



16<sup>th</sup> May 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.

A very warm welcome to Mr Andrew McCully who joined the year 6 team last week. Mr McCully is teaching in room 29.



## Have fun, raise funds for Christchurch

On Sunday May 22, 2011 New Zealand welcomes back that grand tradition of fundraising, the [telethon](#). The *Rise Up Christchurch –Te Kotahitanga* Telethon is raising funds for the Government's Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

Over the coming week we will be actively supporting this fundraising event by holding a number of activities here at school.

Starting from Monday we will be asking drivers of vehicles using the drop off zone every morning and afternoon to give a gold coin donation.

We have very talented children at Willowbank School so many will be busking before and after school on Wednesday and Friday.

On Friday we will be holding a mufti and Wheels Day. Children may bring anything with wheels to school (with helmets if bringing bikes, scooters, skates or skateboards). Children will be asked to give \$2.00 towards the Telethon appeal.

Over term 2 Willowbank School staff will have 'Casual Friday' meaning for a fee they will be able to wear jeans to school (we hope to make a fortune out of this initiative!).

We seek your help in making these events lots of fun and a huge success. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

Another Christchurch fundraising event...

### BNZ – Ride 4 HOPE

At Rainbows End

Saturday Night 21 May from 6pm to 11pm.

Tickets: Adult or Child Superpass \$30.00 each  
5 Years and under \$17.00

Please let Calleigh know if you would like tickets to this event.

### Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

We very much enjoyed your company at our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. We hope you had a lovely afternoon.

### PTA AGM and Meeting

Our PTA AGM and general meeting will be held this Wednesday evening at 7pm in the staffroom.

COME ALONG, GET INVOLVED  
AND SUPPORT  
OUR PTA!

Your participation in our PTA would be greatly appreciated. It's a brilliant way to meet new people, help the school and have lots of fun a long the way.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations

This year we celebrate 10 years of outstanding education at Willowbank School. Our curriculum focus of citizenship and globalisation will provide the backdrop for the activities over the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November. Children will be involved in a number of performances and activities for your entertainment and education.

One such activity is the 'WOW' Factor. This is a talent competition run on similar lines to the X-Factor. Very soon, children interested in auditioning for the 'WOW' Factor will bring home an information sheet and parental permission form. We look forward to showcasing so much of the brilliant talent we have here at Willowbank School.

### **Cultural Dance Groups**

As part of our learning this year we would like to offer our children an opportunity to learn dances from either their country of origin or a country they are interested in.

Are you able to help us achieve this? We are seeking support from parents to help us run lunchtime ethnic dance groups. If you are able to help with this please may I ask you to pop in and see me or email me on

[dalderson@willowbank.school.nz](mailto:dalderson@willowbank.school.nz)

Thank you in anticipation.

### **Right Start Programme**

*Right Start* is back! This programme is designed to help pre-school children transition smoothly in to the school system. This year we are doing things slightly differently and will now be running parent support sessions at the same time. You do not have to have a child at *Right Start* to attend any of the sessions below – just turn up!

Parent sessions Tuesdays 1:40pm to 2:50pm in the e-learning room.

17 <sup>th</sup> May	Getting ready for school (with me)
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Supporting your child with literacy (with Jo Thompson)
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Supporting your child with maths (with Lisa Boniface)
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Learning support/extension and differentiation (with Leigh Steel)
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Getting involved in your school (with me)
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Assessment in school (with Lisa Boniface)

For more information on our *Right Start* programme please go to:

<http://wbsrightstart.wikispaces.com/>

### **Winter clothes**

Just a reminder: children need to bring a change of clothes to school if they wish to play on the field at lunchtime.

### **Paper recycling**

Thank you for your continued support with this initiative. We have three paper recycling bins located near the entry gate between room 32 and the office.

### **Community Notice Board**

#### **Plunket Baby Fair.**

Howick Recreation Centre

22 May 2011

10am to 12pm

#### **Riverina School Golden Jubilee**

All former students, staff, parents and friends of Riverina School are cordially invited to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Queen's Birthday Weekend. For details:

[www.riverina.school.nz](http://www.riverina.school.nz), Facebook, [admin@riverina.school.nz](mailto:admin@riverina.school.nz), or 09-5277377.

#### **AUCKLAND ORGAN DISCOVERY: FREE FAMILY OPEN DAY**

**Auckland Town Hall 10am - 5pm, Saturday 4 June 2011**

A unique free opportunity for young people and their families to find out anything and everything about the pipe organ, "The King of Instruments", through fun, hands-on activities and displays. Includes at 2pm "*Carnival of the Organ Pipes*"

- a narrated stage show for children with music from the new Town Hall Organ. More details at:

<http://www.organz.org.nz/kingsbirthday>

*Have a wonderful fortnight,*

*Deidre Alderson*

*Principal*