

**From the Principal...****Board of Trustees**

Our new Board of Trustees is.....

Eric Buisman (Chairperson), Mark Weaver (who is currently on leave but is returning early next month), Alan Smith, Tim Morgan, Helen Mataiti, Sue Wilson (Co-opted), Michelle Robinson (Staff Rep) and Charles Levings (Principal).

New hall: We have a certificate of compliance which enabled us to start using the hall from the beginning of this term. Calcon, the people constructing our new car-park, are still waiting for a few weeks of drier weather to seal the car-park. We are in the next phase of turning the old hall into a library learning centre and at the moment we are getting the required quotes for its design. We will keep you informed by putting up a conceptual plan of the new library-learning centre in the foyer in the next couple of days so you can have a look at what it might look like.

Absences:

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who ring our office and report an absence. There are still some people who forget and significant time is taken up by the office in trying to get hold of parents to check. This term is often a busy term for illness so please, remember to ring the office with an absence!

Staffing:

- Chris Tweedie is with us at the moment and is preparing to head back to Singapore for the start of the new term in her new school. Thanks Chris and good luck. Good to have you back for a short period of time so we can thank you for the work you have done at Avonhead.
- Cindy McKenzie, who was involved in a car accident, is now back with us in Room 2.
- Gretel Roberts will be starting a New Entrant class in Room 1 at the beginning of week 4 this term.
- Shirley-Anne Collins is teaching in Room 14
- Sandie Gamperle is on leave overseas and will be back with us on the 16th August.

Uniform:

In response to feedback from parents in our uniform-supply review, we are pleased to announce that there will be two providers of the school uniform. 'Grasshopper' will continue to sell our uniform. Parent feedback suggested that they sell good quality clothing which lasts well. School Tex (Postie Plus) will be the other provider but **ONLY** the 'Postie Plus' at Bush Inn. The review panel thought that having a supplier close by, open seven days a week, was an advantage. **'Postie Plus' is not selling our logo uniform yet as we have only just signed an agreement with them. I will let you know when the uniform is in stock and will supply you with the price lists.**

High Speed internet:

We are delighted to have received notice from the Ministry of education that we are a school due to receive funding and support enabling us to upgrade our computer network to connect into the high-speed fibre network available in the near future. Our current network is still coping with our technology demands but as your children get more computer-savvy and as staff develop their skills in the use of computers at school, we realise that it won't be long before we outgrow the network set up about eight years ago. The timing of this upgrade couldn't have come at a better time.

Term Diary

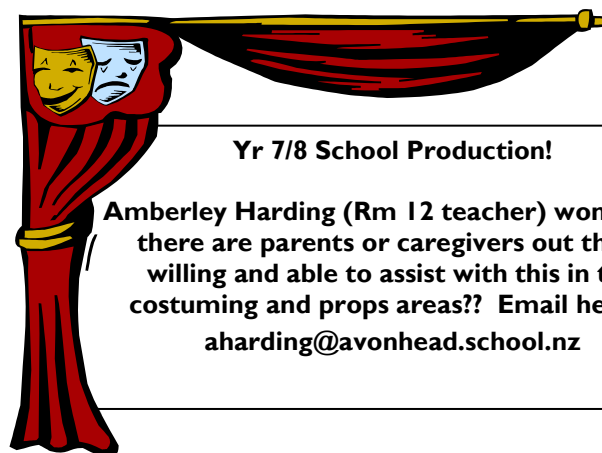
July 23	Winter Sports
27	PTA Meeting
29	Seasons for Growth with Silvia Davies
30	Winter Sports
Aug 2-4	Cantamath display
3	NSW English
Aug 6	PTA Sausage Sizzle Last day winter sport
10	Seasons for Growth
11	Zone winter tournament Science Alive Rm 8
12	Science Alive Rms 9 -12
13	Ski trip meeting
17	NSW Maths
19	Senior Ski trip
23-27	International Languages Week commences
27	Daffodil Day
24	PTA Meeting
Sept 3	PTA Sausage Sizzle
9	Centrals winter tournament
21	PTA meeting
22	School Photos
24	End of term 3

PTA Corner

The PTA need to have some of the school rugby shirts altered and we are looking for a volunteer (s) to do this for us. The alterations would mostly involve shortening the main body of the shirt. Please contact Leonie Partridge on 357-8385 if you can help.

Be sure to watch out for our Quiz Night questionnaire and to return it if you can help us.

We are also looking for new members to join our group on the PTA. If you are interested in learning more about the PTA, please phone Leonie Partridge on 357-8385.



Yr 7/8 School Production!

