



26th October 2010

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.

We also celebrate and welcome the safe arrival of Finn, born to Marie Todd on Monday morning. Both are doing well despite the very unexpected, early delivery. Mrs Bianca Brook will relieve in room 16 until the end of the week and then Mrs Dee Banfield will continue as the class teacher until the end of the year.

We look forward to Marie's return to our staff at the beginning of term 2, 2011.

Ice-Skating

We had a great night out last Thursday at the ice skating PTA fund raising event. Thanks to everyone who came along and to Barbara Cross for organising the evening.

Summer Sun

It is now compulsory for children to wear their school hat during play times and sporting activities. School hats are available from John Russell Menswear in Howick. We have sold out of our stock but hope to have more available soon.

Reporting to Parents – Community Evening – Postponed

Due to an urgent National Standards meeting,
our reporting to parents evening will now be held
Tuesday 23 November.

More information will follow in our next newsletter.
Sorry for any inconvenience.

URGENT - Chocolates Sales

Do you still have chocolates or chocolate money? If you do, please return them to school this week so we can either sell the chocolates or bank the money. Unfortunately we still have 132 boxes of unsold chocolates. This pretty much amounts to the profit we get from selling all the chocolates! We urgently need your support. Are you able to sell another box or two? We have more great prizes for the family that sells the most chocolate this term. First prize is an **ipod**, second a **shoot and sure camera**, and third prize is a **voucher from NumberWorks'nWords**. This voucher entitles the winner to one term of free specialist maths or English tuition at

NumberWorks'nWords in Pakuranga! We really need your support in selling the extra boxes. Please send a note or call into the office if you are able support us further and sell more chocolate.

Thank you in anticipation.

Thank you again to the lovely PTA members for all the hard work they have put into organizing the chocolate fundraiser.

Sunscreen Fund Raiser

Sunblock for Sale

As we head into summer it is really important that the children have sun protection. You can now buy that from school.

Price:

Roll-on - \$6.00

Tube: \$7.50

Aftersun: \$7.50

The Sunblock is SPF 30+ low irritant and PABA Free. If you would like to place an order please send in an envelope to your child's classroom teacher. Please include child's name, room number, what they would like to order and amount enclosed. If you could enclose the correct amount for your order – it would be a great help.

Keep Up to Date On Line

You can keep up to date with *what's on at Willowbank School* by following us on twitter and/or 'liking' our facebook page. We currently have over 200 followers on facebook!

Follow us on twitter@willowbanknz or 'like' our page on facebook at <http://bit.ly/ddpYKG>

Remember you are also able to sign up to have the newsletter emailed directly to you each fortnight. Click on the link located in the side menu to join.

Can you help us?

We would like as many of our families as possible to join up to our on-line networks so we can ensure everyone has access to the most up to date information. Please may I ask you to join one of our on-line strategies if you haven't and to encourage others to do the same. One of the advantages of facebook is that it can be viewed/read in up to 69 different languages, thus making it so much easier for many of you to access information in your home language.

We have information sheets available from the school office if you would like support in how to join either twitter or facebook.

Please chat with Jane Danielson if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing you on-line!

Sports Events

Our teams have enjoyed fantastic success this year and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with our teams over the year.

I would also like to congratulate Jessica and Matthew Croy and Tia Charles for competing in the Counties Manukau cross country and winning \$400 worth of sports equipment for the school. Awesome!

Waterwise

The Year 6 children are currently involved in the Waterwise activities. Each class has a day at the Waterwise centre at Howick beach learning basic kayaking and sailing skills. We are keen to train any parents interested in training as a Waterwise instructor to support this programme. The programme runs each year in terms one and four for one day a week for 5 to 8 weeks. Please contact Maureen Agnew if you are interested in finding out more.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

This Friday is 'World Teachers' Day' – a day to celebrate our great New Zealand Education system and to reflect on the valuable contribution we all make to advancing New Zealand's future.

There is also a rally on Saturday October 30th.

World Teachers Day
RALLY

10.30am at Queen Elizabeth Square
12.00pm arrival at Albert Park

Mufti Day - gold coin donation.

We will also have our first Mufti Day for term 4 this Friday. Our theme is Bright Colours – so come along to school in your brightest tee shirts, shorts, dresses or costumes! Donations will go towards the funding of speakers in every classroom.

Up Coming Events

- 26.10 Waterwise Room 4
- 27.10 Kiwi Awhina reporting to parents (interviews)
- 27.10 Swimming rooms 32, 31 and 20
- 28.10 Mathex Competition
- 29.10 Mufti Day – gold coin donation
- 29.10 World Teachers Day

30.10 World Teachers Day celebration in Queens Street

1.11 BoT meeting 7pm

2.11 touch Tournament

4.11 Year 6 students to Somerville Intermediate

Community Notice Board

Somerville Intermediate School

Somerville orientation visits will be held at Somerville Intermediate on Thursday 4 November for those year 6 students attending our school in 2011, at the following times:

9.15 am - 10.20 am Cockle Bay & Owairoa Schools

11.00 am - 12.15 pm Shelly Park & Willowbank Schools

1.30 pm - 2.30 pm Point View, Botany Downs & other contributing schools

We will be holding a New Parent Evening for all new parents of students attending Somerville in 2011, on Thursday 4 November at 7.30 pm in our school hall.

Howick Plunket Baby Fair

When: Sunday 14 November 2010, 10am – 12noon

Where: Howick Recreation Centre, 563 Pakuranga Rd, Howick

Come along for great bargains on new and used baby/children's books, clothes, toys, nursery items and accessories and much more. Cash only (no eftpos).

Entry by gold coin donation.

www.howickplunket.org.nz

We look forward to seeing you this Wednesday evening at our Reporting to Parents evening

Deidre Alderson
Principal