



13th June 2011

On behalf of the staff and our school community I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and their families.

Keeping Track of Our WOW Factor

Entries for our WOW Factor have now closed and we are very excited by the number of our children who have entered and the range of talents to be showcased.

Auditions

Due to unforeseen circumstances we will now hold the first auditions on Monday 4th July.

Children auditioning for the WOW Factor will receive a notice soon about the audition process. If for any reason your child is unable to attend the audition on the 4th July we will hold a follow up audition in term three.

WOW Factor Studio

Room 26 is to become our WOW Factor studio. Events and voting information will be displayed in the window each week.

Our WOW Factor Wall

Over the next few weeks you will also see changes to the wall of our ESOL building. This is going to be our WOW Wall where we will keep you up to date with our fundraising through WOW for the school van.

It's going to be spectacular!

The WOW Factor team thanks those people who have already donated items for our auction at the end of the year. Our auction will be part of the 10th Year Celebrations on Friday 18th November.

Congratulations Harrison Griffiths

Harrison has been selected for NBR New Zealand Opera production of *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *I Pagliacci* at the ASB Theatre, Aotea Centre. Congratulations Harrison, we look forward to seeing you on the stage later this year.

Brett Lee - Expert on cybersafety and digital citizenship.

Parents Evening – A MUST for ALL parents!

'Embracing a cyber world – Understanding and Managing Risk'

Point View Primary School, Somerville Intermediate School and Willowbank School are hosting a parents evening with Brett Lee, an expert on cybersafety and digital citizenship on **Thursday 28 July from 7 - 8 pm**. The evening will

be held in Somerville Intermediate's School hall.

The focus for the evening is digital citizenship and cybersafety safety.

Brett has created iNESS Australia to help equip and educate young people with the skills and knowledge to enable them to use the internet safely while making them aware of their rights and responsibilities in the cyberworld.

There is no cost to parents.

When: Thursday 28 July from 7 - 8 pm (the second week of the school holidays)

Place: Somerville Intermediate's School hall.

A notice on this event will be sent home in Week 9.



Disco

The PTA has a fantastic tropical themed disco planned for our children on the 8th July. It's going to be a great night and we hope to see you all there.

Theme: Tropical disco

Date: 8th July

Place: Willowbank school hall

Time: Year 0 -3 5.30pm until 6.45pm

Year 4-6 7pm until 9pm

Cost: \$2.00 entry

Pizza, drinks, lollies and other goodies for sale.

Friends of the PTA

Want to help Willowbank School but unable to attend PTA meetings? Now you can by joining our 'FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL' group. Send your email address to rajurulz@hotmail.com and our fabulous PTA will keep you up to date with events that you may like to offer your support to. This is a great way to support the PTA.

Changes to Staff in Term 3

At the end of this term we farewell Mr Brett Munro. Brett has been with us since 2008 and leaves us to take up a new position at Reremoana School in Manurewa. Brett has been a valued member of our staff and we shall miss him.

Next term we welcome Mrs Michelle Hewlett, Mrs Sona Singh and Mr Jeff McKay as specialist teachers at Willowbank School. Michelle will specialise in the visual arts, Sona in science and

Jeff (you may know Jeff from Playball) in sports and PE.

Family Maths Is Coming....

Check your child's bag next week for further information.

Children Late for School

We notice that a number of children are arriving at school after the bell on rainy days. Please remember that children are expected at school by 8.45am. Children arriving after the 8.55am bell must report to the office. In accordance with school policies we will make contact with parents of children whose attendance causes concern. Please notify the office before 9am if your child is going to be absent from school that day.

Cultural Events

This year as part of our 10th year celebrations we would like to give children the opportunity to learn dances from the different cultural groups in our school. Are you able to volunteer some time each week to teach a cultural dance group? If yes, please pop in to see me. We are really hoping that we can make the dances another special part of our 10th year celebrations showcase.

Upcoming events

Tuesday – BSA meetings in Kiwi (by invitation)

Wednesday – Year 6 Bike Licenses

Wednesday – Support Staff Day! Celebrating the wonderful work on our Support Staff.

Right Start Programme

We are currently taking enrolments for the term 3 *Right Start* programme. Places fill up very quickly so please email Chris or Julie at rightstart@willowbankschool.co.nz for an enrolment form if you are interested.

You can view the programme on wbsrightstart.wikispaces.com

Supporting Children's Learning – Sessions for parents. These sessions are open to all parents and are held on Tuesday afternoons from 1.35 until 2.45pm in the staffroom.

-Getting involved in your school(BoT/PTA) (Wk 7)

-Assessment in school (Wk 8)

SPCA Week

The SPCA does a wonderful job caring for animals while trying to find them new homes. We would like to show our support to the SPCA by asking you to bring in old towels, blankets, pillows and other comforting things that you no longer use, which may be useful for keeping the

animals warm this winter. Your child can bring these items to their classroom everyday next week and we will deliver them to the SPCA.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Student Led Conferences

We look forward to our student led conferences on the 14th July. During the conference your child will share discuss their progress and achievement against the goals set in Term 1 and their new learning goals for the remainder of the school year. You will receive a written report outlining these achievements, learning goals and the support you can give your child to further enhance their learning.