Amberley Harding (Rm 12 teacher) wonders if there are parents or caregivers out there willing and able to assist with this in the costing and props areas?? Email her on aharding@avonhead.school.nz

Celebrations

☺**Amy Weaver** is a member of the Olympia Gymnastics, Level 2 gymnastics team. The team competed in two competitions over the holidays. Amy was placed 3rd on the Beam at the Top of The

South Competition in Nelson, and the Olympia team was placed 1st overall. Then at the CSG Classic competition in Christchurch the Olympia team was placed 1st equal overall. ☺**Monica Smith** has received her first patch for Girl Guides. ☺**Connor Knowles** made the under 16 ice hockey team. ☺**Jamie Palmer** got his 3rd goal in soccer and the team beat Selwyn 1-0 ☺**Logan Foster** won the soccer 10-0 and he scored 2 goals. ☺**Paul Richnow's** soccer team won 4-1 and he scored. ☺**Maisie Cropley** got player of the day in netball and she received some vouchers.

☺**Bridget Hendry** came 5th in her jazz competition. ☺**Sarah Wallace** won her soccer and she received the 'awesome' award. ☺**Josiah Morgan** did a masterclass with the RNZBallet in the holidays. ☺**Michael Green's** soccer team won 12-0 and he scored a hat-trick and got player of the day.

☺**Josh Mosa'ati** was player of the day for rugby. ☺**Aimee Boniface** was awarded a cup for the most points in her age group in a speech competition.

☺**Erin Downie** won a Gold Medal taking out 1st place and the Canterbury Cross Country 8 years & Under Championship title at Halswell Quarry in the Canterbury Cross Country Running Champs on July 24.

Congratulations to all these clever people!

Everyday Mathematics Activities for Home

Play games with your children. Cards and board games are good options because they use guessing and checking-think snakes & ladders, Monopoly, number hangman, Chess, draughts & dice games.

Choose games the everyone wants to play. Use lots of maths terms (eg 'up', 'down', 'back', 'forward', 'over', 'under') while you are playing. To keep older children interested make sure the games are sufficiently challenging.

Our school has won a Feet First award of \$500. Every week Destiny and Rebecca have visited every classroom to collect the number of students who have walked (or older students who have biked or scooted) to school over the preceding week . These numbers have been placed on the Feet First web site. Avonhead school won the \$500 awarded in Term 2!

The \$500 is awarded for the purchase of physical education equipment.

Notices

For Sale- baby bunnies, cute, in 3 weeks time, various colours. Ph Linda on 027 493 5662 or 342 5385 evenings.

Lost...Triang scooter taken from school on Friday last. Blue handles, 'X' on foot plate, name of Sarah Wallace & Ph No on base, name on handles. Ph Libby on 357 4323.

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

Registration is now open for following classes. My first robot, Technology workshop for kids, How is math used in Technology. Time 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/>

JKT Zumba Classes
Riccarton Community Centre
Clarence Street
FREE CLASSES
Tuesday 3rd August @ 9.30
Friday 6th August @ 9.30
phone Tara 385 4376 for more info

Before school care offered by Avonhead parent Jo Crean. Ph 027 224 3568 or 343 2181

DRAMA FOR ALL - FEE FRIENDLY DRAMA CLUBS: 3 Christchurch locations, \$45 per 8 week term. Registrations now being taken for Term 3. Contact Janet 387 0635/021 1034303/drama_for_all@hotmail.com

Robotic Workshops, ongoing through the term.

Where? Bentley street, Russley, Chch

When? Fridays after school.

Cost? \$20.00 per session.

Booking essential, email: sue@robokits.co.nz for more information.

Koffee'n'Kids Playgroup

Tuesday mornings

10am to 11.45pm

@ St Mark's,

150 Withells Road,

Come and join our friendly group. All welcome
Music session, Messy Play, Puzzles, Play, Outdoor
Play (seasonal) and more.

Time for mums and grannies to sit around the table
and chat.

No duty rosters. \$15 a term per family. All welcome

Cybersafety Evening

The Westburn School PTA will be sponsoring this event to actively promote cybersafety with our families **tonight Wednesday 28th July at 7pm in the Westburn School Hall**. A representative from Netsafe, the Internet Safety Group will speak to parents about the risks children and young people may face using the Web, social networking and cell phones along with things parents can do to keep their children safe. This will be a valuable opportunity for you to learn about internet and cell phone issues and how to possibly address them.

Gifted Child? Here's your chance to come and try out One Day School, New Zealand's longest running programme for gifted learners. There will be two age based sessions on **Friday 13 August 9-12 noon** for 9-12 years and **Monday 16 August 12.30-3pm** for 5-8 year olds. Both will be held at Kendal School, 53 Kendal Ave, Burnside, Christchurch. The cost is \$30 per child. Places are limited and bookings are essential! For more information, or to book a place for your child, ring Andrea on 021 646963 or email andrea.wong@giftededucation.org.nz N B: We are a registered charitable / not-for-profit organisation.

Upcoming workshop being delivered by popular **Clinical Psychologist and author Nigel Latta**, in Christchurch on Monday 6th September 2010. Nigel's new workshop is called **"Rocket Science and Sticky Tape: Making an impact with challenging young people and their families."** If you have attended one of Nigel's workshops before, or seen one of his television shows 'Into the Darklands', or 'The Politically Incorrect Parenting Show' you will know that this is a training opportunity that will be as enlightening as it is entertaining.

See the office flyer for info. Enrol online at www.goldfishwisdom.org/events