



## From the Principal

### Staffing:

Early this year we advertised in the Education Gazette for the vacant permanent positions of **Assistant Principal** (and team leader of the junior team) and **Senior Teacher** (Y3/4 team). I am delighted to announce that the selection panel chose incumbent Heather Law as our new Assistant Principal and Amanda Rose as our Y3/4 senior teacher. Congratulations to both of these wonderful people. I am also delighted to announce that Sharon Allen, who was appointed to R6 for term one only, is now working with R6 for the whole year. I know the children in R6 will be delighted to hear this.

### Community Consultation:

Thank you to children and parents for doing your homework last week!! You all get an A+!!! We had a wonderful response and judging by a cursory glance at the feedback you have given us, it will be incredibly useful. Two Board members are sifting through the information and processing it for use by the school in preparing our revamped charter and strategic plan for the next five years. Just a reminder that there is a meeting in the hall on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm-9pm where staff and parents can work together to fine-tune our thinking in our journey towards the implementation of the new curriculum.

### Give me Five:

I have been incredibly impressed with the huge response we have had from parents who are volunteering their time to support our school. Thank you. Thanks to the PTA and in particular Julie Preston and Coralie Hingston, who have been promoting and organising this initiative. What a lucky school Avonhead is with the impressive level of support from parents. It is not too late to register if you want to volunteer your time through the Give me Five programme.

### Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC).

Tomorrow we will be sending home a form with every child asking for you to sign a 'blanket' consent form that will allow your children to attend certain activities without having to get you to sign a consent form. The reason for this is that some activities have such low-level risk that many parents wonder why they need to sign a form. Indeed, if children forget to bring back a notice, they can't go on a trip and are often left behind.

The **Education Outside the Classroom Parental Consent** form outlines three activity levels;

**Level one** involves nature walks, sports events, fun days at school etc.

**Level two** involves a class trip to the museum, team sports events, trip to Ferrymead. The blanket permission that you sign will allow the children to attend these but we will also give you prior notice that the event is to occur.

**Level three** involves going to camps, ski trip, sailing, beach study etc. We will still require specific consent for level three activities and the blanket permission will not cover any level three events.

If you are happy with the details in the parental consent form we would ask you to fill out each of your children's details and send it back to the class teacher at school. If you feel uncomfortable filling out the form you will need to indicate this on the form and we will ask you for written consent for every EOTC activity we do at school.

We are trying to reduce the amount of paperwork that you are required to do for school and this initiative, which has been adopted by many other schools, seems to work quite well, particularly where the level of risk at an activity is so low that many parents wonder why permission is necessary.

On another note, we are saddened with the news that an ex-pupil of our school, Clinton Botha, 20 years old, died in the weekend. Clinton came back last year in his army uniform to see his teachers and reconnect with Avonhead. We are incredibly sad that such a talented young man has passed away so suddenly. Some of our staff are attending the funeral tomorrow.

Charles Levings  
**Principal**



# The Avonhead Spotlight falls on...

**Jane Park** of Rm 19 is an excellent artist, a fast runner and a genuinely nice person.

R10, **Eun gi Lee** was like a fish in the water at our Beach Trip. He demonstrated plenty of confidence in the water and made the most of catching every wave on his boogie board! Yura Tokuo, also of Rm 10, is a new student to Avonhead and has made a smooth transition to our way of life. Congratulations for making so many wonderful friends already!



**Pineapple Pete** is coming...watch out for him in the school this Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Icon Family Portraits**... the Partridge Family, Radcliffe Family & the Pooke Family are the lucky recipients of a refund of their sitting fee in this fund-raiser, being the first 3 bookings received.

**Brainwaves Trust**..over 50 people attended this evening held in the MPR on Tuesday night. Are we Jellyfish, brick wall or

## PTA CORNER

The Parent Teacher Association would like to announce they are having their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 26th March 2009, 7.30pm in the Avonhead School Staff Room. All are welcome to the AGM and the ordinary monthly PTA meeting that will follow.

## Jubilee

Registrations are flowing in from all parts of the globe and we are getting daily enquiries. The Jubilee Committee is currently writing the magazine and if you have any memorabilia for it, or for display at the Jubilee, please contact Sue Rose at the school. Our children are studying different decades and our senior classes visited the central city last week to study early Christchurch. This is going to be an exciting occasion not to be missed!

