



Congratulations

Congratulations to Fraser Gurney who has been awarded the Peerswick Scholarship by Riccarton High School. This Scholarship is a highly coveted and prestigious award. Congratulations Fraser. We are proud of you.

Celebration

On another celebratory note.....Yesterday I took the Y8 CANTAMATHS team out to lunch. This is because of a promise I made to them before the CantaMaths competition; that if they got 100% in the team competition I would give them a treat.

There were eighty Year 8 students from schools all Canterbury in the Christchurch Town Hall and it was a very exciting atmosphere as the teams worked against the clock to solve mathematical problems that would give any of us a real challenge to solve!! We didn't win the competition but our team was fifth out of the eighty schools that participated. A perfect score of 100% is incredibly impressive and just shows that our students are 'up there with the winners'. Congratulations to our team, **Sam Johnson, Etienne Wain, Matsumi Fujiwara and Annie Liu**. It will be a pleasure taking this team to lunch to celebrate their success!

Congratulations also to our Year 7 team who performed well. Not quite the 100% BUT we were proud of them as well.

Change in our newsletter:

In response to comments in the community feedback questionnaire we received earlier in the year, we are going to trial emailing the newsletter to parents next term. This will be one of many initiatives where we are going to make so that information will be accessible to you and will be an improvement in the way we communicate with families. In doing this, we are going to make significant savings in the huge amount of paper that is wasted in producing the fortnightly newsletters. We are also aware that not all newsletters go home and many end up in the bottom of children's bags and in desks!

We will use the email address you have supplied to us to send you a copy of the newsletter next term. The first newsletter will be on the 21st October. A copy will also be placed (on the same day) on our website (www.avonhead.school.nz). Mindful of the fact that this will not always suit everyone, we are going to also print a two page newsletter and on publication day will have it located in a box in the school-side of the office block where children and parents can collect it. We will show children where to collect the newsletters and let them know through the school notices when the two page newsletter is available for collecting. The paper copy of the newsletter will only contain text and celebratory photos of children's successes will be placed on our website.

We need you to ensure we have your correct email address and if there is a parent who is not living with their child and would like to receive an emailed copy of the newsletter, please write (in block letters) the email address on a note paper, hand it to your child's teacher and we will add them to our distribution database.

This will be a trial and we will be interested in the feedback from parents at the end of the term. We hope it will run smoothly but I'm sure there will be one or two initial 'gremlins' to iron out.

Charles Levings
Principal



The Avonhead Spotlight falls on...

Room 11's **Alex Tompkins** has *many* talents across the curriculum. He's the Room 11 Wordsmith and we would love to share one of his recent poetry works ..!

Warning: Do not try these out in the classroom!

Fine Print: These actions, in no way, describe the behaviours of the fabulous students in Room 11.

How to Annoy the Teacher

Come to school late, forget to take off your shoes,
Right after fitness say, "ha, ha, you lose!"

All through maths, suck some chewing gum,
Then let out a yawn and start flicking your thumb.

Take out a comic when supposed to be reading,
And say you don't care about academic achieving.

When meant to be writing start hitting the table,
When teacher comes around, say you aren't able.

When teacher's reading, spill some juice,
Then say it's not you, it was the goose.

All these tips are good, especially the goose,
But don't be surprised if they let your teacher's anger loose!
By Alex.

Celebrations

Fergus McIntosh has finished all levels of
Aquagym's Learn-To-Swim programme.
He is now a 'Swimstar'.
Way to go Fergus!

☺ **Akane Matsumoto, Rm 15,**
came 2nd overall in the South Island
Gym Champs recently.
Fabulous Akane!

On the 21st of August 8 chosen students from our school went to Riccarton High School to experience CSI/chemistry. Our first activity was fingerprinting. We printed our fingerprints on a piece of paper and we examined them through a magnifying glass. The second activity was the Helium balloon activity, where we filled balloons with helium and let them go outside. The third thing we did was the Golden Coin activity, where we transformed old 2 cent coins into gold. Straight after that experiment we did a Chemical Reaction experiment, where we mixed a few chemicals causing a foaming and steaming chemical reaction. The last thing we did was the Cinematography paper activity, where we drew dots on the end of the paper and dipped them in a vial of chemicals. The colours combined to create a colourful result.

Overall we all had a fantastic time. It was amazing to have a little taste of what it would be like to be at Riccarton High School next year.

By: Ian, William and Denzel

Year 7 Cantamaths Squad

Geeny Moon, Akane Matsumoto, Jacob Reese-Jones, Lisa Zhang,
Martin Ravn, Taku Otani, Renta Yamamoto, Grace Visser.

