

**Jubilee:**

It's very exciting – the big 50th celebrations are happening this weekend. The children are into the 'celebration' mode and my staff are all dressed as though they are going to an early ABBA concert!!

Thanks to parents for helping with the working bee held at school on Saturday 16 May. We managed to complete most of the tasks. Thanks also to the parents who have offered to help over the weekend.

Families are welcome to attend the opening ceremony on Saturday morning at 10.30 or the thanksgiving service on Sunday at 10.30 but **all children must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for their care**. The school grounds will be closed off to members of the public for the weekend and children will not be allowed to play in the school grounds over the weekend. We have some very expensive equipment set up for the weekend including the marquee!

Teacher Only Day (TOD)

In the last few newsletters and in a special note to parents sent home on Friday, 27 March we advised that the 'teacher only day' that we had originally planned for earlier in the year will now be held on **Monday, June 22nd**. The school will be closed on this day and staff will be working off-site so parents will have to make arrangements for the care of their children. We have tagged the TOD to a weekend so your family can have a 'long weekend' if you are able to take advantage of this extra day. The other TOD is still planned for Wednesday October 14th. I'm sorry that we can't tag this one on to the weekend but our staff are combining with Russley staff to work with, internationally renowned Kath Murdoch, who is guiding us through the Inquiry learning model and the integrated curriculum. Wednesday is the only day she can work with our group.

Normally we have to make up the days we have off as 'teacher only days', but the Ministry of Education has gazetted the ability for all schools to take two 'teacher only days' to work on the implementation of the new curriculum without having to make these days up at the end of the year.

Sickness:

Firstly, thanks to parents who reliably ring the school to advise of an absence because of illness. We appreciate you doing this but not everyone does. In this case, to ensure the safety of your child, we will ring you ASAP to check on his/her whereabouts and if we can't get you, we will ring the emergency numbers you have provided us. The worst case scenario is that you think your child is at school and he/she isn't!!! We need to be sure that your child is safe. You can help by ringing us – 24 hours, as our answer-phone will accept your message.

Secondly, it is 'flu' weather conditions. If your child is sick, then you must keep him/her at home despite the fact that you might have to work!!! It is not fair to send a sick child to school. Please keep your child home until they appear to be well again and then keep them off for one extra day as often we believe that children come back to school too early. You make the decision as to whether your child is well enough to return but please feel reassured that we think it is OK to keep them home for that extra day, particularly after several days of illness.

Thirdly, some little health tips that we have used with our own children at home. They don't always do it but they have had the grounding!.....

- Our Dr has told us that when people want to sneeze or cough, then use your sleeve to cough or sneeze into! Good tip as sometimes reaching for a tissue is too late!
- It is really important to wash hands all the time and particularly after toileting! Sing 'happy birthday' while washing (older children can sing it silently!!)
- Birthday cakes! Having a group of 5-6 year olds all blowing the candles out together is a great way of spreading germs. We have covered our cakes with gladwrap and poke the candles into it. Early childhood institutions put the candles into playdough and everyone can help blow out the candles without fear of germs spreading.

Charles Levings- **Principal**

The Avonhead Spotlight falls on...



Last Wednesday, several singers went to audition for the prestigious Christchurch Schools' Music Festival, Junior or Senior Special Choir. The audition involved singing, listening, technical skills. Our children are competing against nearly 500 of the best singers in Canterbury to get a place in the senior or Junior Choir.



Welcome to the 60s & 70s..oddy staff didn't find this a struggle at all!

Jubilee



We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the Open Day on Friday, the Official Opening on Saturday at 10.30am and the Thanksgiving on Sunday at 10.30am. If children would like to wear their National Costume to either or both of these events they are welcome. **At all Jubilee events over the weekend children must be accompanied by a parent.**

Caretaker's Corner - Jim's Tips

Feta & Zucchini Fritters

- 4 cups approx zucchini coarsely grated
- 1 small onion
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 75g feta cheese broken up (or parmesan)
- 3 eggs beaten
- Breadcrumbs, extra for coating
- ¼ cup chopped herbs (dill, chives, mint, parsley)
- Freshly gr black pepper & salt to taste
- Oil or butter for frying

Mix all ingredients, form into small fritters 1cm thick and dredge in extra breadcrumbs. Heat enough oil to generously coat the bottom of the frying pan. Fry both sides until golden and drain on paper towels. Serve with a fruit chutney, tomato salsa or a dip.

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

Celebrations

☺ **Martin Ravn**, Rm 15, was awarded High Distinction in his piano exam. Congratulations Martin..it doesn't get any better.

