

# 26th May 2011 Issue 2: Term 2

## From the Principals Desk.....

### Tips for Parenting – Be a Proactive Parent

I always tell prospective teachers that teaching is the most important paid job in society. The most important unpaid job is being a parent. While neither job is easy, the teacher at least goes through an extensive training programme to become a teacher. The only prerequisite for being a parent is to be biologically able to reproduce and unfortunately kids don't come with instructions!

As a parent you need to be actively involved in your child's development. Parents need to be the fence at the top of the cliff rather than the ambulance at the bottom. Your job, as much as possible, is to prevent problems from happening rather than waiting for them to occur and then trying to deal with them. This requires you to be pro-active rather than re-active.

A proactive parent spends time with their child, talking to them, playing with them and having fun with them. This involves not only ensuring that they have interesting activities to do, but also encouraging them to be independent. It involves reading books to them as well as allowing them to explore their surroundings. Sometimes it involves helping the child get started with play activities and then leaving them to play within a secure environment. While observing them playing it means catching the child being good and praising them, redirecting them to an appropriate activity when they begin to misbehave, providing rules and routines and patiently teaching them what they need to know and dealing firmly with unacceptable behaviour. This is what proactive parenting is.

It's hard work being a proactive parent – especially in the preschool years but it gives your child a great start in life. Being an active, involved parent will stimulate your child's intellectual development, boost their confidence and lead to them being socially well adjusted.

Being proactive in your child's preschool and school years is the best investment you can make in your child's future.

Kia kaha

*Bruce McLachlan*

*To parents, we can't tell our kids to do well in school and then fail to support them when they get home. You can't just contract out parenting. For our kids to excel, we have to accept our responsibility to help them learn. That means putting away the Xbox and putting our kids to bed at a reasonable hour. It means attending those parent-teacher conferences and reading to our children and helping them with their homework.*

—President Barack Obama, July 17, 2009

## Timeline

- 30 May-2 June** - Totara Camp
- 30 May– 3 June** - Waitakere Mural Painting
- 10 June** - Chocolate fundraiser starts
- 4 June** - Dental Clinic arrives on site
- 7 June** - PTA Meeting - 6.30 pm start
- 9 June** - Science NSW Test
- 10 June** - Chocolate Fundraiser starts

## Major fundraiser for 2011

This year we will be once again having a Chocolate fundraiser. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and we depend on parents support to help make this a financial success. Profits will go towards purchasing resources to help your child's learning. A letter will come home Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June giving more details. One carry pack containing 24 bars of chocolate will come home to each family unless you advise us that you will not be participating. If you are able to help with collection of money or distribution of chocolate please contact Rhonda in the office.

## Citizens Awards.....

Congratulations to the following children for achieving Citizenship awards ;-



- Keziah ; Shweta (1)
- Lilly ; Rose (2)
- Kayana ; Phoenix (3)
- Danielle ; Jena Rae (4)
- Raven ; Shae (5)
- Paige ; Rourke I(6)
- Brooklyn ; Ira (8)
- Tayla ; Emmanuel (10)
- Ruby ; Mia (11)
- Hannah ; Melissa (12)
- Christina ; Brooke (13)
- Ethan ; Crystal (14)
- Brandi ; Sam (15)
- William ; Brooke (16)
- Rose ; Jim (17)

# CELEBRATING LEARNING.....

## Young Leaders of Today

The National Young Leaders day is a day for hundreds of kids aged 10-13 yrs to come together to be inspired, to follow their dreams and live a life of leadership by some very inspirational & motivational speakers.

The Halogen Foundation makes Young Leaders Day happen as their motto is 'building young leaders'. They focus on children with potential to help them gain the skills they will need later in life to become awesome leaders.

There were many inspirational speakers that we listened to and each one of us had a different opinion on which speaker was our favourite. Personally our two favourites were Dave Atkinson who was really funny and interacted with the audience heaps. He also showed us how to become great leaders using the 'X Factor'; which had three steps:-



Be Friendly  
Say a good word  
Be Yourself

Wednesday , Joshua  
Alisa & Jayden

Our other favourite speakers were Tu and Serena who were part of a famous kids show called 'What Now!' They both gave us amazing advice on following our dreams. They said that the people who inspire us most are the ones we are closest to. Josh and Jayden's favourite speakers were Dillon Boucher and Pat Lam because they are great leaders and inspirational people. They are people who others look up to and they are sports stars.

## New Zealand Red Cross Book Fair

Pavilion 6, ASB Showgrounds, Green Lane

### Dates and Times:

- Fri 3rd June 3pm - 8pm (\$10 Entry fee)
- Sat 4th June 9am - 5pm (Free Entry)
- Sun 5th June 9am - 5pm (Free Entry)

### Pricing : Books \$3 each

Childrens Books \$1 each

Videos, DVDs, CDs, Records \$1 each

Please go along and support the Red Cross!

## July School Holiday Programme

During the school holidays the Waitakere Three Angels Church will be running a school holiday programme in the school hall. They intend to have songs and simple bible stories and lessons to start the day and then have games, cooking and craft making. The programme is limited to 50 children with a 1:8 ratio. It is open to the public and registration is required. This can be done on a contact form on their website, [www.waitac.org.nz](http://www.waitac.org.nz). There is no charge for the programme.

## Chocolate Popcorn Recipe

1. First pop some popcorn
2. In another bowl put 3-4 pieces of plain chocolate and microwave until melted.
3. Pour the melted chocolate over the popped corn and mix together
4. When the popcorn is covered with the chocolate place in the fridge until the chocolate has set.

A recipe by **Connor R16**

ENJOY!!!!

## Win a training session with the Silver Ferns

New World are giving you the chance to win this great prize for your school netball team. Sound good?

Simply spend \$25 at your local New World between 30th May and 12 June 2011 then head online to [newworld.co.nz](http://newworld.co.nz) to enter—give your details and nominate our school. The winning teams will be announced at the end of June. Then get spending and lets try and win this great prize for our kids!!!!!!!

## Raffle Prize Winners

- 1st prize- Soljans Voucher & Wine - Mataio Aperau
- 2nd prize: Entertainment Pack - ?
- 3rd prize: Family Outing— Heather Neal
- 4th prize: 6 bottles of Babich wine - Lisa Kerr
- 5th prize - Handyman pack - Maria & John
- 6th prize : Kids fun pack - Mike Fistonich

## PTA Meeting

6.30 pm Tuesday 7th June

Staffroom

All Welcome

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Please mark in your diary—Wednesday 13th July for Parent Teacher interviews. A letter will come home 1st July for you to complete with a time that will suit you to come along and discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

Mid year Reports will come home Tues 12th July.