



### Opening of our new school hall

On the 10<sup>th</sup> June, we will have the official opening of the new school hall with the Prime Minister, Hon John Key. The ceremony will take place in the morning from 9.30am until 10.30am. This will be a wonderful occasion and we will have invited guests joining us for the full school assembly. We also have a highly respected local Maori elder, Rick Tau, and he will honour us by conducting a *Karakia Whakanoi* – a special ceremony to bless our new meeting place. There will be some short speeches and a couple of items from our talented students. Our children will enjoy this special ceremony which marks the start of the use of our new hall.

We will have a limited number of seats for our parents/caregivers to join us at this opening. It is important to appreciate that this invitation is only open to parents/caregivers. Please email Hilary Taylor in the office - ([admin@avonhead.school.nz](mailto:admin@avonhead.school.nz)) or let her know in person or phone that you would like to be present and it will be on a 'First in, first served basis'. Please be aware that as we will have 505 children and about 100 invited guests and teachers, we will have only space for about 100 parents. For this reason, you need to be aware of the following requirements:

- No extended family or friends please as these people can come and see the hall on the following day.
- This is not a ceremony for pre-schoolers so you will need to make some other arrangements for your pre-school children if you decide to come.
- Most importantly you will need to be at school by 9.20am. If you arrive after 9.30am, you will **not be** admitted to the hall as this would be disrespectful to our important guests.
- No-one is to stand at the back of the hall. Everyone will be seated.

On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, we are going to open the hall to the community. We have a group of senior students who will provide guided tours through the new hall – from 8am in the morning through to 6.30pm in the evening. This will be an opportunity to appreciate not only the hall itself but the other wonderful spaces we have in the building. This is an open invitation to everyone including friends and extended family. You will be able to come anytime during the day.

### Children arriving too early!

On these cold mornings it is not appropriate for children to arrive too early. We noted today that some children started arriving at 7.45am. Please be aware that this is unwise and that no supervision is available at this time.

### Friendly reminders:

- The **travel plan survey** sent home to all parents; because we have had terrible weather this week, the organiser has suggested that the due-by dates be extended till **next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June** for the survey to be returned. Please make an effort to fill in this important survey as schools that go through this process gain priority for a 40km school zone outside the school.
- **School interviews:** If you want to have an interview with your child's teacher next week, you must go on-line to make an appointment. For further information, please go to our website [www.avonhead.school.nz](http://www.avonhead.school.nz) for another copy of the interview instruction sheet. We would like all parents to make an interview time with their child's teacher. Barbara Medlock in the library can help you make the interview times if needed.
- Just a reminder that school is closed **on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June** as this is Queen's birthday weekend.

### Ben Sigmund – All Whites Team

As part of the All Whites promotion Ben Sigmund, an ex Avonhead pupil, was to visit Avonhead School last week. McDonald's organised a hat and a pedometer for each child to promote walking while the **All Whites** are in South Africa at the World Cup. Ben's baby Cameron arrived 16 weeks early and unfortunately Ben was unable to come. We will see if we can arrange for another time for his visit after he comes back with the World Cup!! On the next fine day the hats will be sent home and teachers will distribute the pedometers when it suits each class. Please name your child's hat.

### Feetfirst

We collect the number of students who walk to school on the day of their choice during each week. The school has entered into a competition in the hope that we can win some physical education equipment for the school. Children can walk or scoot or cycle. Note: children must be over ten years before they can cycle to school.

### Scoters

Lately a number of students have left their scooters at school over night and have had their scooter stolen. Mrs Gamperle, Ms Pollard and Mrs Rose chased a young person seen stealing a scooter. The person got such a fright with the three ladies chasing him that he dropped the scooter! (The person came into the school grounds from Avonhead Road, grabbed the scooter and fled through to Ferrier Park.)

Our advice is take scooters and bikes home each night and that bikes should be locked during the day.

### Working Bee Cancelled

As the grounds and buildings are too wet presently we have decided to **cancel** the Working Bee which was to be held this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

### 2011 School terms and holidays – For your information

The usual length of each school term has been adjusted for 2011. Terms 1 and 2 are slightly longer than usual, and Term 4 is two weeks shorter. This adjustment has been made to align the October term holiday with the final stages of the 2011 Rugby World Cup tournament.

## 2011

**Term 1:** Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2:** Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July

**Term 3:** Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August – Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October

**Term 4:** Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday, 16 December

## 2011 holidays

Schools must be closed in 2011 on Saturdays and Sundays, and on these days:

- New Years Day - 1 January
- Day after New Years Day - 2 January
- Waitangi Day - 6 February (Sunday)
- Good Friday - 22 April
- Easter Monday - 25 April
- Day after Easter Monday - 26 April (Tuesday)
- Anzac Day - 25 April
- Queen's Birthday - 6 June (Monday)
- Labour Day - 24 October (Monday)
- Canterbury Show day – 11 November (Friday)
- Christmas Day - 25 December
- Boxing Day - 26 December

## Term Diary

27	School Speech contest, 7.30pm
28	Action Indoor Sport begins for Yr 3/4 Winter Sport cancelled this week.
31	Museum trip Rms 10,11,12
June 1	Museum trip Rms 8,9
2,3	Parent Interviews
4	PTA Sausage Sizzle Winter Sports
7	Queen's Birthday-School closed
9	NSW Science Centrals Cross Country Halswell Quarry
10	Official opening new hall
11	Community new hall Open Day
16	BOT Meeting
18	Disco
22	Northwest festival, 7.30 Aurora centre
July 1	End of Term treat Team 3/4
2	End of Term 2
21	BOT Meeting
27	PTA Meeting
Aug 6	PTA Sausage Sizzle

**After discussion with some parents Constable Maire Froud of NZ Police has provided the following...**

### CYBERSAFETY Computer Contract

**Personal:** I will keep my personal details to myself.  
(Name, address, school, age, phone etc)

**Photos:** I will always check with an Adult before I send a photo.  
Photos can stay on the Internet forever and I have no control over who has my photo or where it is used.

