



Celebrations: Over the last week Avonhead School Community has been in celebratory mode and each day there seems to be something else to celebrate. I can assure you it's a wonderful, positive feeling and it's always great to be around children as they celebrate as it makes the pleasure much more enjoyable.

Last Wednesday our sports teams who earned their way into the finals, participated in the 'Inter Zone' Winter tournament at Hagley Park and played against the best of all schools in Canterbury. As always I farewelled the teams with the usual advice....."do your best and enjoy the game". At the end of the day and in the middle of a meeting, I was interrupted by the loudest and most joyful noise in the foyer I have ever heard. I went to check things out to be faced with our Y7/8 Rugby team who were all calling out to tell me they had won the competition. Wow!! We have an impressive- looking shield at our school for the year. How special is that!!! Technically, they are the best Rugby team in Canterbury!! Congratulations to the Senior Rugby team and special thanks to staff member, Helene Pollard, and parent, Marie Forster, for managing and coaching the team.

On Monday night, I got a text message from Sue Rose to tell me that our Year 6 team who participated in a newspaper/literacy competition were awarded 1st place out of fifty other schools and our Year 8 team was awarded 2nd place in their competition. More details in this newsletter.

We enjoy these wonderful positive messages of children's success and the celebratory culture that is involved with these successes. Long may it continue!

Term dates for 2010: These are on our website under 'important dates'. (www.avonhead.school.nz) School starts for children on Tuesday, 2nd February 2010. Remember too that our newsletters are also posted on this site each time they are issued.

The purpose of this section of the newsletter is to keep the parents, caregivers, whanau and community informed as to where we are headed and what we have been doing towards the implementation of the revised New Zealand curriculum.

What is the New Zealand Curriculum?

The New Zealand Curriculum is a statement about what is considered to be important in education. The New Zealand Curriculum takes as its starting point a vision of our young people as life long learners who are confident and creative, connected, and actively involved. It includes a set of principles on which to base curriculum decision making and it sets out values that are to be encouraged, modelled and explored. The New Zealand Curriculum also defines five key competencies that are critical to sustained learning and effective participation in society and that underline the emphasis of lifelong learning.

Values in the revised curriculum

Using the community consultation feedback we received from you at the beginning of the year and using the knowledge we have of the children at Avonhead School, staff have identified the values that are important to our school. They are: *respect, courtesy, honesty, integrity, cooperation, commitment and excellence*. These values are linked back to the values embedded in the NZ Curriculum which are:

- Diversity – as found in our different cultures and heritages
- Integrity – being honest, responsible and accountable and acting ethically
- Excellence – aiming high and persevering in the face of difficulties
- Equity – through fairness and social justice
- Community and Participation – for the common good
- Innovation, Inquiry, Curiosity – by thinking critically, creatively and reflectively
- Ecological Sustainability – care of the environment
- Respect – for themselves, others and human rights

Key Competencies in the revised curriculum

The New Zealand Curriculum identifies five key competencies. These competencies are what people use to live, learn, work, and contribute as active members of their communities. They are the key to learning in every learning area.

- Thinking
- Using language, symbols and texts
- Managing self
- Relating to Others
- Participating and Contributing

More information in the next newsletter.

Charles Levings
Principal

The Avonhead Spotlight falls on...



Cantamath 2009-Exhibits & Awards

The following students all achieved
Highly Commended

Alice Norton	Computer Generated Design
Riley Downie	Games & Puzzles
Anthony Eason	Mathematical Models
Thomas Wright	Mathematical Models
Ian Yoon	Publicity Motif
Alice Williams	Publicity Motif

The children in Room 21
have made a wonderful start
to their schooling with their teacher, Mrs
Roberts.



