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From the Principals Desk.....

Tips for parenting – How to teach behaviour

If you want to teach a child a particular behaviour, often just telling them isn't enough. You have to explain, demonstrate and get them to practise it several times.

There are 5 steps in teaching behaviour.

- 1. Clearly explain the required behaviour**
Provide clear guidelines and regular routines. Writing the behaviour somewhere helps to make the expectations clear
- 2. Demonstrate**
So the child can observe what they are supposed to do. Remember to set a good example yourself.
- 3. Get the child to practise**
Guide the child through the behaviour if necessary.
- 4. Praise and feedback**
Praise the attempt as well as pointing out anything that wasn't quite right. Tick charts can help a parent consistently teach and reinforce behaviours and also motivate the child. When you teach and reward good behaviour it increases. But don't forget, children will 'try it out' - be prepared to punish unacceptable behaviour.
- 5. Ongoing practise and reinforcement**
Do this over the next few weeks until the behaviour is learned.

Kia kaha

Bruce McLachlan

Timeline

- **10 June**—BOT meeting (7.00 in staffroom)
- **14 June** – Nikau Museum Trip
- **17 June**— Y7/Y8 vaccinations
- **18 June**— Musical theatre concert.
- **18 June**—Lucky Book Orders close
- **24 June**—NSW Spelling test
- **24 June** – School Disco



Musical

Theatre Concert Friday 18th June

Come and see what the students have been up to!!

3.30 pm in the school Library

The concert should end
around
4.30 p.m.

Citizens Awards

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

Amelia ; Firas
Carlos ; Lennyx
Danielle ; Jena
Devesh ; Chelsea
Mason ; Aja
Tyler ; Lyric
Tuhi ; James
Holden ; Grace
Abby ; Cory
Ashwin ; Daniel



Uniform Notice

Please note: the uniform company which provides the school uniform has recently changed its bank account details.

If you have an order form at home please check the account details before you place any further orders. Details are as follows;

National Bank: acc no. 06-0122-0180740-00

CELEBRATING LEARNING.....



Swanson School Choir 'Rocks'

Last night, Swanson School Choir performed their 2010 show to a packed house.

The theme of the performance was 'Let's Rock', a collection of dance tunes from the 40's through to the 90's, with a few other well known tunes thrown in to the mix.

It was good to see so many students from Swanson involved in the show. The Choir itself included over seventy students ranging from year 3 to year 8. Twenty students from Pohutakawa Junior Choir sang, and the school's Kapahaka group performed an item as well.

A performance like this provides such a rich opportunity for our children's learning, from the commitment to the rehearsals, the discipline needed to learn songs and follow instruction, through to the joy and excitement of performing in front of a live audience. Not to mention the boost it has to their self confidence.

The success of the performance was due to the dedicated work of all of the students involved and the many people that helped. A special acknowledgement goes to Mrs Debora Logan, the Director of the show and the Choir trainer, Mrs Annette Duxfield, Leader of the Kapahaka group and Mrs Barbara Jacka, teacher from the Pohutakawa Syndicate.



This is some of the feedback we have received after last night's performance.....

We are grandparents of one of the choir members who performed last night. The children were all a credit to the school and the teachers who put in the hours training the children .

A most enjoyable evening

Well Done everyone

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!

'You've been Caught' being good

This week duty teachers have been catching children who have been playing cooperatively in the playground and giving out awards. These were placed in the boxes in the office and at assembly on Friday 4 prize winners will be drawn, one from each team. Good Luck and well done to those who won awards.

Viv Adam

Maths Made Easy Community Software Plan

Our school is participating in the CSP (Community Software Plan) featuring great value bundles of the newly released **Maths Made Easy** series. The CSP is also introducing bundles of many of the titles previously featured with great savings of up to **85% off retail price**. Many students at our school have benefited from EdAlive software in the past and this year the savings are even greater.

Please return your orders to school by **25th June**. Leaflets have been handed out with this newsletter.

Parent Tips

Ways to help your child with maths at home—everyday activities.

Get your child involved in helping at the supermarket. Help younger children choose items to weigh. Ask how many apples or bananas weigh about a kilo?



Hi Kashin here!
Let me introduce myself to you.
I'm ASB's "heavyweight" for School Banking and help kids like you understand the benefits of saving.
Why am I here? Well, I've been asked to share some banking and money tips with you over the coming weeks. So look out for me in your next newsletter, when I'll share my very 1st tip with you.

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