**Passwords:** Mine is for me to know and protect. I will have a strong password made up of letters, numbers and symbols and I will not share it with anyone!

**Time:** I will talk with my parents/caregivers about appropriate time limits for me to stick to when using the internet.

**Open Door:** I will operate an "open door policy" when on the computer. I should be able to share everything I do on the computer with my WHOLE family. If I have any worries, I'll tell an Adult and we'll look at [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)

**Friends:** I will talk with my parents/caregivers about whether it's ok for me to meet an internet friend in person. If they decide it is I will never meet them on my own.

**Concerns:** If I ever have any concerns about anything I see or anyone I meet on the internet, I will discuss them with an adult I trust. Together we can look at: [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)

SIGNED:

Internet Users

Parent/Caregiver

*If something online seems too good to be true, it probably is!*

*Some people lie about who they are.*

## PTA Corner

Thanks to all who bought an Entertainment Book. With your support the PTA has bought 83 chairs for our new hall. There are still 5 books left..first in best dressed.

# Celebrations

©The Cross Country team will be competing at the North West Zone Cross Country on Monday 31 May. The best 12 from each age group-boys and girls will take part in the Central competition; Jamie Palmer, Andrew Winton, Paul Richnow, Thomas Dunlop, Sarah Wallace, Emily Dawson, Moe Suzuki, Maddison van Wijk, Fergus McIntosh, Rhys Weaver, Conagh Craighead, Anas Al Zadjali, Anna Reese-Jones, Tori Cotton, Amy Collett, Emma Lim, Gemma Higgins, Lucy Walker, Angelina Lee, Daniel Tattley, Joshua Santich, Dylan Chadwick, Edward Gurney, Claudia Dakin-Thompson, Lissy Robin, Renta Yamamoto, Jacob Reese-Jones, Armin Tahan & Benjamin Bertacco.



# Notices

Lost scooter..Samanta Kardos. Please check your scooter.  
Also silver scooter, name of Chris Jung. Belongs to Alexis McKellow-Reading, Ph 343 4259

**WANTED** - Temporary after-school care for active 10 year old boy until the end of term, maybe available longer. Would suit mother with child(ren) of similar age, or high school student wanting some extra cash after-school. 3-6pm Monday, 3-4:30 Tuesday, 3-6 Wed-Fri. Email: [clapharebec@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:clapharebec@yahoo.co.nz) or Phone Rebecca 027 237 4058.

-Before school care required daily from 31 May for 5 yr old boy from 7.30am. Also 1 afternoon (Wed) care required. Ring Carol 021 145 7772

## For Sale

GIRLS WINTER DRESS, SIZE 8. GOOD CONDITION. \$20 PHONE DEBBIE 9422336.

-Winter pinafore, size 10, ex cond, \$45. Ph Karen on 348 2098

-1x size 6 Summer Dress - \$25.00; 2x size 8 Summer Dresses - \$25.00 each; Phone Carmen 021 771 471

## Adult and Community Education classes

A wide range of adult and community education classes are offered at Riccarton High School.

ESOL, computing classes, cooking classes and many more.

For more details, contact Risingholme Community Centre on phone 332 7359 or email [risingholme@xtra.co.nz](mailto:risingholme@xtra.co.nz)

If you have any ideas for classes or is a potential tutor, please contact us as well.

## Hair Check Nights – Fridays!



**Get a copy of this newsletter by email**  
If you would like to receive a PDF copy of this newsletter via email look for the link on the school website  
[www.avonhead.school.nz](http://www.avonhead.school.nz)

**Scooters and bikes left overnight are at risk! Please tell your children not to leave their property at the school overnight.**



There is now a gold form for parents & children to fill out for newsletter inserts...beside my keyboard at the front desk. Emails are still accepted.

*Hilary Taylor*

## Spy Games Holiday Programme

Psst.... Hey YOU.... Yeah YOU.... Want to be a spy these school holidays?

Come along to the Air Force Museum's July school holiday programme **Spy Games** and you will get to: attend secret code workshops, learn about observation and deduction, carry out real-life surveillance and complete super spy missions. You will also make new friends and participate in lots of fun games and activities.

You can book for a 4 hour or a 6.5 hour programme, multiple days or a whole week. Parents can also enrol with WINZ to receive OSCAR subsidies.

DATES: 5 – 9 July and 12 – 16 July  
TIME: 8.30am – 12:30pm (4hr) or 8:30am - 3.00 pm (6.5hr)  
AGES: 5-12 years  
COST: 4hr programme = \$25 per day 6hr programme = \$35 per day  
Week long programme (8:30am – 3pm) = \$170 per week with NO added costs.

Spaces are filling fast, so book today on (03) 343 9504 or email [programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz](mailto:programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz) to become an Air Force Museum spy these school holidays.

School banking is still a service the school offers in conjunction with Westpac. Please encourage your child to use this service as a good foundation for future banking.