

# 26th August 2010 Issue 3: Term 3

## From the Principals Desk.....

### Attendance and Truancy

Latest statistics in Waitakere show that 92% of students in Primary and Intermediate schools attend school regularly. Although truancy needs to be monitored, it is easy to identify and not of concern for Swanson School. What is less easy to identify and manage is school lateness. Research clearly shows that students who are consistently late to school do not develop the time management skills required later in life. These students are also more likely to be truant at secondary school. Although lateness on the odd occasion is understandable, continued and regular lateness has an adverse impact on educational outcomes. Students who are late to school miss essential information that sets them up for the rest of the day. Children are often unsettled when they arrive late as they have not begun the day with a strong routine or have not been set up properly for the learning that is occurring. Although it may only be a few minutes at the beginning of the day, it can make all the difference to successfully engaging children for the rest of the day.

### Regards

Craig Holt

Acting Principal

## Citizens Awards

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

- Saskia ; Gabryelle (1)
- Dante ; Xander (2)
- Jessica ; Rameesha (3)
- Phoebe Ray ; Josiah (4)
- Jesse-James ; Hannah (5)
- Sarah ; Scarlett (6)
- Alex ; Zavannah (7)
- Zarius ; Camren (8)
- Dominic ; Daelon (9)
- Liam ; Kaitlin (10)
- Xander Lee ; Keziah (11)
- Danielle ; Lee (12)
- Luca ; Regan (13)
- Tuhi ; Brooke (14)
- Liam ; Nixon (15)
- Sam ; Raven (16)
- Amon ; Paniz (17)

### Timeline

- 9 Sept—Hearing & Vision
- 9 Sept—BOT Meeting
- 14 Sept— School Production
- 15 Sept—School Production

### National Rail Safety Awareness Week

The most important safety messages are:

Trains can come from either direction at any time.

Trains are fast and can take a long time to stop.

**DO:**

**Use only official level crossings**

**Look both ways before you cross the track**

**DON'T:**

**Walk along the tracks**

**Park or stop on a level crossing**

### Fathers Day 2010—Entertainment

#### The Gift That Just Keeps Giving.....

Looking for a gift to last the whole year through? Get Dad the brand new 2010 | 2011 Auckland Entertainment™ Book and he will receive valuable offers on everything he loves... dining, movies, travel, sports, attractions and much more!

There are more than 400 great businesses in this year's Book that will keep your Dad busy every weekend for the rest of the year.

These are being sold at the school office \$65 each until Wednesday 1st Sept.



### **Kashin's Tips No 3**

**Set up a savings plan**

If you want to save for something BIG, the best thing to do is make a Savings Plan.

Decide how much you are willing to put aside every week and then do it.

**Swanson School Emergency Phone No. 027 237 8777**

(The above number can be phoned in case of a power cut or any other emergency where we cannot be reached on our main phone number –833 3500)

# CELEBRATING LEARNING.....

## MOVIE MAKING AT SWANSON SCHOOL

The year 6 students in Room 4 have written and produced their own movie called "The Book". This was a part of their media studies.

They began by brainstorming ideas for a story line, selected the one they thought best and then wrote a script.

The next step was for students to learn about and take on the different roles of the movie making business...directing, casting, creating sets and props, filming and editing.

The students were surprised at what a lengthy, difficult process film making can sometimes be, but felt overall that it was very rewarding and well worth all of the effort.

The students shared that they have learnt many new skills and enjoyed the team work when problem solving.

We would like to express a big thank you to Mrs Francois, Room 4's teacher, for all her guidance and hard work, giving Room 4 the experience of what it's like to make a movie.

The Red Carpet Premier will be held on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> in the school library for the parents of Room 4 students and the cast and crew. The movie will be released in week 10 for school viewing.

You can catch the movie trailer on the school website.



### Junior Summer Touch

Term 4 Fun Filled Outside Activity

Get your schoolmates together now and put a team in at Henderson Park, Henderson—Monday Afternoons starting 1st Nov and Archibald Park Kelston—Thursday afternoons starting 28th Oct.

Girls and boys division only, 10 players per team.

Cost \$200 per team or \$20 per child (breakdown \$2.80 per game).

7 week competition. Great trophies for each division.

Player of the day awards for all teams each week. Every player receives a prize on finals day.

Registration closes 20th October

[www.totaltouch.org.nz](http://www.totaltouch.org.nz) or phone Ivan on 926-2951 or 021-2868-247 mob



### Ranui Action Project

Ranui Action Project in conjunction with the New Zealand Police are running a series of public meetings to promote and engage the community on building a safer Ranui. There will be a variety of agencies in attendance such as the Police, Neighbourhood Support, Housing New Zealand and many others to listen to your views and put in place plans of action. Come along and have your say and support this community action project. The meetings are repeated over three different dates, locations and times to ensure you are able to make at least one of them.

Ranui School - 25th August 2pm - 3pm

Birdwood School - 2nd September - 6 - 7pm

Swanson School - 15th September 4 - 5pm



### Zone Speech Competition

Swanson School was lucky enough to have two students representing us in the Zone Speech competition finals held at Waitakere Primary school. They were Saskia & Chynna. Both did very well with their speeches. Chynna on Terrorism & Saskia on Smoking. Chynna came in 2nd place in the year 5/6 section. The judges said they were "very impressed with the standard of speeches this year".

Well Done Chynna!



The crazy-cool dance-fitness workout for kids (ages 4-12) set to hip-hop, salsa, reggaeton and more!

**EVERY MONDAY**

**Ranui Community House**

Lil' Stars (4-7yrs) 3.45-4.15pm

Big Stars (8-12yrs) 4.30-5.15pm

**\$6 PER CLASS**

**HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO MEET OUR NEW PRINCIPAL  
MR MIKE PURCELL**

Mr Purcell will be available, by appointment, to conduct School tours for parents/caregivers of prospective students. To organise a School tour or an enrolment please contact 838 9085 extension 701



**Enrolments for 2011 now accepted  
for both In and Out of Zone students.**



**ENROLMENT WEEK : 23 to 26 August 2010**

**Monday to Thursday 10am to 5pm**

**Night Enrolment Wednesday 18 August 4.30 to 7pm**

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