NSW Spelling & Writing Results

Congratulations to all those who sat this test. The following
children did exceptionally well;

Spelling

Josiah Morgan	High Distinction
Riley Downie	High Distinction
Emma Hogan	Distinction
Georgia Ambler	Distinction
Gemma Higgins	Distinction
Anthony Hyde	Distinction
Alex Tompkins	Distinction
Regan Harding	Distinction
Fraser Gurney	Credit
Antonia Heath	Credit
Richard Liu	Credit

Writing

Emma Hogan	High Distinction
Anthony Hyde	Distinction
Amy Archer	Distinction
Josiah Morgan	Credit
Casey MacDonald	Credit
Anna Reese-Jones	Credit
Riley Downie	Credit
Edward Gurney	Credit
Regan Harding	Credit
Fraser Gurney	Credit

Otago Daily Times quiz winners & Placegetters

Congratulations to the twelve students from Year
6 - 8 who competed in the Otago Daily Times
Newspaper competition.

In first place in the Year 5/6 section was Avonhead
1 Year 6 Team with 98 points out of 100%.

In second place in the Year 7/8 section was Year 8
Avonhead No 2 Team.

Year 8 team scored 94 and the first team scored
96.

There were over 50 teams in each of the two
events. **Riley, Patrice and Anthony** were placed
first in the Year 6 competition and **Nicola, Fraser
and Thomas** were second in the Year 8
competition.

Our other two teams both scored high marks too.

Accessing the Policies... Go to the school website, in the user name area type
'avonhead' and in the password area type '55ahead'.
To review the policies type 'pin' in the password area

Term

Sept	Museum visit whole day team 5/6
10	PTA Women's Night
16	School Photos
17	School photos if required
24	PTA Meeting Adult English conversation
25	Last Day of Term
Oct	First day of Term 4
12	
14	Teacher Only Day
15	BOT Meeting
16	Rehearsal for Town Hall Festival Evening performance for the School Tennis Team 3/4
22	PTA Meeting
23	PTA Auction Food bonanza Team 3/4 tennis
29-30	Athletics Yr 5-8
30	PTA Sausage Sizzle Team 3/4 tennis
Nov	Team 3/4 Athletics Day
4	Team 7/8 Airforce Museum
5	Team 7/8 Airforce Museum
6	Yr 7/8 Talent Quest
13	Show Day-School

Celebrations

- ☺ **Rhys Weaver & CJ Wootton** qualified for the NW Zone in rugby.
- ☺ **Nic Moore** won the rugby section 2 division for the season
- ☺ **Paige Mckenna** came 6th out of 18 for NZ Cheerleader of the year
- ☺ **James Malin** won a lead role in a production of "The Treasure"
- ☺ **Avonhead Attackers** won their first game recently
- ☺ **Simon Lorimer** was chosen to play interclub tennis
- ☺ **Thomas Wright's** Grandmother turned 100 recently!
- ☺ **Claudia Dakin-Thompson & Amira Abaza** have qualified for rep soccer teams to compete in Blenheim
- ☺ **Georgia Swan** gained her animals badge in the St Johns cadet programme.
- ☺ **Ms Tweedies** hockey team is in Div 2 final on Wed night, 7.20pm Porritt Park.
- ☺ **Calvin Preston** is the Most Improved Forward for the whole Junior section of Burnside Rugby Club 09.
- ☺ **Anna Reese-Jones'** hockey team came 3rd in the tournament for HSOB Burnside.
- ☺ **Edward Gurney** achieved 1st place in 50 m freestyle in a National Swimming competition. He's first in New Zealand for his age! Well done!

Notices



Class Photos are Next Week!!

The flyer is coming with this newsletter.

Please dress the children in the correct clean uniform, *including sweatshirts*, on **Wednesday 16 September** as there will be no spare uniform items to borrow from the school this year.

The PTA reminds the school community of the Tram & Gondola pass..brochure in the school office.
Also..reminder that the Sausage Sizzle prices have risen. There were quite a few customers who failed to notice that last time.

Look for the Herb fundraiser notice!!
Remember ... Ladies Night this Thursday 10th.

