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From the Principals Desk.....

Tips for parenting – How children learn behaviour

There are at least five ways children learn behaviour.

1. **Children learn through having regular routines.** Regular routines get children into patterns of behaviour. Routines are particularly important for establishing regular sleeping, eating and toileting patterns as well as providing systematic, orderly ways of doing things such as getting ready for school in the morning. Routines will help establish good behaviour patterns.
2. **Children learn by observing and copying others** – particularly their parents and older brothers and sisters. Therefore it is very important that you and the others in the household set a good example.
3. **Children learn by having clear guidelines set.** They need to be clearly told the behaviour that you want. They also need to be clearly told that certain behaviours are unacceptable when they occur.
4. **Children learn by the consequences of their behaviour.** If their behaviour is followed by consequences they want or like (e.g. getting their own way, getting something they want, or a pleasant experience) then they will repeat those behaviours more often. If their behaviour is followed by unpleasant consequences, they don't want, (punishment), then they are less likely to repeat those behaviours.
5. **Children learn by practising behaviours.**
6. **Children learn through experience** – or trial and error.

This last point is very important. Children will behave unacceptably – even when they know they will be punished. They are just 'learning through experience', (No 6 above). Make sure you have planned the punishment beforehand. Don't be caught having to make something up on the spur of the moment or when you are angry – be prepared.

Kia kaha

Bruce McLachlan

Timeline

- **28 May** - Fun Run
- **7 June** – Queens Birthday
- **9 June** – NSW Test (Science)
- **9 June** – Choir performance – 6.30 pm
- **10 June**—BOT meeting (7.00 in staffroom)
- **14 June** – Nikau Museum Trip
- **24 June** – School Disco

PTA

Thank you to all the parents and families that have helped the school in the first part of the school year. e.g. Camp, parent reading prog', PTA, Art Expo, Sport, etc.

Next PTA meeting will be; Mon 31st May at 3.00 pm in School library.

Topics for discussion will be; proposed YMCA kindy, school disco and new school board.

If you can help with any of the kindy forms please ring Fiona ph. 832 8361

Citizens Awards

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

Paige ; Chloe
Stevie; Taine
Connor ; Chace
Damien ; Tali
Tremaine ; Brandi
Aylar ; Eden
Michael ; Liam
Symone ; Brandon
Dayna ; Woo Jin
Xander ; Caitlin
Hanvit ; Drew
Hamish ; Ethan



2010/2011 Entertainment Books Available - \$65 each

We are once again selling Entertainment books as a fundraiser this year.

The book is packed with savings for restaurants, cafes and entertainment venues around Auckland.

Books do not expire until June 2011

There is a copy of the Entertainment book at the school office - if you wish to view.

For every book sold \$13 is donated to Swanson School.

Give it a go - if you use it, you will save lots of money!

CELEBRATING LEARNING.....

Celebrating Leadership!

National Young Leaders Day 2010

Plug into your potential- this was the theme of the National Young Leaders day for 2010. On the 6th of May, 2,600 children flooded into the Logan Campbell Centre, ASB Showground's to listen to motivational speakers and be challenged to be the best leaders they could be. Charlie Panapa from 'What Now' TV show was our host for the day. The line up of motivational speakers was :

Pippa Wetzell- T.V One

Nick Tuitasi- NZ Police

Rob Harley- TVNZ Documentary

Dayna Vawdrey and Matt Gibb- Studio 2

Glen Osborne- Ex All Black

Throughout the day there were a lot of fun and exciting activities for us to join in with or just cheer on the side line. Whatever we did we did it with a smile and a good attitude. The day was all about inspiring us kids to be future leaders. Our speakers also supported their own foundation like Dayna Vawdrey and Matt Gibb talking about the 40 hour Famine.

What we got out of it:

Jason (Head Boy) and James (Dep. Head Boy): We got a lot of interesting information on how to be a fantastic leader. We learned how to hold our heads up high and look the world straight in the eye. We can be awesome leaders by being courageous and doing what we can to reach the finish line.

Amelia (Head girl) and Monica (Dep. Head girl): We learnt how nothing can stand in our way and that friendship is important; we can be amazing leaders by being ourselves and doing our best to help others. We found the day inspiring and took in as much helpful information as possible, we shall hold onto those thoughts now and in the future.



\$2 School Disco \$2

Thursday 24th June

| <u>Syndicates</u> | <u>Times</u> |
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| Pohutukawa & Nikau | 5.00 - 6.00 |
| Koromiko & Totara | 6.00 - 7.00 |

Glow sticks, glow bracelets, chips and drinks will be sold at the disco!

Tickets can be purchased before school outside the office. Pohutukawa children can also order tickets through their class teacher. Late ticket sales will be available on the evening.

Parent and Staff Election for the Board of Trustees

Congratulations to the new parent representatives of the Board of Trustees. We wish them well. Thank you to all those nominated, votes were very close.

Parent Representatives votes-
Lisa Edwards 67, Sarah Ethell 41, Neil Grant 57, Tony Haggerty 70, Andrew Porter 40, Maria Shannon 40, Andrew Smith 45, Michelle Stairmand 49, Teresa Tevaga 59, Cynthia Wheeler 31, Invalid votes 3.

We hereby declare the following duly elected. Lisa Edwards, Neil Grant, Tony Haggerty, Michelle Stairmand, Teresa Tevaga.

Staff representative. Andrea McVicker

*Jackie Lea and Tracey Wilson
Returning Officers*

The returning officers would like to apologise to Tony Haggerty whose name was omitted from the list of elected parent representatives in the Western Leader advert of 21 May 2010.



**Are you passionate about Early Childhood development?
Are you friendly and personable?
Does being involved in your community excite you?
Do you want to help raise funds for Swanson Primary School?**

We are looking for volunteers to form a small team to gather community opinions on the need for an ECE centre in your community. This will be carried out during the month of June.

The right people will be confident, organised and able to work unsupervised. They will be passionate about the ECE centre at Swanson Primary and the partnership with YMCA.

If this sounds like you please promptly contact: Fiona Porter, 832 8361 or Christine Walter 0276 545 321.