

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....*Bruce McLachlan*

The Incredible Years parenting programme is designed to enhance positive family relationships and empower parents to make change and to manage difficult behaviour.

It is a practical step by step suggestion for parents of 3 to 8 year olds to help handle everyday family situations

The programme is endorsed by the Ministry of Education.

It is held at 10 Montel Ave in Henderson on Thursday mornings from 9.30 – 12 noon. The start date is 3 June.

The programme is free of charge, free childcare is provided, and there is a complimentary morning tea at each session.

If you are interested in attending this programme please contact the Ministry of Education administration staff in the Henderson office with your contact details on: 632-0390.

Citizen's Awards

Congratulations to the following children for achieving Citizenship awards this past fortnight.....

Jacob ; Alesha
Raukawa ; Ebony
Nicole ; Mano
Taha ; Xander
Esther ; Harrison
Dominic ; Charlotte
Caleb ; Estelle
Tiger-Jay ;
Jordan ; Michael
Wayde ; Amberlee
Benjamin ; Jannal
Nishan ; Madison
Tatiana ; Kaia
Isabel ; Aaliyah

Latest Sports *NEWS*

Soccer Mini-World Cup is at Swanson School

On Monday, week two, Swanson School commenced with a Soccer Mini World Cup in three syndicates. These syndicates have provided teams to play each other in Soccer during the lunch break every week.

Students from Totara will be undertaking trials in this time as they will be selected to represent Swanson School at the Norwest Soccer Championships.

Parents and caregivers are most welcome to come to school and support their children in this soccer mini world cup. Liaise with your children and teacher about the tournament matches. The real 2010 Soccer World cup will take place in South Africa from June 11th.

Sport and PE

We urge parents and caregivers who have specific skills and expertise in coaching certain codes (large and small balls) to come and talk to the teachers in all syndicates at school if you can support and coach teams. We especially are looking for assistance in Hockey, Rugby, Touch and Basketball. Parents who are willing can contact Pravin Maharaj at school

Fun Run

Swanson School is participating in a sponsored Fun Run event at school. This will take place in week 6 and is run by Mr Holt. Students have already collected a fun run sponsorship form. Please sponsor your child or get friends, family and others to sponsor your child to take part in this event. The money raised will be donated to the fundraising group. Students will benefit from the run. The students will win prizes for their sponsorship. Further, it will improve their fitness levels. More information to follow.

PRAVIN MAHARAJ
Sport Co-ordinator

Timeline

- **3 May**- Staff Union Meeting
- **6 May** – BOT meeting (7.00 pm in staffroom)
- **7 May** – BOT voting closes (Noon)
- **8 May** – Kids Art Festival
- **10 May** – Koromiko Camp

Leaky Building Upgrade

Our administration building upgrade is now well underway. However, the completion date will be later than we originally anticipated. The building work is not expected to be finished now until the end of Term 2. This is due to the roof having to be re-designed, resulting in the old part of the building having to be modified and reinforced to take the weight.

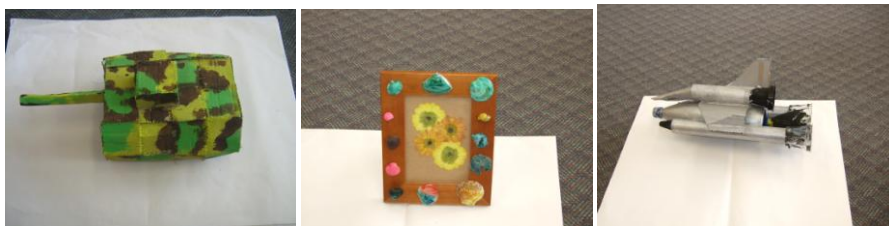
Union Meeting

There will be a paid union meeting for all members of the NZEI on Monday 3 May.

This means that school will **finish at 2.00.pm**. There will be **no school bus** on this day and **'After 3' will be starting at 3.00.pm as normal**.

However, the pupils who go to 'after 3' will be supervised until 3.pm.

CELEBRATING LEARNING.....



Learning to Reduce our Ecological Footprint

In their unit of inquiry, Nikau team have been learning about their ecological footprint on the planet.

Room 15 decided that they wanted to show how they could reduce their ecological footprint by recycling.

Jordana, Caitlin, Nishan and Eddy tell us about their learning:

'Everyone had to make something new out of reusable materials. We weren't allowed to use anything that was new or still being used. We started making amazing things like new toys, cushions, rockets, boats, fishing rods, and much, much more.

Once we had finished we made invitations and invited teachers and other classes to come and see our display.

It was a really fun way of learning and we enjoyed sharing what we had made with others.'

Swanson Students visit the Mystics

Ten Swanson netballers had the opportunity to represent our school at the Mystics v Tactics game held at the Trust Stadium last Saturday. They were supported by parents and team coach Maria Shannon and Michelle Stairmand. Part of the lead up to the big game was a skills competition between attending schools. Swanson students were competing against West Harbour Primary and won. As well as their competition success, our netballers were complimented on their smart uniforms and their excellent behaviour. Well done girls, excellent role models for our school!

Ex Swanson Students:

Congratulations to Ex Swanson pupil Elizabeth who was selected to represent New Zealand in the U-17 mixed tag football team at North Harbour Stadium on 19 – 21 March.

Also, **Congratulations** to Michael named as one of the stand out players in Waitakeres Senior Basketball Team taking part in the Rotorua Sports trip last term, and Richard ; who was one of the outstanding players in Waitakeres 1st XI Soccer team.

Thank you to all those people that bought raffle tickets to support Koromiko's camp.

The winners are: Food Raffle – Joyce: sold by Lori
Entertainment Raffle – Janine : sold by Izaiah
Beauty Raffles 1 – Will Davies: Sold by Gareth
Beauty Raffle 2 – Paul: sold by Lilly
Toy Raffle – Suzy Rogers: sold by Mesha

Congratulations and Thank you for your support

Attendance Trophy

This year we have introduced an Attendance Trophy. This will be presented each term to the class with the best attendance. It is most important for your child's learning that they come to school every day.

Congratulations to Room 6 who won the cup for Term 1.

Board of Trustees Election

Voting papers have been posted and a list of the ten Candidates can be found on display in the school office.

Voting closes at Noon 7th May 2010

Returning Officers;

Jackie Lea / Tracey Wilson

'We don't need another dam in Waitakere'.



Did you know that every home that installs a simple flush limiting 'gizmo' in their toilet saves an average of 10,000 litres of water per year? **We're asking all community groups in Waitakere to ask their members to install a gizmo in their home if they need one, and to put one in if they do.**

Contact the EcoMatters Sustainable Homes team on 09 826 0554 to participate.

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