



Welcome back to school for the final term of 2009. It's a busy term and the diary has been updated to reflect this. We are currently looking at the makeup of classes for 2010. We will invite feedback about this soon but meanwhile, if you have children leaving the school, or intending to enrol, please approach us as soon as possible. Similarly, if you know of people with children leaving, or intending to enrol, please encourage them to approach us soon.

The swimming pool will be open after Show Weekend, exact date to be notified.

It's been a wonderfully satisfying time for our children, staff and parents involved in the Primary Schools' Music Festival for the last 2 weeks. This particular festival has been running in Christchurch for 70 years and the theme this year is 'Let's Celebrate!' Celebrating is what we have been doing, in style, and the festival ends tonight. I hope many of you have been able to enjoy it. Congratulations to our children performing in either the choir, special choirs, concert band or orchestra. You have been splendid musical ambassadors of our school in all respects.

Charles Levings
Principal

Hip Hop 2009

Congratulations to the Hip Hop team for a great effort in your performance this year. A special thank you to Marcia, a parent of the school who coached the team. Thank you Marcia for your time & dedication to the girls. The Hip Hop team for 2009 is **Alice Robson, Lauren Bannister, Skye Moke, Bridget Richardson, Abbey McCarthy, Nicole Smith, Kelsey Handley & Lani Tulia**

Aerobics 2009

Lucy Goslin came 3rd in Level 1!

Annabel Greenwood, Natalie Rhodes, Alice Williams in a team event at level 2 came 1st! A special thank you to **Annabel** who enabled this team to compete by taking the place of **Ellen Tunbull** who was unable to be at the competition.

Amber Hale was placed in the top 6 at level 1!
Top effort girls.

Rms 4 & 5 Save The Kiwi Day raised nearly \$200.00 which will be given to DOC to help save the kiwi. Thanks to our major sponsors who supplied ingredients; Vivace Coffee (Tuam St), Pak n Save Riccarton & Pallendale Farm.

REMINDER

The keys to stop bullying are;

1. Students use their **W.I.T.S**
W Walk away
I Ignore
T Tell someone
S Say you don't like that behaviour
2. Students need to keep telling on a bully until they are listened to by an adult.
3. Parents must ring the school and tell us if their child is being bullied
4. Students need support from an adult if they are being bullied.

If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to call Sue Rose, DP.

MUKA PRINT EXHIBITION

13 - 15 November 2009 at the Art Gallery

Original lithographs by leading artists.
For young people aged 5-18 years only.

\$60 per lithograph.

www.muka.co.nz

This exciting event happens once a year for 3 days only. Buy fabulous NZ prints for low prices!! Kidschoose!
www.christchurchartgallery.org.nz

Not to be Missed!!
No adults allowed

PTA

☞ The auction has had to be cancelled unfortunately. Look out for the next PTA event in the term diary.

☞ The Lost Property box has been cleared, named items returned to pupils and there is a pile of unnamed and non-uniform items remaining in the box for clearance. Please check it! Athletics Day will be a great opportunity to do this.

Accessing the Policies...Go to the school website, in the user name type '55ahead'. To review the policies type 'pin' in the password area. This term the policy for review is Religious Education.

There are some activity fees still outstanding. We would be grateful for accounts to be paid as soon as possible please.

Term Diary

Celebrations

22	PTA Meeting
23	PTA Auction Food bananza.. NOW CANCELLED Team 3/4 tennis
29-30	Athletics Yr 5-8
30	PTA Sausage Sizzle Team 3/4 tennis
Nov 4	Team 3/4 Talent Quest Final Team 7/8 Airforce Museum
5	Team 7/8 Airforce Museum Team 1/2 athletics morning
6	Yr 7/8 Talent Quest Team 3/4 athletics day
9	Zone athletics Team 3/4 swimming commences Team 5/6 swimming at Jellie Park commences
13	Show Day-School closed
19	PTA Meeting Yakkety Yak (Nasda)
20	Juniors go to Peter Pan (Ballet)
23	Team 5/6 Talent Quest
24	Yr 5/6 Cycle Safe begins
26	PTA Xmas Picnic Talent Quest Final
Dec 1	Central Athletics
2	Yr 7/8 Kite Day
7	Juniors to the Cathedral
9	Final Assembly Yr 5/6
10	Final assembly Yr 3/4
11	Seniors to QEII
15	Final Assembly Juniors Yr 1/2
17	Final Assembly Seniors Yr 7/8

- ☺ **Mrs G, Rm 16**, ran in the National Road Race and deserves congratulations!
- ☺ **Claudia Dakin-Thompson's** soccer team came 2nd in the Sth Is tournament
- ☺ **Ryan Schrader** spent a day with Ritchie McCaw!
☺ **Sean Forster** made it into the Sth Is soccer team!
- ☺ **Hayden Webber & Cleve Thornalley** played for the Sth Is Primary rugby tournament and scored a perfect score gaining 1st place!
- ☺ **Akane Matsumoto**, Rm15, came 2nd in hoop routine at 2009 New Zealand Rhythmic Gymnastics National Championship in Hamilton. Congratulations Akane!
- ☺ **Michael Green** received the Most Improved Player of the Year trophy for his 8th grade Nomads soccer team. Well done!

Notices

Homestays required for Korean teachers..Jan 13 to Feb 11, 2010.
There is a flyer in the school office.

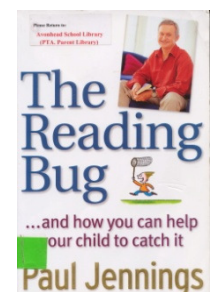
House to Rent in Avonhead/Russley area needed by responsible family. 3 Br, please ring 027 379 4622 or speak to the office.

Avon United 5 Aside league at Avonhead Park, 12 Oct to 23 Dec.
tsetsto@avonunited.co.nz
or see flyer on the school.

DID YOU KNOW?..... That the PTA has a number of books in the school library for parents and caregivers of children at Avonhead School to read? Over the weeks (as space permits in the school newsletter), I will review some of these books to show you what is available. Best selling children's author, Paul Jennings explains how you can open the world through a love of books. He cuts through the jargon and controversies to reveal the simple truths which will enable every parent to infect their child with the reading

bug. This is a book which is easy to read, is full of tips and suggestions for helping your child to enjoy reading. Aimed at parents of children from pre-school right through to about year 8 it gives ideas on matching children and books, the importance of stories, phonics, visual literacy and the reluctant reader, to name a few. Well worth the read and I would recommend this to all parents. Available in the Avonhead School Library and you can issue this under your child's name and library number. If you have any books you would like to donate to the Avonhead School Library for Parents, please feel free to give me a call on 357-8385 or leave them with the school office for my attention.

Thanks,
Leonie Partridge,
Avonhead PTA Parents Library Co-Ordinator





The Avonhead Spotlight falls on...

Term Dates – 2010

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

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

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