



From the Principal

Holidays:

Just a reminder that Thursday the 9th is the last day of term and our school holidays start this coming Good Friday (10th April). We commence again on Monday 27th April.

Staffing:

At the beginning of term 1 a new teacher, Jennifer Brown, will be joining us as class teacher in R20. Kylie Bedford, the existing teacher will continue to work with the children in a shared-teaching arrangement. We welcome Jennifer to Avonhead School and look forward to our continuing association with Kylie.

Swimming Pool:

We originally advertised the fact that we would close the pool down at the end of this week but as we have had some warm days lately and children and parents are enjoying the warm 28 degrees, we have decided to leave the pool open until Sunday 26th April.

You will be able to get the \$10.00 refund for your key if you return it by Friday, May 8th.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we will not be using the same key for the next swimming season so the key will be of no use to anyone who wants to hold on to their existing key so please make sure you return your key at the end of this season.

If you have already returned your key and you would like to use the pool over the holidays, come in and speak to Hilary Taylor and we will reissue your key for the next two weeks. Sorry, we cannot issue any new keys; we are just extending the season for an extra two weeks.

Website:

We are revamping our website and the new-look website will be up and running in the next couple of days. It is our intention to keep refreshing the site so there will be a lot of new information on a regular basis. We are also going to update a calendar of events on a regular basis so parents can access information more easily. This is in response to some comments in our community consultation process where parents asked for more information of events.

Building development update:

From the start of term 2 we are condensing the library into one room (the new part) so we can use the older part of the library as a classroom for the start of term 3. There will be modifications made to this room so it will look like a 'brand new classroom!!'

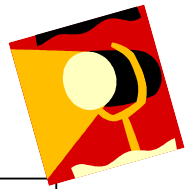
The Board is currently interviewing prospective architects so the design and building of our new hall can take place. We are hoping that our new hall will be ready to use at the end of term one next year! Hopefully by the end of term 2 we will have completely refurbished the existing hall and converted it into a stunning new library/ learning centre. The car park will be shifted so that the entrance for children to this new centre will not be through a car park but instead through an attractive courtyard!!

Lots of exciting things happening at Avonhead School. We will give you more details as the projects develop.

Finally, enjoy the holidays with your children. Relax and recharge the batteries for the new term. Lots of exciting things will be happening and the highlights will have to be the Jubilee celebrations over Queen's Birthday Weekend, and the seniors going to Hanmer on their syndicate camp.

Charles Levings
Principal

The Avonhead Spotlight falls on...



Hard-working Student Council Members **Alice, Hannah & Dimitris**, who happened to be in the vicinity of my spotlight camera recently!
Watch out for up-coming events organized by these capable people
-see the new **Term Diary...**

Riccarton High dates for prospective students;

Information Evening, Tuesday 19 May, 7pm in the Hall. Tours will take place on
Thursday 21 May, Monday 25 May,
Tuesday 26 May & Thursday 28 May.
Ring the Riccarton school office to book a tour or book at the info evening.

Celebrations

☺ **Emma Hogan**, Rm 10, played in her 2nd clarinet concert, playing 'Hedwig's Theme' from the Harry Potter movies. Well done Emma!

☺ **Casey Macdonald**, Rm 13, has just passed Level 5 swimming at Wharenui, which means she can now compete! This was one of Casey's goals and a lot of hard work has gone into this – some 5 years so far! Impressive!

Notices

Yoga Classes commence 30 April for Term 2 in the Multipurpose Room at Avonhead School.

NB the new time of 7-8.30pm.

Contact Pip Olorenshaw for enquiries. Ph 348 7258.

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

The **Junior Cross Country** involving children from years 1 to 4 was held on Friday the 3rd of April with the following results;

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

5 Yrs Girls

1st Emily Ladbrook
2nd Lexus Hanson
3rd Holly Henderson

5 Yrs Boys

1st Nant Prachuabmoh
2nd Hunter Mason
3rd Bradley Watson

5½ Yrs Girls

1st Charlotte Hardwick
2nd Eliza McIntosh
3rd Harriet Dodd

5½ Yrr Old Boys

1st Ethan Santich
2nd Jenner Johnson
3rd Ryan Tsai

6 Yrs Girls

1st Emma Collett
2nd Sophie Ilton
3rd Marijke Hinton

6 Yrs Boys

1st Hunter Dale
2nd Taka Shima
3rd Jonathan Voon

7 Yrs Girls

1st Sarah Wallace
2nd Taleisha Hancox
3rd= Aotearoa Falefata
Anna Malin

7 Yrs Boys

1st Nathanael Wain
2nd= Joshua Button
Kobe Beecroft
3rd Liam Criglington

8 Yrs Girls

1st Kaleigh Dale
2nd Maisie Cropley
3rd Marion Hardwick

8 Yrs Boys

1st Daniel Trenberth
2nd Jamie Palmer
3rd= Paul Richnow
Thomas Dunlop

Term Diary

April 30	Conversation for ESOL speakers
May 5	Parent Interviews Yr 8
7	BOT Meeting
8	Student Council Mufti Day
9	Working Bee at the school
11	Cross Country (PP day is 15 th)
22	Winter Sports starts
26	Yr 8 Young Leaders' Conference
27	Team 5/6 Jubilee Photography Exhibition

	Mufti Day “Welcome to the Sixties”
28	PTA Meeting 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
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