

2nd December 2010 Issue 4: Term 4

From the Principals Desk.....

As the end of the school year approaches, excitement is often tinged with sadness. We wish all the best to three teachers who leave us at the end of the year. Janet Gifford-Bryan and Barb Jacka have both won jobs as Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour (RTLBs). Despite their leaving, however, we will still be seeing quite a bit of them as they visit the school in their new roles assisting the teachers. Evan Barker also leaves us, having won a promotion to Team Leader at Taupaki School. While we are sad to see teachers leave us we also know that it is exciting for them to be embarking on new adventures!

Andrea McVicker will also be embarking on a new adventure. She will be on maternity leave in 2011!

In 2011 the following teachers will therefore be teaching in the following teams:

The Pohutukawa (Year 1-2) Team will be led by Viv Adam and will include Julie Wray, Shannon Kingston and Rachel Bishop. The Nikau (Year 3-4) Team will be led by Deb Logan and will include Fiesole Marks, Laura Jackson and Annette Duxfield. The Koromiko (Year 5-6) Team will be led by Pravin Maharaj and will include Deanna Uttley, Jess Lea, Julia Puka and Sarah Mason. The Totara (Year 7-8) Team will be led by Gail Thomson and will include Kylie McLachlan and Jane Francois.

Kia Kaha

Bruce McLachlan

Citizens Awards

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

- Tama ; Alesha (1)
- Nikita ; l'Arna (2)
- Monica ; Raukawa (3)
- Paige ; Olivia (5)
- Maria-Clara ; Chelsea (7)
- Ocean Wirangi ; Caleb (8)
- Solomon ; Bill (9)
- Bella ; Roy (10)
- Skye ; Anthony (11)
- Caitlin ; Jayden (12)
- Jordan ; Rose (13)
- Brooke ; Gavin (14)
- Hannah ; Jordana (15)
- Sam ; Phoenix (16)
- Ashwin ; Jemma (17)



Timeline

- **2nd Dec** - BOT Meeting - 4.00pm
- **3rd Dec** - Jandal Day
- **4th Dec** - Helpers Morning tea
- **7th Dec** - Xmas Concert - 5.00pm
- **8th Dec** - Athletics Day
- **9th Dec** - Concert Rain Day
- **10th Dec** - Leavers Assembly - 2.00pm
- **15th Dec** - Last Day of Term 4 - **12.30 finish**

1st Feb 2011 - First Day back

Facebook / Social Networking Sites

It has come to our attention that some of our students are active users of the Facebook website. This is a place where students are able to make a personalised webpage, add friends and chat with each other. It is an exciting, interactive way of communicating and chatting with friends. Over the past few weeks it has come to our attention that some students are using this site inappropriately and making comments to other students or posting information on their pages that could be seen as offensive.

According to the website's terms and conditions people who hold Facebook accounts need to be 13 or over and most of our students are not. Many of you are fully aware of your child's internet use and will be aware if your child has a Facebook account. I would encourage you though to ensure that you are comfortable with the content that is on your child's site and the content that is being sent to them.

Office Hours over Christmas

Please note school closes on Wednesday 15th Dec at 12.30 pm. Please make sure that you have made arrangements for children to be collected by this time. The school will be open between **Monday 24th and Thursday 27th January 2011** for any uniform or stationery queries. **Note: we will NOT be open on Friday 28th January.** Stationery lists will be going home with children next week. Make sure children have all their stationery on their first day back, Tuesday 1st February 2011

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.....

Thank You Eunice.....

Eunice Defries has been helping students at Swanson School for over five years.

Several times a week she comes to spend time listening to students read.

Her grandchildren Anna and Oliver Wilson attended Swanson School over ten years ago but Eunice has kept her connections with the school.

Eunice says that she keeps coming because she loves the children and just enjoys their company.

We are so grateful to her for giving so much of her time to helping our students.



National Jandal Day

Friday 3rd December is Jandal Day. Swanson School is having a mufti day. Children are asked to come in beach theme and jandals. We just ask for a gold



coin donation. Please help support NZ Surf Lifesaving. Let's celebrate 100 yrs of surf life saving service to our community.

**Tis the season
at your local Library.it's time for
CHRISTMAS STORYTIMES!**

Join us for an evening of jolly jingles,
sparkly stories and merry mayhem.

Your friendly Children's Librarian
will be there,
and Special Guests may be visiting too!

**Waitakere Central Library
Wednesday 15th December 7.00pm
Te Atatu Peninsula Library
Thursday 16th December 7.00pm**

CENTRAL

Landscape and Garden Supplies

Swanson

Family Fun Day

598 Swanson Road, Swanson

Saturday 4th December 2010, 11 am—1pm

- Mr Whippy—1st 200 ice creams are FREE
 - 1st 100 coffees are free
 - Free BBQ sausages
 - FREE Bouncy castle
- Lots more freebies and prizes to be won.

Annual Christmas Show

Tuesday 7th December

5:00pm—6.30 pm

Performers please arrive by 4:45pm

Rain Date: Thursday 9th

Performances by all classes/Special item by staff

\$\$\$\$ Bring some money to enjoy: \$\$\$\$

Mr Whippy, Lollies,

Coffee Man,

Sausage Sizzle, Xmas Cards,

Snazzy Head Bands, Decorated Rocks



Bethells Beach Community Day - Sunday 30th January, 2011.

Free fun day for the whole family, music, children's talent quest, food and art stalls, water slide, games and more.

Beach race starts at 9:30am from Te Henga Reserve

Come and celebrate our great community.

For more info contact Sue on 810 9234