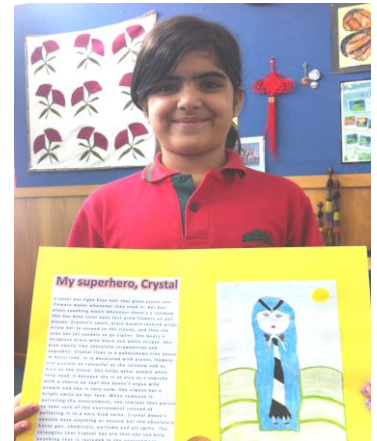
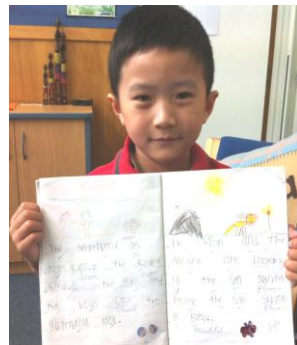
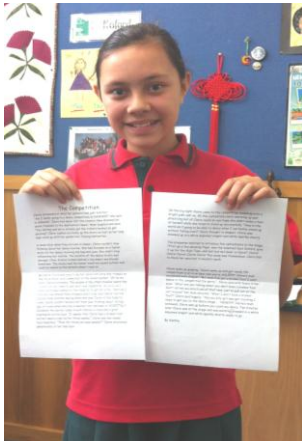
The Big Day In is an annual fun sports morning. It is organised by parents and students and lots of helpers are needed on the day. It starts at 9.15am and is on the school field. **Please park in 277 or on local roads as we need to use the court/parking area for games.**



**Children get wet and dirty** when participating in the Big Day In activities. We recommend old clothes, a towel and a lot of sunblock. Please ensure children have a hat.

## Principals Awards

Some great writing from our New Entrants and from our seniors this week.



### The Competition

Claire screamed at what her parents had just told her.

"Am I really going to a dance competition in HAWAII!!" she said in disbelief. Claire had never left the country New Zealand let alone traveled to the destination Hawaii. Mum laughed and said "Yes darling and we've already got the tickets booked so get packing!" Claire rushed excitedly up the stairs as fast as her long legs could go with her golden hair flowing behind her.

A week later when they arrived in Hawaii, Claire couldn't stop thinking about her dance routine. She had focused on a fusion style for her dance involving hip hop and jazz. She didn't stop rehearsing her routine. The location of the dance studio was amongst other studios hidden behind a big empty warehouse downtown. The studio had the latest invention sound system and could be heard on the streets when it was on.

But while Claire was practicing her dance non-stop she tripped on the thick black cord connected to the sound system. "Oh no my foot!" Claire screamed. The people in the other studios heard the commotion and came to see what was happening. As quick as a flash Claire was rushed to the hospital to get an x-ray. "Darling I told you, you should have stopped practicing your dance routine." Claire's mum started saying when she saw Claire in the hospital room. Claire couldn't believe her mum was thinking about telling her off even when she had a swollen foot and was in HOSPITAL!!! Suddenly the doctor came in with Claire's x-rays and a grim expression on his face. "It seems that Claire has a broken foot and will need a cast on for three weeks." Claire and her mum's face blanched. "Thre-thr-three wee-wee-weeks?!" Claire stuttered unbelievably at her bad luck.

On the big night Claire came to the competition waddling with a bright pink cast on. All the contestants were warming up and practicing but all Claire could do was hope she didn't make a fool of herself while she tried to stand up successfully. "How in the world am I going to be able to dance when I can barely stand up without falling over?" Claire thought in despair. Claire was dressed up in a white sequined singlet and white sparkly shorts.

The presenter started to introduce the contestants to the stage. "First up is the amazing Pippa, now the talented Soul Sisters, give it up for the High Tops, and last but not least is Claire!" Claire! Claire! Claire! Claire! Claire! The noise was tremendous. Claire had to block her ears but it wouldn't work.

Claire woke up gasping. "Claire wake up and get ready the competition is on in an hour and you're ASLEEP!!" Claire's mum exclaimed with disgust. "But mum I've got a broken foot I can't dance in the competition I'm sorry." Claire said with tears in her eyes. "What are you talking about you don't have a broken foot. Don't tell me you practiced all that time just to pull out at the last minute!" her mum shouted. "What, I don't have a broken foot?" Claire said happily. "Yes you silly girl now get cracking I need to get you to the dance stage. . . NOW!!!!!!" Claire's mum bellowed. Claire was up before you could say dance. Ten minutes later Claire was at the stage and was warming up dressed in a white sequined singlet and white sparkly shorts ready to go. . . .

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## Rainbows End

Our senior monitors enjoyed a day at Rainbows End last Wednesday. Teachers and parents reported that children had a great day out and were very well behaved. We thank all of our 2011 monitors for their extra work and responsibilities around the school this year.

