

**Hall opening**

What a wonderful occasion we had on the 10<sup>th</sup> June when we had the pleasure of our Prime Minister, John Key, with us to open our new hall. Your children were wonderful! Their collective enthusiasm, support and commitment made the event a very special one. We had over 700 adults and children in the hall and we could have seated more! It was an event that we can justifiably be proud of and certainly was a highlight of our year so far. We were also honoured with the presence of Rick Tau, a highly respected Ngai Tahu elder who performed the blessing on the hall. His presence made the ceremony even more special.

Because of the adverse weather, we have not been able to use the hall as they need to pave the walkways before we can get a certificate of compliance from the City Council. This is happening at the moment so the hall will be ready for use at the beginning of next term. Just for your information, we did get a temporary certificate code of compliance for the opening ceremony so everything was all legal!!

**Uniforms**

You will know from a previous newsletter that the Board was reviewing the quality and supply of school uniform. We received some wonderfully constructive submissions from parents, we also consulted a representative group of students and we have made some decisions that will be welcomed by parents. The most important one is that we will be allowing another provider to sell our school uniform as well as *Grasshopper* so there will be a choice of two retailers. We will advise you within the month who the second retailer will be, along with details of how you can purchase new uniform from both providers.

Jane from *Grasshopper* has advised that she has a small quantity of old logo trackpants left before new logo stocks are replenished. The PTA will not be selling any more second-hand uniform with the old logo. It's time to phase these out, although it is still perfectly acceptable for families who already have uniform and want their younger children to wear it when they get older.

Please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform.

**Staff changes**

You may be aware that the Board of Trustees allowed staff member Chris Tweedie to take up a six month appointment in the Canadian International School in Singapore. We saw this as a wonderful opportunity to get some quality PD that would benefit the school on her return. However, she has loved the experience so much that she has accepted a two year contract and has tendered her resignation to the Board of Trustees who has reluctantly accepted it. Chris is a highly skilled teacher, very talented and passionate about making a difference for children. We have enjoyed having Chris at our school and will miss her enthusiasm and her love of the school. Good luck to Chris in her new job. She will be returning to school early next term where the school, children and parents can thank her for her contribution to Avonhead School.

Alison McAllan, the teacher who is currently working in Chris's room (until she returned!!!), is not able to teach R14 for the rest of the year and so instead we have appointed Shirley-Anne Collins to the position of class teacher for the remainder of the year. Shirley-Anne is already working at our school as sports coordinator and relieving teacher and is well known to the children already. We look forward to Shirley-Anne working with us in the capacity as R14 teacher.

On another note.....Cindy McKenzie, class teacher in R2, was involved in a car accident where an on-coming car crossed the median strip and hit Cindy's car on the other side of the road. Cindy has been off work recovering from her injuries and hopes to be back at school at the start of next term.

**Finishing time tomorrow** – We finish at 3pm – usual time tomorrow and we resume school on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.

## Term Diary

July 2	End of Term 2
19	Term 3 begins
23	Winter Sports
27	PTA Meeting
30	Winter Sports
Aug 3	NSW English
Aug 6	PTA Sausage Sizzle Last day winter sport
11	Zone winter tournament
17	NSW Maths
19	Senior Ski trip
24	PTA Meeting
Sept 3	PTA Sausage Sizzle
9	Centrals winter tournament
21	PTA meeting
22	School Photos
24	End of term 3

### Everyday writing activities for home

Talk about what your child writes. Be interested. If you don't understand what her story is about, ask her to tell you about it. Encourage your child to use the computer to write, email and publish or print a birthday card, poem, joke, letter or picture with captions. If you don't have a computer, visit the library and use theirs.

## Celebrations

☺Paige McKenna competed in the cheerleading champs in Auckland and came 3<sup>rd</sup>! Well done Paige.

## Notices

### For Sale

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

-2 polo shirts (short sleeve, long sleeve, size 4) plus shorts size 5 plus culottes size 5, \$15 for all.  
2 summer dresses, size 4 gd cond & 5 new \$30.  
Ph Izumi on 341 5076

-Winter pinafores size 6, \$30, size 10 & 14, \$35  
Summer gingham size 10, \$15. Ph Eric on 021 740 698

### PTA Corner

Whether you have signed up to the Give Me Five Programme or not, the PTA would like to thank all those parents and caregivers who have given their time to either helping out at the school or assisting with fundraising. We value your time and appreciate your contribution.

Early next term we will be sending out a questionnaire to see whether you can help us organise and run a Quiz night. If we receive enough offers of assistance we will be able to run one of these fantastic, fun evenings.

