

## Term 4 Week 8 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014

### From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers  
**Kia Ora Koutou. Nga mihi kia koutou**

Our congratulations to the Interschool Athletics team who all represented our school so very well earlier this week. Special congratulations go to the following athletes who were placed in their specialist events. First place in Year 6 boys Shot Put - Kahu C, Year 6 girls Shot Put - Jordin S, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Year 6 boys Discus - Vincent P, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Year 6 girls 800 metres - Sam G. These are fantastic achievements in a very competitive field from approximately 17 local schools.

**Juicy Friday:** Remember frozen juicies are available for \$1.00 straight after the children have eaten their lunch on Friday. They cost \$1.00 each and will be sold on the deck by the staffroom.

This is a combined PTA/Student Council fundraiser - also to raise funds for 2015 EOTC experiences. What a yummy finish to a Friday lunch - just send your child to school with \$1 to buy a juicy on the day.

#### **SWIMMING POOL**

Please see the notice on Page 2 of this newsletter asking again for helpers to assist with maintaining our pool over the holiday period. In return for agreeing to be on the roster, you receive a free pool key for the season.

**NB: We currently have insufficient help and so this is urgent. If we do not have enough offers by this coming Monday we may have to close the pool over the break. We cannot sell any keys until we know if we have the 'person power' needed.**

#### **BoT MEETING**

The final meeting of the Board of Trustees for 2014 is next Wednesday evening, starting at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### **MUFTI DAY**

This is next Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> Dec and is a fundraiser in support of Quinn who is recovering following an aggressive brain cancer. Quinn attends Parkland School. Teachers will collect donations first thing on Friday morning.

#### **SCHOOL REPORTS**

These will be sent home next Friday afternoon. Please check school bags. We do tell the children that their report is written for their parent/caregiver so we expect it to arrive to you unopened and you can share the contents together.

All learners who have completed 40, 80 or 120 weeks at school since our mid year reporting, AND everyone at the end of Years 4, 5 and 6 will receive a National Standards insert inside their report.

Please read the back page of your child's progressive report for the explanation about how we reach our Overall Teacher Judgement. (eg a learner may well be achieving more highly than the stated expectation but to be regarded as Above expectation in the National Standard, we require their achievement to be at least at the following year's standard). It doesn't mean that they aren't doing very well.

#### **XMAS IN THE PARK AND END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec from 5pm.**

Please look out early next week for the flyer advertising our final community event for this year. Along with Christmas Carols we will present classroom awards and special Year 6 awards. This will be the first time we have classroom awards from across the school - to honour 2 students in each room who practice our STRIVE guidelines consistently.

The Year 6 'End of Year celebration' will be held following the whole school presentations. This final part of the evening is just for the Year 6's and their families. The PTA will be selling food, so we encourage you to come for dinner. This is a family affair, not suited for dropping your child off and coming back to collect them later. Bring your picnic rug, deck chairs etc and join the fun.

#### **OTHER REMINDER DATES**

Tue, 16 Dec: 11.30am Transition into 2015 classes

Wed, 17 Dec: 12.30pm School finishes for 2014

Mon, 2 Feb: 8.50am School opens for 2015

Lin Dixon  
Principal

### **STRIVE**

Our focus virtue for this week is the letter 'S'  
-Step up and be the best you can be -  
Excellence and self discipline.  
Self discipline means self-control. It is getting yourself to do what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You don't lose control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry, but decide how you are going to talk and what you are going to do. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself.

#### **Tararua Team Poetry Festival**

On Friday Tararua Year 2 and 3 held the finals of their speech competition. They had been practicing their poems for a long time. Some poems were about sharks, some about snails, and some about dads falling into ponds. We loved the poems. The students that were in the finals used lots of expression and they had a very good memory. Congratulations to everyone. You did a great job! A special congratulation to the winners. *Written by Ruma takua ma ono.*

Results for the Tararua Poetry festival

Year 2s:	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ryan (with Connor as prop)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oscar
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tiria
Year 3's	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Savannah
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tia
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Esther