# Market Day!

Is coming up so start collecting things to sell

**WHEN:** 2nd April 2009 (change of date)

**WHERE:** Avonhead School Hall

**TIME:** setup 11.30 – 12.00

Selling Starts: 12:30pm **Finishes:** 2.15

**COST FOR A STALL: \$5.00 PLEASE RETURN SLIPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

## Avonhead School Stationery Price List 2009

### Exercise Books:

IA4	1.00
IA5	1.40
IA8	1.30
IB5	1.20
IWB	1.10
JWB	1.50
JWBj	1.00
IL5	1.20
JPB	1.20
Language Skills bk	10.00
My Writing book	2.20

### Maths Books:

IH5	1.70
IE5	1.30
IJ5	1.40
MA4	1.00
Clever Kiwi one	2.30
Clever Kiwi Two	2.30

### Seniors

Maths to Write on	12.00
Student Record Book	2.00
Senior student 'Gym maths	2.00
Senior student diary	3.20

### Note Books:

3BI Note book	0.50
5BI Note book	3.00

### Clear Files:

20pg Clear file	3.00
40pg Clear file	5.20

### Scrapbooks:

Paste Book	2.30
Gum Book	3.00
Scrapbook Handy	2.60

### Pads:

I0B5	2.80
ILP	2.00
I4B5	2.00

### Whiteboard & Pen

Whiteboard	5.00
Whiteboard pens	2.20

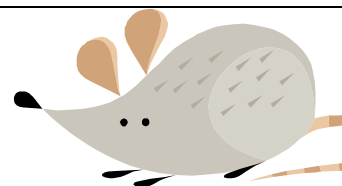
### Other Items:

M/Folders	0.30
Pencils	0.60
Dipper Pencils	1.40
Colour Pencil. Pkt.12	6.00
Biro (red/blue/black)	0.60
Black Vivid	2.30
Highlighters – colours	2.50
Rubber	0.40
Ruler	1.00
Protractor	0.50
Compass	1.50
Pencil sharpener.	0.50
Glue Stick	3.00
Scissors	3.00
Reading Folder (Large)	4.00
Recorders	11.00
Calculator Sharp EL531	20.00

### **Rats & Mice**

Life span – rats up to 4 yrs, mice 2-3 yrs.

They're social and live happily in single-sex pairs. They breed rapidly if mixed. Mice have a 21 day pregnancy, begin breeding at 12 wks and have about 12 pups per litter. Rats are very intelligent, require stimulation and can be taught things. Eat pellets, fruit & veges, hay, bread & the odd dog biscuit or hard boiled egg yolk.



## Swimming Sports Results 2009

	Boys	Girl
Open Madly	1 <sup>st</sup> Edward Gurney	Siobhan Dale
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Josh Santich	McKenna Dale
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Zac Santich	Bridget Richardson
Freestyle 9 years	1 <sup>st</sup> Rhys Weaver	McKenna Dale
	2 <sup>nd</sup> William Wallace	Antonia Heath
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fergus McIntosh	Casey MacDonald
Freestyle 10 years	1 <sup>st</sup> Edward Gurney	Elisa Richnow
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Josh Santich	Hannah O'Connell
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nicholas Moore	Georgia Swan
Freestyle 11 years	1 <sup>st</sup> Zac Santich	Siobhan Dale
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Andrew Liu	Amy Archer =
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thomas Kennedy	Annabelle Greenwood =
Freestyle 12 years +	1 <sup>st</sup> Fraser Gurney	Bridget Richardson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stuart Baker	Nicola Buisman
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grady Cunniffe	Annie Liu
Backstroke 9 years	1 <sup>st</sup> Rhys Weaver	McKenna Dale
	2 <sup>nd</sup> James Malin	Antonia Heath
	3 <sup>rd</sup> William Wallace	Saskia Buisman
Backstroke 10 years	1 <sup>st</sup> Edward Gurney	Elisa Richnow
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Josh Santich	Georgia Swan
	3 <sup>rd</sup> James Manning	Abigail Saunders-Hill
Backstroke 11 years	1 <sup>st</sup> Andrew Liu	Siobhan Dale
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Zac Santich	Geeny Moon
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thomas Kennedy	Annabelle Greenwood
Backstroke 12 years +	1 <sup>st</sup> Fraser Gurney	Bridget Richardson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Angus Coull	Caitlin Hoffman
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Matt Hansen	Lauren Bannister
Breaststroke 11 years & Under	1 <sup>st</sup> Andrew Liu	Siobhan Dale
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Zac Santich	McKenna Dale
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Josh Santich	Antonia Heath
Breaststroke 12 years & over	1 <sup>st</sup> Fraser Gurney	Bridget Richardson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Angus Coull	Kelsey Handley
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Stuart Baker	Nicola Buisman
Open Butterfly	1 <sup>st</sup> Edward Gurney	Siobhan Dale
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Moore	McKenna Dale
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bridget Richardson



**For Sale – Guitar, ¾ size, purple, Ashton brand. \$60 Ph Leonie 357 8385.  
Drumsticks & ‘Drumsense’ book - \$20 the lot. Ph Hilary/Justine 341 0071**

