

**Vandalism:**

On Monday night some youths in our grounds broke a window in Room 7 and lit a fire with paper in the plastic slide, burning a hole in the bottom and making the slide unusable. If anyone has any information relating to these incidents Mrs Rose or I would love to hear from you. Discretion assured.

Swine 'Flu:

As you know, the Ministry of Health has changed the way that they are dealing with Swine Flu from 'containment' to a 'manage it' phase. Canterbury Medical Officer of Health, Alistair Humphrey, said, "as well as the 58 cases that have been confirmed in Canterbury, there is now evidence of extensive spread of swine flu in Canterbury, with most people experiencing it as a mild to moderate illness and recovering without needing medical care." "People are however asked to be scrupulous about staying at home if they are sick and keeping children home from school if they are unwell. The best way for us to limit the impact of this pandemic as individuals is to do our best not to pass it on to others if we become unwell," Dr Humphrey said.

A special thanks to parents who are keeping their children at home if they're unwell. Your support is appreciated as well as being responsible with the flu challenge we have. Please remember to let us know if you are keeping your children at home by leaving a message on our answerphone.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Etienne Wain – a Year 8 student who won a prestigious 'Christ's College Scholarship' for next year. Congratulations Etienne. We are proud of you.

Senior Camp in Hanmer:

On Wednesday 10 June, I travelled up to Hanmer to join the senior syndicate on camp for the day. I was expecting rain and had my boot full of spare clothes, water-proof jackets and even an umbrella but the weather was absolutely delightful. What a fabulous camp and what wonderful experiences the children had – from mountain biking, orienteering, bike tours around Hanmer to relaxing in the hot pools. The camp had a great 'feel' to it and children report that it was an 'awesome' camp. Thanks to the many parents who went there to support the children and to the senior team of teachers who made the camp a wonderful experience.

Parent teacher interviews

Parent-teacher interviews will take place over two days early next term – **Tuesday 28 July** (after school and evening) **and 29 July** (after school). As a trial the school is adopting an on-line timetable system where the only way you will be able to book an appointment with your child's teacher is through this on-line system. This will reduce the huge workload that teachers end up with in trying to co-ordinate multiple requests for interviews throughout the school (if you have more than one child) and trying to meet all parents' requests for a time that is convenient and suitable. This system will give parents more control over times that suit you.

This new on-line process of booking interviews is a trial and if you experience any difficulty we need to have your feedback if we want to use it again.

We know that most parents will have access to the internet at home, but if not you can get access at the Riccarton library or via a friend.

On Monday, 20th July, first day back at school, we will send home a note telling you how to access the site and how to go about booking appointment times with your children's teachers. It's really easy and very user-friendly.

Term holidays:

This is the last newsletter for this term. Our holidays start on **Friday, 3rd July at 3pm** and children start back at school on **Monday, 20th July**. Enjoy the holiday with your children.

Farewell to:

Youmie Kim, one of our ESOL teacher-aides is leaving us at the end of the term to start full-time study at the University of Canterbury. Youmie has been a wonderful support to our Korean families at the school and we will miss her. Thank you Youmie for your smile, your positive and respectful way you have worked with our children. We wish you well with your study.

Charles Levings
Principal

The Avonhead Spotlight falls on...



A group of talented Year 5/6 students travelled 2654 steps to the College of Education on Wednesday 10 June to participate in a Problem Solving session with some trainee teachers. The trainee teachers, their lecturer and their maths' teacher (Ms Tweedie) were not only amazed at the skill level of this group of talented mathematicians but also at their ability to persist with complex problems and the flexibility in thinking demonstrated to solve problems in a variety of ways. Well done team !

Otago Daily Times Spelling Quiz

Two teams of Year 5 and 6 students entered the quiz.

Team 1 – **Alex Tompkins, Casey McDonald and Jack Davies**

Team 2 – **Maia Handley, Rhys Weaver, and Hannah O'Connell.** This was the first time Avonhead has entered teams in this event. Our students, although not placed, participated with great enthusiasm. There were 45 teams competing in the quiz.

Important Notice

Look for the Dental Information for Parents & Caregivers Form coming home today please.



Avonhead School Speech Finals

The speech finals were held on the evening of 18 June at the school and some fine speeches were heard by parents, friends & family. Congratulations to all those below and special congratulations to the winners and place getters.

Year 5 and 6

Hayley Lam	"Why You Should Visit London"
Arna Criglington	"A Checklist for Growing Up" (2 nd)
Anna Reese-Jones	"My Birthday is Coming Up." (1 st)
Antonia Heath	"This May Sound Very Odd."
Simon Lorimer	"Why You Should Not Wear Makeup."
Anthony Hyde	"Penguins"

Year 7

Sahara Pohatu-Trow	"The Outsiders"
Regan Harding	"Cats v Dogs" (2 nd)
Jacob Reese-Jones	"Risk" (1 st)
Grace Visser	"Follow Me"

Year 8

Michael Lane	"This May Sound Very Odd." (2 nd)
William Gillespie	"Someone I Admire"
Bridget Richardson	"This May Sound Very Odd."
Zac Santich	" My Dog – Jed" (1 st)

Zac & Jacob will represent the school at the Rotary Speech Contest to be held at the school on June 30.

