

9th March 2011 Issue 3: Term 1

From the Principals Desk.....

We have had a huge increase in enrolments since the beginning of the year. This is very exciting and is no doubt as a result of the wonderful job Swanson School does for our kids! In this newsletter you can read a summary of our recent excellent review from the Education Review Office. If you would like to see it, the full report will be on the website soon.

The roll has gone up so quickly, that some of our class numbers have been getting too high we have therefore had to do a re-shuffle of classes and teachers to accommodate the influx. We have decided to do it now, so that your children can settle in with their new teachers and spend most of the year together.

Deanna Uttley will be starting a Year 2 class in Room 7 and Shane Hunt will take over Deanna's Year 5/6 class in Room 13. Many parents will remember Deanna teaching in the Pohutukawa (Year 1-2) Team last year, and she is really excited about her move back to the junior school. She will be sad to leave her Year 5/6 students however, but it has given us an opportunity to employ Shane Hunt. Shane is a very experienced teacher who has done a lot of work in the school over the past year. He has already spent some time in Room 13 and is eager to get to know the students better.

Apart from the change of teacher in Room 13 there will not be any disruption to the Year 5-8 Koromiko and Totara teams at this stage. The Year 1-4 classes will be the focus of the reorganisation. We are working on the composition of the new classes now in order to even up class numbers across rooms. We will work in the best interests of your child in terms of their age and friendships and their academic achievement. If there is going to be a change you will receive a letter in the mail. Hopefully the change will go smoothly on Monday as all the teachers in that area of the school work very closely together already and your child will probably already know their new teacher.

If you have any concerns do not hesitate to discuss these with your child's teacher in the first instance, Deputy Principal Robyn Vine, or me.

Kia Kaha

Bruce McLachlan



New South Wales Tests

This is a reminder to get your forms in with payment by 14th April (Thursday of Week 11, Term 1). These need to be given to Mrs Thomson Room 3. NOT to class teachers. Late payment will not be accepted.

Timeline

- 10 Mar - Hearing & Vision
- 16 Mar - Norwest Swimming Tournament
- 23 Mar - Y8 HPV Vaccinations
- 24 Mar - BOT Meeting - 7.00 pm start
- 31 Mar - Swanson School Fete

Citizens

Awards..... Congratulations to the following children for achieving Citizenship awards :-



- Hannah ; Jayden (1)
- Luke ; Zane (2)
- Phoenix ; Hayley (3)
- Jasmine ; John (5)
- Joshua ; Lana (6)
- Chace ; Iarna (8)
- Mason ; Dayna (10)
- Brooke ; Mihi (11)
- Marei ; Corby (12)
- Caitlin ; Hemi (13)
- Kathryn ; Deacon (14)
- Storm ; Daniel (15)
- Rhys ; Kaia (16)
- Abigail ; Bill (17)

Mufti Day Fundraiser

Thanks to all the pupils and parents who helped make our mufti day a great success. We managed to raise \$890 for the Christchurch Quake

Mobile Dental Clinic Arrival

The Mobile Dental Clinic arrives at Swanson School on 1st May 2011 and will be in the school grounds until 16 July 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.....

Swanson Sports News

Swimming:

Twenty four students from Koromiko Syndicate represented Swanson School in the Henderson Cluster swimming Competition last Thursday. Because of the intensive two week swimming programme our swimmers participated with confidence and great enthusiasm. They were great. In 2010 we only sent 3 students to each of the swimming competitions!

Fourteen students have been selected to represent Swanson School in the Norwest Swimming competition, that will be held on Wednesday 16th March at the Parakai Aquatic pools. The students selected are; Geena, Natasha, Ruby, Mihi, Alex, Eddy, Anthony, Cassidy, Sylvia, Sammi, Aylar, Chynna, Jayden.

Good Luck to the team!



Softball:

Four teams from Swanson School will be participating in the Henderson Cluster Softball and Teeball competitions later this term. This event will be held at the Ranui Domain on Thursday, 05th April 2011. More information will be provided when the teams have been finalised. Currently trials are taking place and students are being coached

Orienteering:

Later this term, the Norwest Sports organisation will be hosting an interschool Orienteering, competition which will be held at Moire Park. Training will be provided to our teachers so that they know how to teach our students the appropriate skills. Parents and caregivers interested in learning these skills can contact Mr Maharaj for further information.

Tennis:

Students who play tennis, can opt to play in the Year 7/8 tennis competition, organised by Norwest Sports council. If you have tennis skills, and can assist with training our students, please offer your support and assistance. Tennis racquets and tennis balls are provided at school.

Swanson School Afternoon Gala

Thursday 31st March

3pm—5pm



There will be something for everyone! Games, sausage sizzle, books, cake stall, bric-a-brac, used clothing, face painting, worm tea.....start getting excited!

A notice will come home next week with details about how you can help! We will be asking for donations of various items during weeks 8 and 9.