



# NEWSLETTER

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March 10	Zone Swimming Carnival (competitors only)
March 11	School Photos – Full summer school uniform K-6
March 13	Last day for Stewart House bags
March 13	Canteen AGM 1:45pm
March 16	K-6 Drumbeats performance
March 17	P&C AGM 7:45pm

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There was no banking this week due to swimming carnival. Don't forget to bring your bankbooks next week!! See if your class can win.

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**The following students were presented with a Principal's Award at assembly this week:  
Catherine Orr. Joshua Croasdale. Markus Lawson-Ho. Clyde Nolan. Jesse Martin.**

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Dear Parents and Students,

### *School Swimming Carnival*

Another perfect day for our 2009 swimming carnival on Tuesday and as usual it was a fantastic day with all the students who attended representing their sport's houses and the school admirably.

As we all know a carnival of this size does not just happen. Our first thanks must go to those parents who attended the day to cheer on all the students. Your participation helps to make the day a whole school community event. Also to those parents who gave up their time to act as officials thank you. The carnival would not happen without your support. Finally to Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Steggle who organised and ran the whole event - well done! The swimming carnival being the first for the year is always a difficult carnival to organize but both teachers did a great job.

The next step is to send a team to represent our school at the Zone swimming carnival to be held next week at the Ryde Aquatic Centre. I am sure that we wish all swimmers the best of luck on the day.

### *Building the Education Revolution*

In the newsletter this week is information regarding what many of you may have heard or read about regarding the Building the Education Revolution stimulus package from the federal government. Please take the time to read the information and particularly how I as Principal will be garnering community input.

### *Anti – Bullying Contract*

As I wrote last week the Anti – bullying contracts are being sent home. Please take the time to read through the contract with your children and send the signed contract back to school. Once the teachers have marked it off, it will be returned to you to keep handy. Any questions please talk to your child's teacher or myself.

B. Kunkler  
Principal

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Photos have been scheduled for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Envelopes indicating a choice of package options have already been sent home. Please return envelopes with payment to your class teacher promptly. ***Students without a pre-paid envelope will not receive a photo package.***

Each child must have their own envelope filled in, although payment for families with more than one child may be made through just one child. Please indicate on each envelope, which sibling has the payment.

This year, group photos for Year 6, Prefects & Captains will be taken on the day. If you wish to purchase one of these group photos there will be a reorder envelope available at the office once the photographs are returned to school for viewing. **DO NOT SEND MONEY FOR GROUP PHOTOS UNTIL THE TIME OF RE-ORDER.**

Sporting groups, band and other group photographs will be taken later in the year.

All students are required to wear full SUMMER uniform with nicely polished shoes. **K-2 sport will be cancelled for the day.**

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Helen Georgiou. Photo Coordinator

### **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2009**

This year, your child can enter the Premier's Reading Challenge through the school, by registering with Mrs Gower. For detailed information about the challenge you can google: NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2009 or visit the website:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/)

Please be aware that although our school library has an extensive range of books which are on the various lists, it does not have multiple copies, so it may be advantageous to source particular books from the local library as well (nor does Mrs Liston have the time to find books from the list for each participant. It will be the responsibility of each student to locate the books they desire themselves. Books may also be found in classroom 'libraries') It is a wonderful way to encourage the love of reading and to expand the children's range of suitable literature. Participation in the Challenge has the support of the Principal.

If you and your child are interested in participating, please send the slip below to the class teacher, so I can send home an outline of the rules, be able to follow their progress and eventually validate their log once completed. The logs can be completed online from early March.

Mrs Gower  
Organising Teacher

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge 2009. I will assist them to fill out their reading log at home.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/ Guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### **FROM THE P&C**

Just a quick reminder about the P&C Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17th March. All sub-committees will be presenting their annual reports, giving an overview of what they have done 2008, and elections for P&C executive positions will be held.

The P&C Executive consists of the office bearers - President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, 2nd Vice President - and a number of executive committee members. All positions are declared open and any financial member of the P&C can be nominated for any position. Office bearers are limited to 2 consecutive years in any one position.

After the AGM we will continue on with our regular meeting during which we will be voting on a proposal to earmark \$75 000 of P&C funds towards the provision of a Community Room for the school.

Next P&C Meeting - AGM and general meeting - is on Tuesday March 17th, OOSH Rooms 7.45pm.

Miriam Mulcahy. (P&C President). 0412 364 366. [mimbles2@gmail.com](mailto:mimbles2@gmail.com)

### **STUDENT BANKING - EVERY TUESDAY**

Student Banking is on again from next Tuesday 10 March.

If your child would like to start banking each week through the Student Banking Scheme, Account Opening Kits are available from the School Office. Accounts can also be opened for younger siblings.

Please call me on 0433 879 006 or email [tccabbling@bigpond.com](mailto:tccabbling@bigpond.com) if you need more information on the Student Banking Scheme or if you would like to volunteer as a "teller".