Yr 8 Cantamaths Squad

Michael Lane, Mutsumi Fujiwara, Mei Mameno, Sam Johnson,
Amy Archer, Isabelle Chai, Alice Robson, William Gillespie, Ian Yoon, Fraser Gurney, Thomas
Wright, Etienne Wain, Connor Handley, Annie Liu, Ben Owens, Chris Dawson.

Congratulations all of you!

PTA Corner

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Special General Meeting.

A Special General Meeting for the Avonhead School PTA is being held on the 27th August 2009.
Meeting time is 7.15pm in the school staffroom.

This is for the purpose of voiding our current constitution and adopting a new one. A copy of this document will be available for anyone interested from this week at the school office or through request at pta@avonhead.school.nz.

Normal monthly meeting runs on after the AGM..all welcome to both

Avonhead Men's Night

Thursday 3rd Sept 7.30pm
Multi Purpose Room
Supper Provided, BYO drinks
Spot Prizes
Tickets Only \$8



Wine and Beer Tasting by Terry Mitchell
Harewood Golf Club Pro demonstration
Hayden's Menswear presentation

“You deserve a pre-Father's Day night out”
Tickets available from the School Office

**AVONHEAD PTA
LADIES' NIGHT
THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
7:00PM
MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
\$17 PER PERSON
GET YOUR TICKET NOW
More info: Leonie Partridge Ph 357-8385**

The PTA reminds the school community of the Tram & Gondola pass..brochure in the school office.

The PTA celebrated its 50th Jubilee recently.

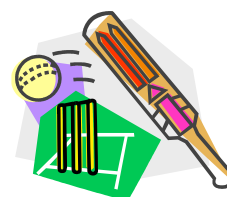
Term Diary

27	PTA Meeting Willowbank for Juniors
Sept 3	Central Winter Tournament Science Alive in R 6 Willowbank visit for Juniors PTA Mens Night
4	Sausage Sizzle Science Alive R 7-10
8	Army Band Rs 6-14
10	Museum visit whole day team 5/6 PTA Women's Night
16	School Photos
24	PTA Meeting Adult English conversation
25	Last Day of Term
October	
12	First day of Term 4
15	BOT Meeting
16	Rehearsal for Town Hall Festival Evening performance for the School
30	PTA Sausage Sizzle

Notices

For the **Year 5/6 cricketers** to have more than 1 team entered in next term's inter school competition, each team needs to be able to travel independently and have a coach with them. Teams usually practice once a week during a lunch hour. If you are able to coach a team, please let Chris Tweedie, Room 11 know **asap** as entries close soon.

Games are usually held on Thursday or Friday afternoons, depending on the draw we receive.



Emily Blackmore has a mouse with a house for Sale... Mouse & 3 storey cage..\$45.

Ph 342 5385

Robotics Holiday Workshop No experience needed!

Come and join us to explore the wonderful world of robotics, build a robot and program it to do challenging tasks. Robotics is the future of technology and a topic everyone should know about. It is also a great way to teach children programming, control theory, electronics as well as communication skills.

With our workshops it doesn't matter how much you know now. The program is structured to ensure each student learn as much as they are capable of, or want to learn.

The critical knowledge/skills that the students develop are.

1. Learning basics and background information in robotics.
2. Learning to construct and program a robot using Robostamp.
3. Learning how collision, distance and line sensors are used. The difficulty of these challenges is targeted to the level of the student.
4. Collaborative working in a team – taking specific roles.
5. To have fun!

When: 28 September or 29 September, 9:00 to 16:00 (RSVP by 18 September)

Place: Seabrook McKenzie Centre, 68 London Street, Christchurch

Cost: \$80.00 per day

Provided: Use of programmable robot and laptop, your own journal.

Contact: Sue: (Special Needs Teacher) 357-9519 / sue@robokits.co.nz
Katana (Technology Teacher): 358-5694 / katanad@ihug.co.nz

On successful completion every student will be provided with a laminated certificate.

For Sale!

2 long sleeve poloshirts
1 short sleeve poloshirt
2 sweatshirts
1 short
2 trackpants(fleece)
1 trackpant(tactel tasion)

They are all size 6, have only been used less than a year.

My name is Kar, and home no is 3584772, mobile 021-2300112.

Also.. Culottes - Size 10, in excellent condition \$15

Please phone Jacqui 3488813



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info@aquagym.co.nz

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To eligible to enroll applicants must be;

- Aged between 8 & 18 yrs; or 5-18 if attending Kura Kaupapa
- Attending school; and
- Registered with Whakapapa Ngai Tahu
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