

**Term 2 Finishes 3pm this Friday
Term 3 Starts Monday 1 August**

We are delighted to bring you our fourth Community Newsletter for 2011. We are indebted to our generous sponsors; without their financial support this would not be possible. They support your local school – please support them. We are also grateful to the many children and “Friends of the School” who have volunteered to deliver around 2,500 copies to local letterboxes. As previously mentioned, the intention of this flyer is to provide a “snapshot” of activities taking place in your local school and to bring community notices to your attention. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any notices or suggestions.



Junior children performing during their recent “Books in Motion” concert

Roll Call:

The current roll stands at 402 students. This is significantly more than the 373 we had at the same time last year. Lyall Bay remains one of the largest contributing schools in Wellington. We are in a very strong position as we continue to move forward to the future.

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A very full-on, but successful Term 2 finishes at 3pm this Friday 15 July. School starts again on Monday 1 August.

Parent-Teacher Interviews Last Week:

Around 90% of parents took the opportunity to come along with their children to discuss their progress towards meeting our school achievement expectations and the new National Standards. This was a most pleasing response rate.

You are reminded that teachers always welcome ongoing communication with parents throughout the year – either on an informal basis before or after school, or by making a more formal arrangement by requesting an interview. This is best done by just dropping a note to the teacher asking them to meet with you.

Property Update:

The Board of Trustees has formally approved the construction of new classrooms, mainly on the vacant 48 Freyberg St. site at the southern end of the school. Plans are currently being drawn as we await official entitlement and funding confirmation from the Ministry of Education. Once finalised, these plans will be displayed in our school foyer. At this stage we do hope to have the new complex ready for the start of the new school year.

New Enrolments / School Visits:

Families with pre-schoolers due to start school are reminded that we host informal “open-mornings” in our New Entrant classrooms every Tuesday from 9am-10.30am. No prior appointment is necessary. Just report to the school office (opp 27 Freyberg St) and Kathy will introduce you to the teachers. We are happy to send out an enrolment pack which contains detailed information about the school. Just give us a call (Ph 939-9112).

Dennis Thompson (Principal) is also available to meet with families, by appointment, if you require more specific information about the school or if you would like to share information about your child to assist with transition to school. Meeting the principal, however, is **not** an enrolment prerequisite.

Patrols Thank-You Lunch Tomorrow:

As a small token of thanks for the amazing work our school road patrolters do in all weathers, they will be treated to a special “Fish ‘N Chips” lunch tomorrow, **Wed 13 July**. Please advise Mr Chalmers if your child has special dietary requirements that we should be aware of.

Extension Swimming Next Term:-

Last week, senior children were given a newsletter offering 70 places for Wednesday swimming extension next term. **There are now just 12 spaces remaining** and these will be filled on a **first come first served basis**. Permission slips and \$25 fee are due back to school by this Friday.

Lost Property – our bins are full !!

Please make your that you thoroughly check the corridors and lost property wheelie-bins prior to the term finishing **this Friday**. Unclaimed clothing will be disposed of during the holidays and this seems a huge waste of hard-earned income.

Sport Reports:

Saturday Netball Results: Results for 9 July by Akansha (Room 14)

I would like to thank all the players, parents and others for their support
 Bright Lights: 5 – 0 win Blinders: 13 – 0 win
 Surfers: 1 – 9 loss Flyers: 4 – 3 win
 Twilights: 4 – 3 win Crusaders: 21 - 0 win
 Bullets: 13 – 1 win

Eastern Zone Hockey: by Tim (Room 12)

On Wed 6 July two school teams went on a bus to the Eastern Zone Hockey tournament. The competitive team did okay, winning three games and losing three. We all had a great day and would like to thank Mr McDonald for training us and managing our teams on the day.

A Little Moan:

During the past weekend someone dumped quite a significant quantity of green waste (mainly tree branches and dead shrubs) into our school gardens. If anyone saw this taking place we would appreciate some information.

Disco Thank You:

A huge “well done” to everyone who supported our school discos last Friday night. I am told that the evening was exceptionally well organised, and a great time was had by all.

Community Noticeboard:

Family Times and Tots to Teens publications latest editions available from office foyer. Please check foyer regularly for other items of interest.

Kilbirnie Library: Intro to Capoeira – a Brazilian Martial Art. 11am-12 noon Thurs 21 July

Miramar Library: Wacky World Record Challenge. 11am–12 noon Wed 28 July.

Zumba With Zeh: St Judes Hall, 68 Freyberg St. Fridays 10-11am. Casual \$15. 10 trip \$100. Cash only. Call Zeh (021) 232-6344

SPELD Wellington: Public information night on Dyslexia. 7.30pm Wed 13 July at Owhiro Bay School. Koha/donation of \$5 appreciated. Ph 382-8807 for further information

Standouts – Drama & Dance Holiday Workshop Week: 19th-22nd July 9am-4pm daily. St Judes, Lyall Bay. Ph 907-2929 or email

gemma@standouts.co.nz for more information.

Wellington School of Cricket: Holiday fun - a great way to spend your holidays and learn new cricket skills. Ph 471-2157

Pridelands Fun Holiday Adventures: Kilbirnie. www.pridelands.co.nz

Hataitai Hararei Holiday Programme: Based at Hataitai School. Plenty of fun activities and outings. Ph 934-8067

Kelly Sports Holiday Fun: Wide range of sports and options available. Ph 972-7201

Artsight Holiday and Term 3 Art Programme: Fun and inspiring art classes. 65 Abel Smith St. Call Fiona (Ph 386-2908)

Downtown Community Ministry Annual Bookfair TSB Bank Arena 23-24 July. To donate books or further information contact Jennifer Ph. 384-7699

Swimming Tuition Freyberg Pool: City Swim is offering coaching for primary children Mondays to Thursdays 3.30 pm. Email cityswim@vodafone.co.nz