Jules Curtin, Student Banking Convenor

### **CANTEEN ROSTER NEWS - 2009 ROSTER UP AND RUNNING**

E tika, e tika, e tika!! The Duck is still in shock after hearing that Miriam Hubber opened up on Monday morning. Why so shocked? Miriam's been a "morning shift" volunteer at the Canteen for many, many years and that was the first time ever that she's been first in! Ka pai mahi! Kia ora, Kia ora, Kia ora toku hoa Miriam!!

Thanks also to Rowena Short and Sue Mayer who have volunteered to fill the 11.00am - 2.00pm shifts on the 5th Wednesdays and 5th Fridays respectively, and also to Sophie Yao who will be helping Margot out on the 3rd Monday vacancy.

Just a reminder to all Canteen volunteers that "sensible" shoes must be worn i.e. runners or similar which are covered and preferably flat.

Signed: Koa Tawhito Parera



# ***BAND NEWS***

## FEE FI FO FUM...

Folks, it's fees time again. Our industrious Treasurer Angela has been busy with Term 1 band invoices, which have been handed out to your musicians this week. Please check in all the usual places, like bags and music cases, under lunchboxes, in pockets etc etc. Prompt payment would be very much appreciated.

## TRAINING BAND

Our youngest band members have had two practices with their instruments and have been amazed to hear that when they all play together they can make some lovely music. "Hot Cross Buns" never sounded so good! Please check that your children have all necessary equipment, especially accessories like drumsticks, guitar straps and spare reeds. Many thanks to parent helpers, especially Michael Ackerman (father of Janine) who assists with set-up every week. Bravo to you all.

## CONCERT BAND

Our coordinators have decided to stick with the trusty form of email communication for Concert Band parents, as most reminders are needed before practice. Keep checking your inbox before rehearsals on Thursdays.

## EISTEDDFODS

This year the Yamaha Festival clashes with the McDonalds' Challenge. As clever as they are, Concert Band can only compete in one at a time, so we will be playing in the Yamaha. Training Band will have their first big competition when they challenge other bands at the Galston Eisteddfod. More details will follow closer to competition times.

## BAND WORKSHOP

The first 2009 band workshop will be held at school on **Sunday May 3**. It's a great time of intense practices with Ray and in small tutorials. When parents come and hear the concert at the end they are always amazed at how professional the bands sound. The band workshops are invaluable in terms of preparing the kids for their competitions and any concerts they perform in. Please make a note of the date and keep checking the newsletter.

## GROUNDS FORCE DAY

Grounds Force Day is a chance for the school community to help maintain our schools lovely grounds. Once per year your child's class will be asked to participate in a working bee held on a Sunday afternoon. The day kicks off around 2pm. Various jobs are performed including weeding, raking, sweeping, levelling mulch and planting trees. The afternoon is a fun time and a great way for families to contribute to the beautiful grounds our children enjoy at NWPS.

**The first Grounds Force Day for 2009 will be held on Sunday 29th March.** All year 5 & 6 students and families are asked to help make the school grounds clean and tidy. Please mark this date in your calendars and come along for an hour or two to help out.

## **Future Grounds Force Dates are:**

31st May Years 3-4 (pre family fun day)

30th August Years K-2

15th November - All (pre Christmas markets)

Please mark these dates in your calendars now so that you will be available to help.

The more helpers we have turn up on the day the less work for everyone!!

Belinda Pope & Helen Howse (Grounds Force)

## **OOSH NEWS**

Co-Coordinators, Emma Read and Fiona Hall have been working together with Sally Lusher-Main and Robyn Potts to have everything in order for our forthcoming accreditation assessment. Emma, Fiona, Sally and Robyn have worked tirelessly over the last four months to make our OOSH Centre a quality service that we can be very proud of.

The OOSH AGM was held on Wednesday, 25 February and the following Committee was elected:

Joan Roach	-	Convenor
Niranjan Sabanayagam	-	Treasurer
Jill Taylor	-	Secretary

If you have any enquiries about OOSH or would simply like to know more about our quality service, do call into the Centre. Alternatively, please email Joan Roach at [roach@bestwesternaustralia.com.au](mailto:roach@bestwesternaustralia.com.au)

The past couple of weeks at OOSH has seen us working on a project we call 'our world at OOSH', which has involved us interviewing each other about our families and own experiences in different countries and with various cultures. We've also made our own map of the world and talked about the languages we speak at home as well as generally about our own families.

Our creativeness has also been flowing with the drawing competition bringing in some wonderful creations!

Also, the children are thoroughly enjoying the Active After School Communities program, getting involved in gymnastics, circus skills, multi-skills and games. The new menu has been a hit, one of our favourites being the lavash bread, salad, hommus and cheese combination.

If you would ever like to see what we have planned for the Out Of School Hours care program, you can find our weekly program in the Parents Resource and Communication Corner. Finally, as always, feel free to approach Fiona and Emma with any suggestions!