Remember if you need to contact the PTA, you can email us on [pta@avonhead.school.nz](mailto:pta@avonhead.school.nz)

Who are we??  
What makes us unique?  
Last chance, the wall is growing..

The curriculum development team at Avonhead School invites you to contribute your thoughts and ideas to help us articulate our vision and identity. Please pop into the multipurpose room and add to our community wall tomorrow.



Living Springs "Treasure Island"  
Holiday Camp  
OR new day programme only option  
8-12 years  
12-16th July 2010

Download a registration form on our website: [www.livingsprings.co.nz](http://www.livingsprings.co.nz)  
(please note there are two separate forms, one for the camp, one for the day programme option)  
or email [livingspringsholidaycamps@gmail.com](mailto:livingspringsholidaycamps@gmail.com)  
or phone Melanie Scott 03 2360030

## IMPACTALPHA GYMSPORTS

Gymnastic, Trampoline, Cheerleading and Aerobics Club

July Holiday Programme of Gymnastic and Trampoline classes,  
Juniors 10am-12pm or 3pm-5pm for 10 years +  
Bookings essential

Spaces still available in our term 3 classes for preschoolers to adults.

Visit our website [www.christchurchgymnsports.co.nz](http://www.christchurchgymnsports.co.nz),  
email us at [impactalphagymnsports@xtra.co.nz](mailto:impactalphagymnsports@xtra.co.nz) or phone 338 4566.

Registration is now open for **Technology workshop** for kids age 5-7, start on Monday 19th of July, once a week for 3 weeks from 3:30pm-4:30pm, at St Timothy's Church, 46 Kendal Ave/ opposite side of Kendal School. Classes are limited to 5 children. For more information please visit <http://www.ctzone.co.nz/>

### 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)

**Avonhead Community Trust** have FIVE spaces (Years 1-4 only) available in their Holiday Programme for the 5 – 9 July. This is a “first come, first served” basis. Preference will be given to those enrolling for the full week. Brochures and booking forms are available from the school office or the Trust office at 102 Avonhead Rd or ph Alison Holmes on 348-6742 for more information. (Leave a clear message if unattended). You will need to return your booking form to the Trust office to await confirmation of your place.

## Kids Breakfast with the Mercury Energy Tactix

Calling all primary school aged girls and boys who are total NETBALL enthusiasts!! How would you like to hang out with the Mercury Energy Tactix over brekkie, then shoot some hoops with the netball pros during an exclusive training session! Well.... Now you can thanks to **Ronald McDonald House South Island** and **MORE FM!** The annual Ronald McDonald House Breakfast is back for 2010 on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** from **8am-9.30am**. Not only will you get a **scrumptious meal to start your day...** You will also get a **training session with the girls from the Mercury Energy Tactix** netball team! They will teach you all the skills you need to know to become an amazing netballer, at the top notch training facility at QEII Stadium! PLUS, there will be tonnes of spot prizes on the day and every child who comes along gets a **FREE goody bag!** If you don't want to miss out on your tickets to, what is sure to be, a sell out event, purchase them online now from [www.rmhsi.org.nz](http://www.rmhsi.org.nz). Spots are limited, so get in quick! All of the proceeds from this event will go directly to Ronald McDonald House South Island. Proudly supported by Canterbury's 92.1 MORE FM! **Tickets \$25 each – or bring your team and kids get in for \$20 each!! (primary-aged kids only)** **Wednesday, 14 July 2010, 8am-9.30am QEII Park Indoor Stadium, Travis Road, Christchurch**

**Russley Guides** runs on Monday evenings from 6 until 8 pm at St Marks Church, Withells Road. Anyone interested, collect a flier from our school office or contact Kimberley or Melissa on:  
Kimberley 3482617  
Melissa 3542441

The renowned Hagley Theatre Company is next term starting Drama classes for 7-9 year olds. This is the first time they have offered a junior class. Enrolments close in 2 weeks and enrolment forms can be emailed directly to Darryl Low on - [LO@hagley.school.nz](mailto:LO@hagley.school.nz) <<mailto:LO@hagley.school.nz>> Full details available at [www.StageOne.co.nz](http://www.StageOne.co.nz) <<http://www.stageone.co.nz/>>

**Toolbox Parenting** is again being offered by the **Avonhead Community Trust** in partnership with **Parenting INC...** Contact us at [info@actrust.org.nz](mailto:info@actrust.org.nz) or ph. 3486742 or 0274992829.