Avonhead School Cross Country Results 2009

9year Old Boys

1. Riain Lynch 10.58
2. Rhys Weaver 10.03
3. Yusei Mameno 10.03
4. Fergus McIntosh 11.15
5. Anas Al Zadjali 12.18
6. Ash Jones 12.47
7. Jacob Mataiti 13.09
8. Geoffrey Williams 13.36
9. Andrew Melhop 15.32
10. Alex Walker 15.44

9 Year Old Girls

1. McKenna Dale 11.23
2. Anna Reese-Jones 11.49
3. Amy Collett 12.30
4. Kerry Chen 12.42
5. Jin Auh 12.49
6. Tori Cotton 13.19
7. Tamzin Goodwin 13.36
8. Emma Lin 14.03
9. Jade Scandrett-Huriwai 14.05
10. Casey MacDonald 14.08

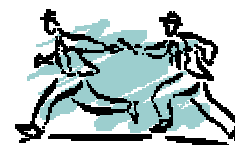


10 Year Old Boys

1. A J Salmon 10.26
2. Daniel Webber 10.32
3. Jason Archer 10.41
4. Dylan Chadwick 10.44
5. Josh Santich 10.46
6. Daniel Tattley 11.01
7. James Manning 11.01
8. Matt Franklin 11.39
9. Wills McCarthy 11.40
10. Jack Davies 11.59
- 10= CJ Wootton 11.59

10 Year Old Girls

1. Maddie Davidson 11.30
2. Gemma Higgins 11.38
3. Arna Criglington 11.57
4. Lucy Walker 12.10
5. Antonia Heath 12.13
6. Angelina Lee 12.23
7. Summer Nanai-Stewart 13.04
8. Georgia Swan 13.05
9. Crystal Pal 13.23
10. Rebecca Linklater 13.42



11 Year Old Boys

1. Renta Yamamoto 15.01
2. Jacob Reese-Jones 16.23
- 2= Etienne Wain 16.23
4. Matt Boniface 16.37
5. Ryan Schrader 16.49
6. Armin Tahan 16.54
7. Jack Orchard 18.00
8. Ian Yoon 18.14
9. Rhys Jones 18.32
10. Josh Melhop 18.59

11 Year Old Girls

1. Siobhan Dale 19.07
2. Claudia Dakin-Thompson 19.13
3. Ellen Turnbull 19.32
4. Lani Tulia 20.30
5. Akane Matsumoto 20.59
6. Lisa Zhang 21.00
7. Lissy Robin 21.38
8. Maegan Connell 22.04
9. Rebekah Johnston 22.31
- 9= Brooke Gardner 22.31



12Year Old Boys

1. Fraser Gurney 14.24
2. Cleve Thornalley 14.51
- 1 William Gillespie 15.05
- 2 Thomas Wright 15.49
- 3 Sean Forster 16.14
- 4 Chris Dawson 16.22
- 5 Zac Santich 16.50
- 6 Connor Handley 17.07
- 7 Abdul Khalifa 17.40
- 10 Denzel Bonifacio 17.50

12 Year Old Girls

1. Erica Winton 17.04
2. Alice Williams 19.09
- 2= Annabelle Greenwood 19.09
4. Lucy Goslin 21.21
5. Abbey McCarthy 21.30
- 5= Natalie Rhodes 21.30
7. Amber Hale 21.51
8. Lauren Bannister 22.20
9. Mackenzie Preston 22.42
10. Annie Lui 22.56
- 10= Mutsumi Fujiwara 22.56

Term Diary

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
Aug 5	Student Council Wacky Hair Day

Notices

Raissa Maia, 17, is available for babysitting after school or weekends Ph 343 4459 or 021 02739001

Help please! Calling any Olympia Gymnastics parents. Is there anyone who goes to Olympia Gymnastics on a Wednesday who could give my daughter a lift to her 3.30pm training? It would be for every 2nd week, starting Wednesday 10 June. I'm able to take your child on the alternate weeks if that works. If you can help, please phone Sarah on 358 6538. Thank you!

Living Springs are now running kids holiday camps with their next camp being the 12th - 16th July.

Download the rego form off their website
www.livingsprings.co.nz
under NEWS.



PTA Corner

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS-ALL SOLD!! THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER.



FUN RUN

Money still being accepted. First prize order placed yesterday with Golden Circle and prizes should arrive within the next 3 weeks.

Golden Circle is allowing us to send a second prize order at the end of next week for any money not yet returned.

Friday the 5th June will be the last day for the top fundraising class and student to be calculated.

Thank you to all students who have worked hard to raise money for the school, and congratulations to you all on your Cross Country.

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