



## From the Principal

### **Holidays:**

Just a reminder that Thursday the 9th is the last day of term and our school holidays start this coming Good Friday (10<sup>th</sup> April). We commence again on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Staffing:**

At the beginning of term 1 a new teacher, Jennifer Brown, will be joining us as class teacher in R20. Kylie Bedford, the existing teacher will continue to work with the children in a shared-teaching arrangement. We welcome Jennifer to Avonhead School and look forward to our continuing association with Kylie.

### **Swimming Pool:**

We originally advertised the fact that we would close the pool down at the end of this week but as we have had some warm days lately and children and parents are enjoying the warm 28 degrees, we have decided to leave the pool open until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### **You will be able to get the \$10.00 refund for your key if you return it by Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we will not be using the same key for the next swimming season so the key will be of no use to anyone who wants to hold on to their existing key so please make sure you return your key at the end of this season.

If you have already returned your key and you would like to use the pool over the holidays, come in and speak to Hilary Taylor and we will reissue your key for the next two weeks. Sorry, we cannot issue any new keys; we are just extending the season for an extra two weeks.

### **Website:**

We are revamping our website and the new-look website will be up and running in the next couple of days. It is our intention to keep refreshing the site so there will be a lot of new information on a regular basis. We are also going to update a calendar of events on a regular basis so parents can access information more easily. This is in response to some comments in our community consultation process where parents asked for more information of events.

### **Building development update:**

From the start of term 2 we are condensing the library into one room (the new part) so we can use the older part of the library as a classroom for the start of term 3. There will be modifications made to this room so it will look like a 'brand new classroom!!'

The Board is currently interviewing prospective architects so the design and building of our new hall can take place. We are hoping that our new hall will be ready to use at the end of term one next year! Hopefully by the end of term 2 we will have completely refurbished the existing hall and converted it into a stunning new library/ learning centre. The car park will be shifted so that the entrance for children to this new centre will not be through a car park but instead through an attractive courtyard!!

Lots of exciting things happening at Avonhead School. We will give you more details as the projects develop.

Finally, enjoy the holidays with your children. Relax and recharge the batteries for the new term. Lots of exciting things will be happening and the highlights will have to be the Jubilee celebrations over Queen's Birthday Weekend, and the seniors going to Hanmer on their syndicate camp.

Charles Levings  
**Principal**



# The Avonhead Spotlight falls on...

**Jeffrey (Siyu) Chen**, R13 Y6, arrived at Avonhead School in September of last year. He was a beginner in English but he has made great progress in this subject. He has been so keen to learn he has taken responsibility for helping himself by taking home many readers on a regular basis. He has also wanted the worksheets that accompany the readers.  
A **SUPER** effort Jeffrey!

**Easter Raffle..The winners of our fabulous PTA Easter Raffle are**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Bethany Mitchell**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> C Findley**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Emma Sinclair**  
**Congratulations to these people !**



**PTA CORNER**

Thankyou again to all the families for the donations towards the prizes and the efforts of all the people that sold raffle tickets over the last few weeks.

**FUNRUN**

The Y0 to Y4 Cross Country / Fun Run was held last week on the 3rd April. Pineapple Pete came back to Avonhead School to encourage the children with their running. We had a great response for the children who have enthusiastically sought sponsorship for this event. Sponsorship money/ forms must be in by 9am Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be ordered over the holidays and given out early next term.

**Entertainment Books**

Orders have now closed. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser. Books will be given out in early May.

**Riccarton High** dates for prospective students; Information Evening, Tuesday 19 May, 7pm in the Hall. Tours will take place on Thursday 21 May, Monday 25 May, Tuesday 26 May & Thursday 28 May. Ring the Riccarton school office to book a tour or book at the info evening.


Not wishing to put a damper on everyone's Easter fun but...  
**Easter Egg Portion Distortion!!!**  
 Remember.. easter eggs are high in saturated fat & sugar. Even a crème egg has 6½ tsp sugar and 762 calories!

Watch for the events news and photos from the end of Term 1 in the next newsletter!...  
 Sports & Market Days.

## Jubilee

There's now fewer than eight weeks until the jubilee! Registrations are flowing in. Don't forget ... if you register before 1 May you save yourself \$20. To check out programme and price details and to register, visit [www.avonhead.school.nz](http://www.avonhead.school.nz). If you prefer, collect a registration form from the school office.  
 The jubilee committee is meeting every two weeks at the moment but from early May will start meeting every week. Please continue to help us by spreading the word far and wide about the jubilee.

## Caretaker's Corner - Jim's Tips

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dateline!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A date, cream cheese, bacon &amp; banana sandwich on thick wholegrain bread...Mmmm!</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Saute fresh dates in a little butter and Cinnamon and serve warm with Greek-style yoghurt or mascarpone.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap fresh dates with bacon strips and grill for 5 mins.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dates go with blue chesse, walnuts, almonds, pistachios, pinenuts, Cinnamon, nutmeg, cardamom, cloves, lamb, game, poultry, dark chocolate, all the fresh cheeses and yoghurt &amp; orange.</li> </ul>	
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**Social English Conversation for Adult Speakers of Other Languages. Come and join us at Avonhead.**

**Where? Avonhead Staff Room**

**When? Last Thursday of every month**

**Time? 9-9.30am**

**Found** – greenstone pendant..apply the office.

**Found after market day**..a wallet. Apply the office.

### COMING EVENTS

<b>April 8</b>	BOT Meeting
<b>9 Thurs</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>27</b>	First Day Term 2
<b>30</b>	PTA Meeting
<b>May 5</b>	Parent Interviews Yr 8
<b>7</b>	BOT Meeting
<b>11</b>	Cross Country
<b>22</b>	<b>Winter Sports starts</b>

## Celebrations

Saturday ( Mar 21 ) **Jenner Johnson**, Rm 3, has won Player of the Year for T-BALL MIXED RED Team..he is 5!

