

NEWSLETTER NO 7

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Jubilee

Sorry for gracing the front page of the 'Western News'. The photo was a lot of fun and great publicity for the jubilee which is happening over Queen's birthday weekend at the end of the month. Room 5 wrote some stories about 'our funny principal' and Mrs Rose which I wanted to share with you:

"Mrs Rose and Mr Levings have found the old bell and then they ended up in the newspaper. They polished the bell and R5 think they are famous!" – Anita

"Today Mr Levings and Mrs Rose found the old school bell. They found it in the attic. They had silly faces in the photo and we all laughed. The bell had been missing for a long, long time." – Georgia

"Mr Levings and Mrs Rose were excited because the school's old bell has been found. I hope that it is rung for morning tea and lunch. The old school bell is very big" – Zac

Uniform

With the jubilee coming up very soon, it is important to make sure that your children are wearing the correct uniform. Staff will be checking over the next couple of weeks to make sure children are wearing the correct uniform. The first of our official 'beanie' hat is available from 'Grasshopper'. It's a lovely design, red and black and is "very warm" according to a student who bought the first one yesterday. Very reasonably priced.

Logo

In the community consultation form many parents told us we should include some kind of river, given that 'Avonhead' is the source of the Avon river with springs in the ground near our school. The ideas that parents expressed have been forwarded on to a professional graphic artist who is considering these in the development of our new logo. If you are a graphic artist and you have an idea that you would like to submit, please do some sketches and give it to me to pass on to others.

Part-time caretaker

Jim McCarthy is going overseas for a holiday from 26 August to 28 October and we're looking for a part-time caretaker who is able to work 15 hours a week (3 hours a day), while he is away. The job involves gardening/lawn mowing and 'handyman' activities such as fixing doors and replacing lights etc. Hours of work: 8am-11am each work day. If you're interested, (or you know someone who is) please hand a letter into the office, no longer than one page, stating your interest and your experience. It may be possible to have the Sept/Oct school holidays off if you wish. This might suit a semi-retired person so please think of other suitable people.

New staff member

A big warm Avonhead School welcome to **Jennifer Brown** who has started in R20 at the beginning of this term.

Working bee this Saturday

In preparation for the jubilee the school is holding a working bee this Saturday from 9am till 1pm. If you can spend half an hour or more, we would appreciate the help. We want to paint the junior playground and we have \$3500 worth of bark being delivered so we can spread a new safety layer under both playgrounds. If you are able to help, it would be useful (but not necessary) if you could bring a shovel and wheelbarrow. Thanks to **Haydn Brush Company** who donated some paint brushes for the team on Saturday, you will not need to bring along your own paint brush!! Sue Rose tells me morning tea is provided by the PTA!!

Building development

The architect has been appointed to the job of designing our new hall. More details later.

Charles Levings
Principal

Badges

Science-Large Animals

Lucy Goslin. Abbey McCarthy. Alice Williams. Natalie Rhodes. Lani Tulia. Taylor McKenzie
Amber Hale. Claudia Dakin-Thompson. Shontae Hancox. Elisa Richnow Geeny Moon. Isabelle
Chai. Rebekah Johnston.

Science-Botany

Ellen Turnbull. Taylor McKenzie. Amber Hale. Shontae Hancox. Geeny Moon

Science-Zoology

Taylor McKenzie

Science-Entomology

Elisa Richnow

Science-Environmental

Isabelle Chai. Elisa Richnow

Science-Astronomy

Taylor McKenzie

Science-Cost of Living

Shontae Hancox
Ian Yoon

Maths-Games & Puzzles

Annabelle Greenwood
Erica Winton
Lauren Bannister

Maths-Sports

Ellen Turnbull
Nicola Buisman

Maths-Me, Myself & I

Lauren Bannister

Toolbox parents build great relationships with their children and teens

Avonhead Community Trust is partnering with Parents Inc. to run the following Toolbox Parenting courses in term 2.

Middle Years (6-12yrs)

Dates and times: 7.15 – 9.30pm Six Thursdays beginning May 28th Finishing July 2nd

Venue: Avonhead Community Trust (Behind Avonhead Baptist Church) 102 Avonhead Rd, Avonhead

Cost: \$67 per person or \$90 per couple (Subsidies available if money's a problem)

Teenage Years (12+)

Dates and times: 7.15 – 9.30pm Six Tuesdays beginning May 26th Finishing June 30th

Venue Sean & Gill Pawson, 176 Waimairi Rd, Ilam.

