

Tuesday 3rd March 2009

My apologies for not getting the newsletter out yesterday – computer error!

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new children and their families.

Dear parents, guardians and caregivers,

On behalf of the staff and community I would like to offer our sincere and deepest sympathies to the Olge family.

Stranger Danger

Yesterday I was informed that one of our students had been approached in the weekend by a stranger riding a bike and had been subjected to inappropriate behaviour. We don't know much about this person but it serves as a timely reminder that we need to unfortunately talk with our child/ren about what to do if approached by someone they don't know.

A Big Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who supported our collection for the Victorian Fire Victims. We have donated \$487 to the International Red Cross collection to support the work they are doing to help the families who lost everything in the recent Victorian fires.

Parking

Please do not park on the yellow lines near the crossings – even if it is just for a minute! Not only is this illegal it is extremely dangerous as the patrollers can not see past your vehicle to check if it is safe for children to cross. Thank you for your support.

Children's week



'A time to celebrate how special and important our children are.'

This Friday we will be celebrating International Children's Week with a special family picnic on the field. We hope you will be able to spend some time with your child/ren over the lunchtime to share a picnic and play a few games. Do join us all

on the field from 12.30pm until 1.30pm Friday 6th March.

National Bank Banking

This year our hard working National Bank Student Tellers are: Brendon Yip, Wesley Brown, Irra Lee, Jenny Nguyen, Sean Chue And Kerman Kohli. Congratulations!

Our student tellers are on duty every Tuesday morning from 8.30am until 8.55am for school banking. Charlene from the National Bank, Botany is always available during this time to answer any queries you may have about student banking or to organise a new account for your children.



Medicines

We often have requests from parents to administer medicines at school. Although we are happy to do this (as long as you have signed a permission form) our health nurse has advised us that if a medicine (antibiotic) needs to be taken 3 times per day it can be taken before and after school then before bed, no need to take it at school. If a medicine needs to be administered 4 times per day then the child should not be attending school. Please contact Michelle in the office if you have any concerns regarding this.

Head-lice

These uninvited guests always put in an appearance when you let your guard down. The best way to keep these little pests at bay is to check your child's hair regularly using a fine comb. If you do need to treat the hair the chemist has a range of suitable products. After treatment regular combing with warm water and a touch of vinegar can help to reduce the likelihood of re-infestation. If your child does get head-lice please let the class teacher know – then we can act quickly to break the cycle.

Trivial Pursuit Evening

Feel like an entertaining night out? The PTA has created some truly trivial questions to test your team work skills and reaction times! Come along and have some fun with the PTA and staff on Friday 27th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from our school office everyday between 2.30pm and 3pm. Cost \$5.

contact Sangeeta or Rakesh Singh on 272 3564

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Metaè Scharnick from Room 30, who on Sunday had the opportunity to meet the Black Sticks (NZ Hockey team) when he was chosen to represent his club SLAM, and walk with the Black Sticks onto the Field for their match against India. Metaè was also chosen as Most Valuable Player of the Year! Fabulous!

Upcoming Events



3 Way Conferences PTA AGM

Our PTA AGM will be held on Monday 10th March at 7.30pm. Please come along and support the school. We need interested people to take on key roles and responsibilities. Don't be afraid!! It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet the teachers and other families of the school.

Our 3 Way Conferences will be held on Thursday 2nd April. This year you will be able to book your conference times via the internet. We will be sending information home about this soon.

Closure of The Drop Off Zone

Our Year 5 and 6's head off to camp over the next two weeks and this means the Drop Off Zone will be closed on the following days to allow for the buses.

Mornings: Monday 10th and 17th March.

Thursday 19th March.

Afternoons: Friday 13th and 20th March.

Thank you in anticipation.

Community Notices

Volunteer needed to teach Hindi

Willowbank Hindi School is looking for a Volunteer to teach conversational Hindi to children. The classes have been operating successfully for 2 1/2 years at Willowbank School on a Tuesday evening 6 - 7pm. Pawan Pathela is no longer available to teach the classes. We would like to thank Pawan for his valuable time, generosity and contribution to the community. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please

SLAM Hockey Club

If your child is in Year 1 – 6 and wants to join a Club that offers fun, fitness and good hockey then come along to SLAM Hockey Club!

JUNIOR MUSTER ON SUNDAY, 8TH MARCH
10:00 – 11:00AM, AT THE HOCKEY
STADIUM, LLOYD ELSMORE PARK,
PAKURANGA.

For all enquiries, call Steve Holley on (09) 575 6399 or email: steve.holley@slingshot.co.nz or visit www.slamhockey.org

Howick Midweek Netball Committee

Its that time of year again where we are looking for enthusiastic ladies to take part in our Wednesday morning netball competition. It's a great opportunity for ladies to come and meet new people, get fit or just have some fun. Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am

For more information please phone Lorraine on 9400861 or Suzanne on 5370764.

POP after school classes (PMP)

1st Term - 8 weeks of classes starting 16th of February

2nd Term - 9 weeks of classes starting Monday 4th May

NEW WEBSITE ON ITS WAY

www.popacademy.co.nz will be the gateway to all the information you need on POP.

Whether you'd like to enrol or pay online, find out more about other classes offered or get to know a little bit more about our staff, you'll be able to find it all there at your convenience.

For Term 1 2009 classes are \$115 each for 8 weeks. Term two will be \$125 for 9 weeks.

Enroll for two terms and pay only \$230. All classes are located in the Whio Awhina Space.

Have a wonderful week,

Deidre Alderson

Principal