

**** Term One Finishes 3pm this Friday ****

Tēnā koutou – Welcome:

A big welcome to Noelle Connolly, Ruby Verschoor, and Kylan Crocombe who have started in our New Entrant classes recently. We have now welcomed exactly 50 new children since the start of the year and our total roll now stands at 386. We wish all of our new enrolments every success and happiness during their time at Lyall Bay School.



Rooms 5 & 9 children inspecting the Meridian Wind Sculptures at Evans Bay yesterday

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After a full-on eleven week first term, children are now looking forward to a well-earned two week holiday break from 3pm this Friday. School resumes again as normal on Monday 2 May.

Saturday Netball Fees – please pay this week:

Families are again reminded that fees for the 2011 season are now due. Please pay \$35 per player to the office this week.

Staffing Changes:

As previously mentioned, next term we welcome Tracy Brown (Room 8) back to our permanent staff following maternity leave. I would like to again take this opportunity to sincerely thank Suzanne Woods for her valuable input during this term, and congratulate her on now fulfilling the requirements for full teacher registration.

Lost Property – our bins are overflowing:

A huge amount of lost property has accumulated during the course of the term. Parents are urged to check lost property bins and corridors prior to the contents being disposed of during the upcoming holidays. A blue lost property bin is located on the office landing adjacent to the “turtle tank”, and there is a second blue bin in the Junior School corridor.

Christchurch Child Appeal Now Completed:

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christchurch child appeal over recent weeks. A total of 13 boxes of donated items were dispatched to Central New Brighton School yesterday. This community was badly affected by the quake, and as a result these children were selected as worthy recipients via the NZ Principals' Federation appeal programme. Thank you again to Kerry Warrington for co-ordinating this wonderful appeal.

Lipstick and Silly Bandz:

Junior school teachers have reported a number of children bringing mum's lipstick and “silly bandz” to school. In the interests of fairness for all (and avoiding unnecessary distractions), parents are asked to discourage children from coming to school with these items.

Soccer Tournament Today:

Thank you to Warren Olson and the other parent volunteers for training and then arranging to take 20 senior children to a Primary Schools Soccer Tournament at Macalister Park, Newtown today.

Recycle Your Old Cellphone:

As mentioned last week, we are collecting old cellphones in support of Starship's Air Ambulance Service nationwide fundraising campaign. Depending on how many old phones we collect, there are some great rewards that we can claim – cameras, sports gear, books, or even an interactive whiteboard!! A special drop-box is situated just inside the main office entranceway.

Japan Fundraiser - \$660 raised to date – thank you:

As previously mentioned, we are supporting the Japanese community in Wellington by fundraising to support victims of the earthquake and tsunami disaster in Japan. An amazing \$660 has been raised in the past 2 weeks by the sale of origami cranes!! If you would still like to support this worthy cause, children can bring their \$2 (or more) donation to school any day until end of term. Senior children will continue to visit classes daily to collect donations and sell these lovely origami cranes.

Patrols Thank-You:

Today our patrols children should have received a notice advising of a thank-you Fish & Chips lunch tomorrow. They do a great job in all weathers!!

Entertainment Books:

Pre-ordered Entertainment Books are now available from the office. As previously mentioned, **if you haven't returned an opt-out form**, your approval copy will be sent home during the first week of the new term.

Diary Refunds – do we still owe you money?

We are still holding some refund money from the cancelled diary promotion late last year. If we still owe you a refund, please see Kathy this week, or we will treat unclaimed funds as a donation to the school.

Community Noticeboard:

Please feel free to collect your copy of “Tots to Teens” and “Family Times” from the office foyer. These contain useful holiday information.

Emergency Food Kits For Sale: Ready made 3 day food kits for two people. Sturdy plastic storage box. 16 food items with plates, cups, hand sanitiser etc. Cost \$125 or \$145 with 20 litre water container. Free local delivery. \$10 donation to Lyall Bay School with every sale. Call Josie (Ph 976-0373) or email emergencyfoodkit@gmail.com

After School Caregiver/Nanny Wanted: For 3&5 yr olds. Mon–Wed. 2.30pm–5pm. Must have experience with pre-schoolers and be willing to care for the children in their own home. Call Emily (Ph 977-5322)

Springboard Diving Holiday Events: Aquatic Centre. 19-21 April Mornings. Be quick to register - limited numbers. www.whpa.co.nz

Scots College Sporting Holiday Programmes: Tennis / Football. Register online www.scotscollege.school.nz/holiday-programme/

Standouts Drama & Dance Holiday Workshop: Tues 26 – Fri 29 April. 9am-4pm daily. St Judes, Freyberg St, Lyall Bay. Ph 907-2929 or email gemma@standouts.co.nz

Pridelands Holiday Programme: Kilbirnie. 18-29 April. 7am-7pm. Ph 904-2225

Life Flight Open Day: Sun 1 May 10am-2pm at Air Rescue Centre behind The Warehouse. Full activity programme.

Wanted – Phil & Teds Mountain Buggies: Many thanks for your response to last year's appeal for “Buggies for Good Project”. These buggies were refurbished and then donated to hospitals and families in need. The last batch went to families in Christchurch. The need continues, so if you have one of these buggies taking up space the project would love to receive it. Contact Michelle (027)415-6044 or lemon.michelle@gmail.com

Artsight for Kids Holiday Programme: Fun and inspiring art classes held at Toi Poneke, 65 Abel Smith St. Registered teachers. Call Fiona (Ph 386-2908)

Inverloch Art School: Holiday classes 6-12yr olds. Ph 939-2177