The following pupils have achieved Softball honours recently;

**Erin Downie**, Rm 7, received a trophy for best fielder.

**Kobe Beecroft**, Rm 7, got 2 trophies; one for T-Ball and up and coming Junior for Softball.

**Sophie Gough**, Rm 12, got a trophy for most improved player, Riccarton Under 13 Softball.

**Rebecca Linklater**, Rm 12, also plays for that Softball team and last season she got **Player of the Month** trophy.

**Summer Nanai-Stewart**, Rm 14, also plays for the Under 13 team and received a certificate.

**Matt Franklin**, Rm 14, plays softball for the Under 11 boys and is their Sports Person of the year.

**Abigail Saunders-Hill**, Rm 12m, received trophies for T-Ball and softball last season.

**Erica Winton**, Rm 17, competed in the Canterbury vs Tasman athletics recently. She came 1<sup>st</sup> in the high jump, 80m hurdles, relay and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1500m. Well done Erica..again!

**Ash Jones**, Rm 14, was awarded 'Best Bowler' for his Upper Riccarton Cricket Club 08/09 season. Way to go Ash!

### Centrals Swimming

**McKenna Dale**, Rm 11, 1<sup>st</sup> in Freestyle and 2<sup>nd</sup> backstroke 9 yr old Girls.

**Slobhan Dale**, Rm 19, 1<sup>st</sup> in Breaststroke & Freestyle 11 yr old Girls



### Community Based 'Fee Friendly' Drama Clubs!

With 1 club already successfully running at North New Brighton War Memorial and Community Hall, expressions of interest are invited for anyone age 5-65 across Christchurch for a 'Fee Friendly' drama club to be set up in your area. Fees would be just \$40 for an 8 week term (subject to cost of hiring a local hall). My intention is to respond to the needs of the community and run clubs where the response is greatest!

For more information, please contact Janet on 387 0635 or email [drama\\_for\\_all@hotmail.com](mailto:drama_for_all@hotmail.com)

**Meccano Exhibition 2009** at the Arts Centre, Great hall, Easter Weekend. April 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2009. Entry \$5 adults, \$2 kids, \$10 family. Raffle for \$3000 of Meccano Outfits. Christchurch Meccano Club [cmc@nzmeccano.com](mailto:cmc@nzmeccano.com) [www.nzmeccano.com](http://www.nzmeccano.com)

**Volunteers for Pandemic Response 'Exercise Eve'** Volunteers are needed for 'Exercise Eve', a pandemic influenza response planning exercise being held on Saturday 2 May 2009 at Burwood Hospital, Orthopaedic Outpatients Department. 300 volunteers are needed to act as 'patients'. It's a great opportunity for friends, families and sport, drama and community groups to act out various role plays and for students to obtain points towards community activity certificates, which are available on request. For further information or registration phone Erin Fox, Pegasus Health, 353 9979, or email [erin\\_f@pegasus.org.nz](mailto:erin_f@pegasus.org.nz). Alternatively you can [download the attached information](#) and fax back the completed form to 365 5977 by 5:00 pm Wednesday 29 April 2009.

## Notices

### NumberWorks'nWords Burnside - Specialist Maths & English Tuition!

Book now for our April Holiday Programme (Wed 22nd, Thu 23rd and Fri 24th of April - 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm each day). We are taking bookings for Term 2, so give Fraser or Karalee a call on 3587917 or email us on [burnside@numberworks.com](mailto:burnside@numberworks.com) for a free evaluation and introductory lesson. Karalee Moore is a part-time teacher here at Avonhead School, so she's a familiar face with students and parents alike!

**Yoga Classes** commence 30 April for Term 2 in the Multipurpose Room at Avonhead School. **NB** the new time of 7-8.30pm. Contact Pip Olorenshaw for enquiries. Ph 348 7258.

**Babysitter** available - 2<sup>nd</sup> year Uni student, reliable and road-tested. Ph Pip on 348 7258

**A safe and exciting holiday programme for your children.** The Avonhead Community Trust is running it's highly popular OSCAR approved children's programme from Monday 20th April to Friday 24th April 2009. Booking day is Wednesday 1st April. Brochures with further information and booking forms are available from the school office or the Trust office at 102 Avonhead Rd. Ph 348-6742 for more information.

### APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SWIM PROGRAMME

Kings Swim School "school in the pool" 109 Main South Road, Sockburn Ph: 341 7579

**ACTION INDOOR SPORTS**(Teams and Individuals Welcome) Season starts 2<sup>nd</sup> Term. Indoor Netball 7 aside, Indoor Football 6 aside, Indoor Cricket 6 aside 3 great locations, City, Hornby & Redwood. Go to; [www.actionindoorsports.com](http://www.actionindoorsports.com)

### jonesAquaGym, 459 Cashel St, Ph: 381- 0299. Learn to Swim & Coaching

Book now for April Holidays and Term 2 \* Individual lessons available\* Leaders in Aquatic Education [info@aquagym.co.nz](mailto:info@aquagym.co.nz)

**Registrations for Southern Samba Soccer** for our holiday program to be held on Sunday, 19th April 2009 at the University of Education Gym.

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