**We had an interesting visitor at school this week!**

## Mufti Days 12-15<sup>th</sup> December

Our senior students are organising a mufti week during our last week at school. The cost is \$1 per day and the seniors will use this money to develop a special garden they are opening in the school grounds.



## PSG News

A big thank you from the PSG to all the families who helped out at the car boot sale, made slice and delicious cupcakes, cooked sausages, set up a car boot stall or came to buy. We all had a great morning and made nearly \$500 for the school. Most of all we had fun. Look out for a return of the car boot sale early next year.

## Term 4 Donation Reminder

A gentle reminder to any parents that may have forgotten to pay their Term 4 donations. The office is always very pleased to accept these donations. Our students thank you most sincerely for paying the donation as it provides them with wonderful resources.

## The Uke Group

Our Uke Group had an awesome day the weekend before last at the Ukulele Festival. They played magnificently in the huge Kiwileles Band in the Waitakere Stadium, with over 2000 other students, to a massive crowd. And we were so proud of Kathy and Sujata who played in the Uke Orchestra. Mrs Barry and all the mums and dads who went to the festival said that our musicians were all amazing!



## 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](mailto:jules.libby@clear.net.nz) if your child is interested in playing Flippa Ball in 2012.

**Last Day of Term: Newmarket School closes at 12 noon on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Events and Dates For Term, 1 2012

Term 1 2012 is going to be busy, with some exciting events planned. We will need a lot of parent help with several of these events so please put these dates in your diary. Also to help parents with budgeting I have outlined the approximate costs of resources and events likely to be needed for Term 1. We will send out the exact details in the first week term 2012. Senior school music and sports programmes will be charged separately.

- School Starts Tuesday 31 January
- School equipment packs \$100 (Snrs) \$90 (Jnrs)
- School donation (per term) \$100 (\$360 full year)
- Meet the Dragons & Teachers - Early Evening School Picnic Wednesday 8 Feb
- Term One Swimming Programme \$60 for eight sessions at Newmarket Pool  
Seniors (Rms 8, 9, 10, 11) starts 13 February  
Junior (Rms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) starts 5 March
- School Camps  
Rooms 2/3/4/5 16 Feb Camping on the School field (app \$35)  
Room 6 and Year 4 28 Feb/1/2 March Zoo Camps (app \$60)  
Year 5/6 26/27/28 March Chosen Valley Camp (app \$120)
- End of Term 1 5th April

### You're their lifeguard - Keep your Child safe at the pool this summer!



Over the Summer School holidays many families will be enjoying all the fun and excitement local swimming pools have to offer.

Water Safety NZ and NZ Recreation Association would like to remind families about the Pool Alone policy that public pools in New Zealand are required to adhere to:

**Children under 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or over.**

**Actively supervised means watching your child at all times; Able to provide immediate assistance\***

Lifeguards are an important safety feature, but they are not intended to replace the close supervision of parents or caregivers.

Tragically many drowning deaths occur in the few seconds that parents are distracted. The role of a lifeguard is to ensure people are safe in the water - they are not babysitters.

Remembering this when you take your family for a swim will help our pools to remain safe and fun places for everyone to enjoy.

\*Please note that some pools have a stricter policy than the one above



## Market Day

This year's Market Day run by our year 2/3 and 4s was a great success. Congratulations to our students who raised over \$800. The SPCA is the students' charity of choice.



With kind regards

Wendy Kofoed  
Principal

## Community Notices

### Fine Young Artists pre-Christmas Holiday Workshops

Art Safari – our popular one day drawing program at Auckland Zoo is ideal for children aged 7- 12.

When: Tues 20 or Thurs 22 December, 9.30 – 4pm.

Jewellery Workshop “Get Hippie” – new to Fine Young Artists. This one day jewellery workshop is ideal for girls aged 10 – 14. Create two pendant/ring sets based on the hippie style work of optical illusion artists! Mon 19 or Tues 20 December, 9.30- 4pm at the Gifford Gallery in Mt Eden.

For more information and enrolments phone 631 5358 or visit [www.fineyoungartists.co.nz](http://www.fineyoungartists.co.nz)



### The Adventure Farm Camp Specialists

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 8 – 14 year olds    Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 8 – 14 year olds  
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## School Holiday Programme

### Get set for the School Holidays!

Our programme is packed full of variety including: ‘Glee Club’ dancing and singing four day option, photography, Waiwera hot-pools, puppet making and performance, golf and so much more. Weekdays 5 -23 December and 4-27 January.

### Only days to go – Book early.

Online booking now available through the website

[Unsubscribe from Parnell Trust School Holiday Programme emails](#)

For enrolment enquiries call  
555 5194 or email [pfc@parnell.org.nz](mailto:pfc@parnell.org.nz)  
For details see [www.parnell.org.nz](http://www.parnell.org.nz)

  
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