**Wanted** – Kindly temporary home for golden Labrador. Owing to relocation and travel 10 yr old Cilla needs a temporary home. She will love anyone who feeds her, walks her and offers a warm home. All costs met. Contact Mary Watson, Ph 358 3789

For Sale – 2 long sleeve polos, size 6&8, \$10 ea.  
Fleecy pants, size 6&8, \$8 ea. Ph Elfy 342 6105

## COMING EVENTS

<b>March</b>	BOT Meeting staffroom 7.30pm
<b>11</b>	
<b>16</b>	Yr 7/8 begin their Avonhead Heritage module
<b>18</b>	Canterbury Triathlon
<b>20</b>	Sausage Sizzle Juniors yr 1&2 attend concert
<b>25</b>	New Curriculum Community Evening
<b>26</b>	PTA Meeting in the staffroom Yr 5/6 visit Ferrymead
<b>28</b>	PTA Portrait fundraiser
<b>29</b>	PTA Stock Take at Fresh Choice
<b>30</b>	Centrals Swimming at QE11
<b>April 1</b>	Junior Cross Country
<b>2</b>	Market Day
<b>6</b>	Senior School Triathlon
<b>8</b>	BOT Meeting
<b>9</b>	<b>End of Term</b>

## *Celebrations*

**Geeny Moon**, Rm 18, has won a scholarship to the prestigious Pettman Institute Junior Academy of Music for French Horn. Congratulations Geeny! Next step..CSO??



**Erica Winton**, R 17, competed at the Canterbury Athletic Champs recently. She came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the high jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the hurdles. Way to go Erica!

**Renta Yamamoto** (Rm 15)  
His team in the Vikings Futsal NZ Junior Youth Competition 2008/2009 won a gold medal.



**Riain Lynch**, Rm 13, was 2<sup>nd</sup> with overall points at the Canterbury Champs (28 Feb & 1 Mar) for the 9 year old boys and got the silver medal...he was also chosen for the Canterbury Athletic team heading to Dunedin this weekend to compete against Otago and Southland. **AJ Salmon**, Rm 19, was 1<sup>st</sup> in 10 yr old boys' long jump, 4<sup>th</sup> in 100m, 5<sup>th</sup> in high jump at the Canterbury Champs (28 Feb & 1 Mar) and will also represent Canterbury in Dunedin. Congratulations AJ & Riain!



# Notices

**High School Old Boys' Rugby Football Club..**Flyers in the school office for Junior Rugby registration.

**Olympia Gymnastics** still have some spaces in their Term 1 classes. They have classes in Artistic Gymnastics, Trampoline and Rhythmic Gymnastics for children aged 3 years and over. Check out their Website [www.olympia.org.nz](http://www.olympia.org.nz) or give them a call on 344 6060 to see what they can do for you!

**Christchurch Fathers' Breakfast 2009** – convention Centre on Tuesday 17 March, 7.15am to 8.30am sharp. Book on [www.theparentingplace.com](http://www.theparentingplace.com) or see the flyer in the School Office.

**H SOB/Burnside Hockey Club..Would you like to play hockey?** We are a well-established club represented in all grades and are keen to hear from you. Boys, girls, beginners or experienced, everybody welcome! Please phone Sandra Brankin on 358 5933 or email [passey@paradise.net.nz](mailto:passey@paradise.net.nz)

**The Skoolstars Holiday Programme** gives children the opportunity to experience Music and Technology in one amazing holiday programme. Our singing & dance teachers work with the children to create performances to be recorded and filmed. We then produce the performances into a Music DVD. The Children will design their own DVD cover to personalise their very own DVD of the group performances. Each child will receive a music DVD including behind the scenes footage. A great keepsake of their holiday experience. For more information and enquiry details, please refer to the website [www.skoolstars.co.nz](http://www.skoolstars.co.nz)

**A safe and exciting holiday programme for your children.** The Avonhead Community Trust is running its 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.

**Culture Galore**, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2009 ,Ray Blank Park, Maidstone Rd, 12 – 4pm  
**For more information please contact Ken Howat on DDI: 941 6729, cell: 027 490-4743**

**Margaret Mahy Day** in Christchurch Sat 28 March, 10.45-2.30 at Heaton Intermediate School. Go to [www.storylines.org.nz](http://www.storylines.org.nz)

## TV2's What Now!

..Would like to invite YOU to be part of the What Now Audience!

What Now is on every **Sunday** morning from **8am – 10am!**

We have a BRAND NEW studio in Riccarton, Christchurch and want YOU to join us to be part of our LIVE studio audience!



Just ask mum or dad and head on down to our web site at [www.whatnow.tv](http://www.whatnow.tv) to book! Ask a parent or guardian before you book your seat and **get them to fill out the form for you** to make sure all details are correct! ©

We'll see you there!!  
Ages 6 - 16 years only



For any other questions please call Kim at Whitebait TV on 033397101

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