Caretaker's Corner - Jim's Tips

Chicken & Mushroom Pot Pies

Pastry

2 cups flour. 3 tsp BP. 1 tsp salt. 50g butter. 1 cup milk

Filling

4 tbsp olive oil. 1 onion. 400g button mushrooms, quartered. 4 skinless chicken breasts, trimmed
4 tbsp plain flour. ½ cup white wine. 2 cups chicken stock. 3 tbsp sour cream. 2 tbsp Chopped oregano
Salt & Pepper

For the pastry, rub butter into dry ingredients. Add milk to form smooth dough. Wrap and rest for ½ hour in the fridge.

For the filling, soften onion in oil. Add mushrooms and chicken cut into cubes, toss to lightly cook. Stir in flour; add wine and stock to form a smooth sauce. Add sour cream, oregano and seasoning, simmer for 5 mins.

Spoon into 6 individual ramekins.

Roll our pastry to 5mm thick; cut out 6 circles to make lids and fit onto ramekins securely.

Chill for 20 mins.

Heat oven to 180C. Glaze pastry with beaten egg. Bake for 20-25 mins until pastry is golden.



Term Diary

24	NW Festival
25	PTA Meeting Conversation for ESOL Speakers
26	PTA Sausage Sizzle
30	Rotary Speech Contest
July 3	End of Term
22	BOT Meeting
27	NSW Writing test
28/29	Parent teacher Interviews
30	PTA Meeting
Aug 4	NSW English
5	Student Council Wacky Hair Day
7	PTA Sausage Sizzle
10	Zone Winter Tournament
12/13	Canta Maths
17	Music Fest Rehearsal in Town Hall
18	NSW Maths test
20	Ski trip seniors
27	PTA Meeting
28	End winter sport

Celebrations

☺ **Ben Karkash, Paul Richnow, Sarah Wallace, Andrew Winton** are all fantastic students at looking after the environment!

☺ The following pupils have successfully auditioned for special music groups at the **Chrsitchurch Schools Music Festival**;
Alice Norton (Senior Choir),
Geeny Moon (Orchestra);
Lucy Goslin (Senior Choir);
Nicola Buisman (Senior Choir);
Nicole Smith (Senior Choir);
Taylor McKenzie (Senior Choir);
Thomas Kennedy(Senior Choir).

Congratulations to you all-this is a competitive arena.

☺ **Bridget Richardson**, Rm 16, has been selected for the final group of trialists to go the final session for the **Canterbury Primary Schools Netball Rep** teams. Well done Bridget!

National Standards Consultation

1. There is an opportunity for interested parents to provide feedback on the proposed National Standards. The information can be found online at [http://www.minedu.govt.nz/National Standards Parent Feedback](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NationalStandardsParentFeedback)
2. or Google [Ministry of Education - Information for parents, family and whānau](#)

The National Standards are planned to begin in 2010. It is envisaged there will be National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Notices

Registration is now open for Children's Technology Zone.

1-The holiday program starts on Tuesday 7th of July from 9:00am-12pm, fee \$35.

2- Term3 enrolment is open now for My First Robot on Monday 20th of July (\$65), Robot workshop on Tuesday 21st (\$125), PC4kids on Wednesday 22nd (\$65), Technology workshop on Thursday 23rd(\$60). These classes run once a week for 4 week from 3:30pm-4:30pm, at St David's church, 352 Wairakei Rd.Classes are limited to 5 children.

For more information please visit <http://www.ctzone.co.nz/Program.html>

Invest in an Aquatic Discovery! Kings Swim School Holiday Programme. Bookings being taken NOW! Phone: 341 7579, www.kingsswimschool.co.nz, 109 Main South Road(Riccarton High School end)

Wanted – 4 bedroom Rental, logburner, dbl garage, max \$350pw. Avonhead School zone or surrounding area. Ph 344 5669 or 027 3088850

St Christophers Avonhead are running their holiday programme for Kidsfest “**Mission Possible; The Battle for Jericho**”, Thursday 9 July & Friday 10 July from 10am to 12pm. More details on the flyer in the school office or the church website is www.stchristophers.org.nz

Holiday programmes are being offered by the **Airforce Museum** and the **Alpha Educational Institute** in Bishopdale, which specialises in English tuition.

Alpha Ph 359 1525

Air Force Museum Ph 343 9517 or www.airforcemuseum.co.nz

**Give Golf A Go
Sunday Mornings 11am - 12noon Booking required
Riccarton Park Golf Complex**

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

Next: July 30th

Time? 9-9.30am

Mount Pleasant School is holding their annual **art exhibition** on Saturday 27th June from 1.30 to 5pm in the Mount Pleasant Community Centre on McCormacks Bay Rd. Entry is by gold coin donation and all art exhibited is for sale. Over 40 artists and sculptors will be exhibiting including guest artists this year Colin Freeman, Mel Brew, Sheila Brown, Galina Kim, Rebecca Herring and John Boyd and also featuring art by Llew Summers, Christine King, Beverley Frost, Andrew Lyons and Zita Waldron. Complimentary finger food, wine and coffee for sale and a colourful atmosphere make this a great afternoon out.

Dyspraxia Awareness Week 29 June to 3 July- the support group is committed to provide support and care for children, youths & adults affected with Developmental Dyspraxia.

For Sale-Winter Fleece size 6/8, Ph 021 144 2639