Cost \$67 per person or \$90 per couple (Subsidies available if money's a problem)

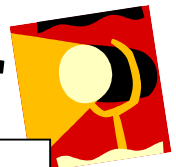
BOOKINGS & FURTHER INFO.

info@actrust.org.nz or Ph. 348 6742 or 0274992829 NB. Only twelve places available on each course.

The Avonhead Spotlight falls on...

Fergus McIntosh has finished all levels of Aquagym's learn-To-Swim

programme. He is now a 'Swimstar'. Way to go Fergus!



Jubilee



We will be sending home a special booklet about the jubilee in the next few days and we welcome you to join in the activities during the jubilee celebrations.

Make sure you visit the newly updated school website: www.avonhead.school.nz. Did you realise you can see who has already registered for the jubilee? Check out the regularly updated "Jubilee Attendees List" now. Don't forget that the jubilee is a celebration for everyone who has been involved in some way with Avonhead School; get together with your friends and come along.

If you have any memorabilia, eg record covers or clothing, that we could display during the weekend please send them to the school office.

Caretaker's Corner - Jim's Tips

Working Bee

Remember our working bee this Saturday morning, 16th, at 9am.

Painting, staining, bark dispersal, pruning.

Paint and brushes supplied.

Morning tea provided.

If you find you can now join the team already signed up us please ring the school office. We are grateful for any time you can volunteer.

Bring a shovel for spreading bark in the playgrounds.



PTA Corner

Avonhead School has just signed up with the "**Tram and Gondola Annual Pass**" **Community Support Programme**. This means that for every Annual Pass that is purchased, Avonhead School is donated 10% of the total cost; you just need to mention Avonhead School as your preferred organisation when you sign up. Annual Pass holders get to enjoy UNLIMITED rides on the Tram and Gondola for a WHOLE YEAR. A good way to entertain the kids during the holidays. The passes cost from Adult @ \$45.00, Child @ \$22.00 and Family (2a + 3c) @ \$99.00.

Card-holders also receive 10% off purchases in their retail stores, discounts at Gondola Cafe & Restaurant and 10% off Punting on the Avon. There are brochures in the School office for further information or you can visit the website www.gondola.co.nz or visit either the Tram or Gondola stores and talk to them when you purchase your next ticket.

This is a great opportunity for the Community and the School.



FUN RUN

Last term was the Cross Country Fun Run for the year 0 to year 4 students.

This term it's the year 5 to year 8 students' turn.

If you have misplaced your sponsor form or would like another one there are more at the school office.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Orders have now closed. If you have placed an order for Entertainment Books, this will be given to your child to bring home on Monday.

Buchanan Optometrists (Church Corner) want to remind parents on a Community Services Card that eye exams for children under 16 are subsidised to the tune of \$281.25. Buchanans offer a full examination and if the child does not require glasses the exam is free.



Is there someone who is an expert in working with Microsoft Word, in particular someone who is knowledgeable on the merge process within Word. Could they please contact the school to assist Chris Jones on the Jubilee Committee with this.



Celebrations

☺ **Niamh Wills** has landed the lead role in the short film "Fuschia's Den" and is filming this week. Wow!

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**

Notices

Marching –Have a Go Girls 6-12 yrs come along, mums welcome too. Ph Rita 9427098

Lost- a Madagascar beach towel from the Room 4 cloakroom last term. Please bring it to the office if you have mistakenly taken it home. It is named.

For Sale –boys winter uniform, size 4, worn 2 school visits only. Ph 027 2038443 Or wendy.robby@xtra.co.nz

Term Diary

15	Cross Country
18	Sausage Sizzle notices home today
21	PTA Meeting (change of date) Sausage Sizzle forms back today for the 29th May
22	Winter Sports starts
26	Yr 8 Young Leaders' Conference
27	Team 5/6 Jubilee Photography Exhibition Mufti Day " Welcome to the Sixties "
28	Conversation for ESOL speakers
29-31	JUBILEE
29	PtA Sausage Sizzle Open Day
June 1	Queen's Birthday
3	Zone Cross Country
4	BOT Meeting

9	Ferrymead Yr 3/4 Camp Seniors 9th to the 12th incl
10	NW Festival-rehearsal
11	Ferrymead Yr 3/4
12	No winter Sport
15	Speech Final Yr 5/6
16	Ferrymead Yr 3/4
17	Central Cross Country
18	School Speech Contest
22	Teacher Only Day
24	NW Festival
25	PTA Meeting Conversation for ESOL Speakers
26	PTA Sausage Sizzle
30	Rotary Speech Contest
July 1	BOT Meeting
3	End of Term