Press Release: Rare teacher spotted in hall

DOC announced late last Friday morning the welcome re-sighting of the now rarely seen mammal MrRyanPearceii. It has been conspicuously absent from its usual territory since early in the season due to its having reportedly been involved in an accident with a lawn mower while attempting to have its hair cut.

The injury is not however expected by DOC vets to be serious enough to keep it from losing its sense of humour, which is a great relief to Teacher-lovers everywhere.

The Pearceii, known commonly as the “Mr P” among teacher-spotting communities, is itself a member of an already increasingly rare species: the male teacher genus. This genus is closely related to the ratite family which includes emus, wallabies, dodos, ring-tailed marmosets, moa, some types of hyena and the Chatham Island Fudgebeak.

Sketchy reports filtered back to DOC Headquarters throughout Friday morning of “Mr P”’s surprise return during assembly which was characterised by wide flashings of its cheesy grin followed by its now seldom-heard call -a series of low-voiced ominous non-specific detention threats followed by a loud “bellowing”.

DOC vets say they are presently considering releasing him into the undergrowth at Deans Bush for a trial period to see how he copes with fake models of two unnamed male pupils before a full reintroduction to ‘real kids’ again.

Ironically, the injury to this highly prized vestige of a once vast and proud teacher- type is being used by the “Ban 1080” group, who cite the bizarre haircut incident as further evidence of the detrimental effect this toxin has on impairing the judgement of species such as the Pearceii –‘in the wild’.

Government sources say they are looking into the link but suggest no evidence from the wider scientific community underpins these assertions. Dr Roderick Evill, of the DSIR rather points to several other underlying causal factors such as the well-documented link between similar populations of male teachers and excessive sausage roll and potato-topped pie consumption rates.

Couplands could not be reached for comment.

Soap Carving Holiday Programme with Miles Kau Kau

Register online at kaukaumi@xtra.co.nz Or phone 021 753 981 or 33 82 838

\$16pp Yr 7/8 up

Kids on Bikes Racing, Halswell Quarry, 11am on 11

October 2009 in aid of Child Cancer.

See the flyers in the office or go to

www.rotaryinfo.org or

www.kidsonbikes.net.nz

Upper Riccarton Cricket Club Registration Days Sat 5 Sept from

11-1pm and Wed 9 Sept from 4.30-6pm

Enquiries to Desiree Adlam 342 3630 or

desiree.@clear.net.nz


Upper Riccarton Domain, Yaldhurst Rd



Christchurch Yacht Club Junior Learn to Sail Suit Ages 9 and up Combination of holiday, afterschool and weekend programmes available. Please email longla@xtra.co.nz with name, age and contact details Or call Laurel on 3845587. Please register your interest by September 25th.

Once again **Waimak River Adventures** is holding it's **School Holiday Riding program** from Sept 28th to Oct 2nd and Oct 5th to 9th 2009. Our School Holiday Riding Program does exactly that – whilst we have a strong equine component there is also a variety of games and activities to keep them active both physically and mentally whilst also being able to display their theatrical talents with our “Club House Idol” competition!



Re: Access to School Dental Services over the September/October school holiday period. The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Oral Health Centre, 16 Tuam Street, Christchurch for the following times; **Monday, 28th September – 9th October 2009 (excluding weekends)** Routine treatment will **not** be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practise. Dental Clinic telephones will have a message regarding how to access emergency care. We would appreciate it if you could place the following notice in newsletters until the end of term to inform parents of these arrangements. 

Want to develop skills like self defence, confidence, discipline, concentration and mental and physical coordination?

You can with GKR Karate self defence and fitness classes!

- Classes located at your school gym on selected weekdays and weekends.
- Four month trials or lifetime memberships available
- Family club caters for all ages – from five to 70+
- Thousands of students training every week (40% are female)
- The karate is taught in non contact style, as are most martial arts today

For more details, contact Jon Hicks :Phone or Text 027 522 2205 Email jonhicks@gmail.com



ImpactAlpha Gymsports are currently taking bookings for our september holiday programme and also for term 4. We offer Pre-school gymnastics, after school gymnastics, trampoline and Cheerleading. Visit our website www.christchurchgymsports.co.nz, email us at impactalphagymsports@xtra.co.nz or phone 338 4566.