The bookings for our student led conference will open on 4th July. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KBB

Would your child like to learn to play a musical instrument? KBB AllStar Band Programme is proud to offer lessons for a wide range of instruments at Willowbank School in 2011.

KBB tutors will be at school on Wednesday morning from 8am in the e-learning for children to have a try of the different instruments.

For Clarinet, Saxophone, Trombone, Glockenspiel, Flute, Trumpet, Snare Drum lessons and enquiries please contact:

Leon Dumper Ph:021 366 443

Email:leon@allstarbp.co.nz

www.allstarbp.co.nz

Look forward to hearing from you, Leon.

[For more information please see the attachments on the newsletter page of our website.](#)

Wash your Car and Make Money for Willowbank School.

How? Simply call into TJ's CarWash Botany Downs, as per map on flyer, use their LaserWash Automatic Car Wash, machine, and collect the receipt before you enter the wash bay. Return them to Willowbank School and you are making money to support your school. Everybody wins!

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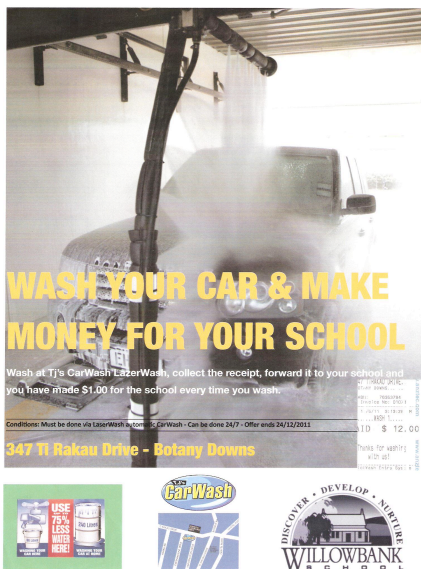
\$15.35 NIT-ENZ Certified Organic Shampoo 225ml (will last approx a school term when used as directed)!

\$10.20 NIT-ENZ Head Lice Repellent Hair Gel 200ml or Hair Spray 165ml to help keep them away!

Use as a normal shampoo twice a week, normal

conditioner afterwards, **and you won't have to worry about head lice again!**

Nit-Enz is NOW available from Botany New World or for further details visit www.nit-enz.com.



www.triplep.net.

Message from Adele White - eyes'11

Whilst deployed to the Solomon Islands in 2009 I became aware of the scarcity of spectacles for the sight impaired.

Thanks to the kindness of friends and colleagues here in NZ I was able to pass on over 500 pairs of glasses to delighted recipients.

It would be fantastic to be able to make this gesture once again.

I would therefore ask that you consider donating any used spectacles, or perhaps taking a moment purchase a pair or two from the "Two Dollar Shop" so that these can be sent to people in the Solomon Is.

Reading glasses with a +1 or +1.5 appear to be really popular - but ANY glasses you donate will be so very much appreciated.

Please wrap them carefully and label them:

"EYES 11" Howick Police Station

and drop them in at your nearest Police Station.

Sincere thanks,

Adele White

Vista Reign Marching Team is recruiting girls between 8-10yrs to join in our fun; marching promotes teamwork, develops concentration, teaches dance and promotes discipline while fostering friendships. Vista Reign were Auckland Champs last year and are keen to build upon this for 2011/12 NZ Nationals in Hamilton. If your daughter is interested in seeing what our team is about then view our Facebook page "vista reign marching" and send us a message for further detail, alternatively contact Lisa on lpask@nzstaff.com or 027 2988 597. Recruitments sessions are due to be held end of June start of July, I look forward to hearing from you.

Lisa Pask

Team Manager

Other community events listed on our website:

FREE CONCERT FOR KIDS

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Deidre Alderson

Principal



**Parents Needed
for Study**



THE UNIVERSITY
OF AUCKLAND
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Te Kura Akoranga o Tāmaki Makaurau
Incorporating the Auckland College of Education

Triple P: Positive Parenting
Group Programme

The **Triple P Research Group** at the University of Auckland is running a study evaluating the effectiveness of a new version of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Group Program. The program aims to support parents to manage their child's emotions and behaviour. Backed by 30 years of international research, Triple P has been shown to be effective for many different families.

- Do you have a child aged between 3 and 6?
- Are you having difficulty managing the behaviour and emotions of this child?
- Would you like to attend an 8-week parenting group at Epsom designed to promote positive child development?

Yes, yes and yes? Group attendance is free! Families will participate in assessment sessions as part of the study.

For further information, please contact
Dr Cassy Dittmanon 09 623 8899 ext. 48778 or
via email: trpg@auckland.ac.nz.

For more info on Triple P, please visit