

18th March 2010

NEWSLETTER NO: 7

You may be interested in the council's work programme in our school area. Chip sealing of the following roads: Abbotleigh, Matipo, Neil Ave, Taikata. There will be a 40 kph zone outside the school. Footpath repairs will take place in Crieff Place, Rapaki, Gunner Drive and Te Atatu Road. Street lights to be renewed in Neil Ave and the Wharf Road intersection with Te Atatu Road will be re designed/upgraded (possibly with a roundabout). 335 metres of water pipe will be renewed in Te Atatu Road. Upgrading of Jack Colvin Park is on hold pending motorway extension planning. The renewal of the library and community centre is also going ahead for the 2012/13 year.

WARM WELCOME THIS WEEK TO: Abigail Ulrich, Nathan Hilliard and Finn Hughes and belated warm welcome to Cael Dines for last week; we wish you all a long and enjoyable stay with us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: Nathan Hilliard, Finn Hughes, Elijah Tavave, Benjamin McGuff, Toni Britow, Luke Lovrich and Connor McRae. *****NETBALL** - enrolments & fees are due by Friday 26 March.*****

STARDOME OBSERVATORY: this April school holidays; **Big**, the planetarium show that take a quirky and imaginative look at the size & scale of our universe. Afterwards, create your very own galaxy to take home and display. Book on 624 1246. Two sessions daily; 10.00-11.30am & 1.00-2.30pm, \$10/child \$7/adult.

SON GAMES HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – at Rutherford Primary School for primary school-aged children, **April 12-16th 1:00-4:00 pm**, \$15 per child includes a teeshirt, snacks and crafts. Run by Westside Christian Fellowship, ph Dannette on 834 2297 for further info. Booking forms at the office

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS -

Nomination forms were posted out to all parents and caregivers on Monday. If you didn't get one, chances are you are not on the roll. The supplementary roll closes on **April 21st** so phone 8346909 Pamela or Jo to check that you are on the roll or to be enrolled.

Nominations close 23rd April @ 12 noon.

Nominations should be accompanied by a 200 word statement about yourself, why you are standing, what you can offer, etc. The school will retype all statements in standardized form and these will be sent out with the voting papers. Votes will be sent out on the **28th April** with voting closing on the **7th May at 12 noon.**

ONE-STOP-SHOP – if you need initial, confidential, free advice from a lawyer, health nurse, behavioral counselor, budget advice or JP services, we can make an appointment for you here at school. Ring Jo or Wayne on 834 6909 to arrange.

RECYCLING – *Computer cartridges to the office
Clothing to the bin at back gate (Crieff Place)*

LOST PROPERTY – Room 9 has made a study of lost property. They counted 170 items and made a number of suggestions to counter the problem. Ideas included:
- teachers being more proactive about reminding children to collect up all their belongings.
- selling the lost property.
- parents naming children's belongings.
- having a class lost property monitor.

Obviously, naming clothing, teachers being more proactive and children being more responsible are the most practical solutions.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK – this year's 2010/11 Entertainment Books are now available for order. The commission we gain from these sales goes to fund the End-of-Year Fun Day. The cost is \$65 but if you use the restaurant vouchers just twice, you recover what you paid for the book. Orders to the office. Books will be available from Wednesday 31st March.

EASTER RAFFLE – each year we have just two major school fundraisers. One is the Easter Raffle and one in Term 4 is a 'Sponsor-athon'. The Easter Raffle is simple – you get a sheet of 5 tickets @ \$1 each.
a) Sell the whole 5 and return the butts and cash to school
b) Sell 1-4 tickets, send the butts and cash to school
c) If you don't wish to be involved, simply return the sheet of tickets to school.

SCHOOL DONATION is voluntary, is tax deductible, puts you into a draw with 2 DVD players as prizes and funds our school reading budget. The cost is \$60 per child or \$90 per family for the year or \$20 per term. We really appreciate those people who are able to make this donation and assure you your money is spent wisely and well. I believe we are still the only school in New Zealand to offer a money back guarantee whereby if you are unhappy with any aspect of our school performance and notify us on December 1st, we will refund your donation, no questions asked. You can pay by cash, cheque, eftpos or visa.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY TOMORROW – 2.25 pm hosted by Room 15

RETURN TO OFFICE – SCHOOL DONATION 2010

Name of child: _____ **Rm :** _____

Please find \$60/\$90 enclosed for 2010 school donation (We will send your tax receipt and put you in the Lucky Prize Draw.

Signed: _____

RETURN TO OFFICE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK -

of books: _____ **Signed :** _____

_____ (cash, visa, eftpos, cheque) _____

*TOO MUCH T.V IS BAD FOR LEARNING * *READ WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY NIGHT*