CHRISTCHURCH AVON ATHLETICS CLUB Junior Section

We are a well-organised Junior Athletics Club –catering for children of all abilities – from ages 5-14yrs. Club night is Wednesday 5.00-6.45pm (5/6yrs. finish by 6.30pm) –at Burnside High School. Saturday Inter-Club Competition is available and top-quality coaching is also provided.

REGISTRATION DAY -for all new members:

DATE: Monday 12th . October

TIME: 5.00-6.30pm

**PLACE: Christchurch Avon Club Rooms –Burnside High School
(entry from Greers Rd. beside the tennis courts)**

FEES: \$50 per child (with reductions for 2 or more children in the same family)

· Fees are payable at time of registration

For more information contact Marilyn Morrison

By email at marilyn Morrison@xnet.co.nz <<mailto:marilyn Morrison@xnet.co.nz>>



FEE FRIENDLY DRAMA CLUBS COMING IN OUR AREA!

Fendalton Community Centre, Clyde Road

6-8 yr olds 3.45-4.30pm

9-12 yr olds 4.30-5.30pm

\$40 for 8 weeks starting on Tuesday 20th October

For more information and details of other venues please contact Janet on 387 0635 (0211 034303) or email drama_for_all@hotmail.com.



UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

JUNIOR ATHLETICS CLUB Come and join in the fun for all ages 5-14 years old. Wednesday Club night from 5pm to 6.30pm. Also additional training for the more competitive athletes is available.

Registration Days

September 19th Saturday 10am – 11am
September 23rd Wednesday 5pm – 6pm
Ilam Oval, University of Canterbury, Entrance off Kirkwood Ave.
Enquires please contact Steff Davis 354 8151 or [steffanyb @xtra.co.nz](mailto:steffanyb@xtra.co.nz)



Learn to Sail - After School, weekends or in the holidays (all 3 weeks). To book contact Simon, **Canterbury Sailing School**, 021 669 076, info@canterburysailing.co.nz, or www.canterburysailing.co.nz. It all happens at Lake Rua.

Action Indoor Sports...see flyer on the school office noticeboard for holiday programme info.



Junior Badminton Academy (Badminton Canterbury) see flyer in the school office. Held at the Wharenui Sports Centre.



Holiday Art.. see the noticeboard for the flyer. Judy Rogers also offers art lessons for adults & children in term time. Go to jsrogers@inspire.net.nz or phone 342 1311 or 021 032 4035



"If you enjoy cooking and love making dishes from around the world, a new shop has opened in the Ilam shops. (207 Waimairi Rd) **Summerfields Foods** (owned and operated by Elvina's niece and her husband) has ingredients and cooking supplies from all over the world. They'd love to see you!"

See the flyer on the noticeboard.

2010 Holidays

Schools must be closed in 2010 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following days:

- New Years Day - 1 January
- Day after New Years Day - 2 January
- Waitangi Day - 6 February (Saturday)
- Good Friday - 2 April
- Easter Monday - 5 April
- Day after Easter Monday - 6 April (Tuesday)
- Anzac Day - 25 April (Sunday)
- Queen's Birthday - 7 June (Monday)
- Labour Day - 25 October (Monday)
- Canterbury Anniversary day - 12 November (Friday)
- Christmas Day - 25 December
- Boxing Day - 26 December

2010 Term Dates

TERM 1	Start date for teachers	Monday 1 February
	Start date for children	Tuesday 2 February
	End of term 1	Thursday 1 April
TERM 2	Start date	Monday 19 April
	End of term 2	Friday 2 July
TERM 3	Start date	Monday 19 July
	End of term 3	Friday 24 September
TERM 4	Start date	Monday 11 October
	End of term 4	Friday 17 December