

Dear Parents**Where's the Principal??**

Well, I have been back on deck this week, albeit for only about 6 or 8 hours. Recovering from a fairly serious back injury, I'm looking to increase my hours over the next couple of weeks as I get back to full fitness.

I'm sure there has been minimal disruption apparent, as a great management team, teachers and admin staff keep our school ticking along.

Hong Kong

A very informative meeting early this week with our Hong Kong contact, Domini So. Dominic, the parents of three students and I discussed a wide range of issues. (Interestingly, all parents/families have lived in Hong Kong.) Dominic will find out more about the one area we logically want info on: the vetting procedures for the homestays our students would be in. Costs are likely to be less than \$2,500, rather than the \$2,700 – 3,000 previously indicated.

All this said, we need (at least) two other students to make this venture viable. Specifically, along with our 'three-so-far', a commitment to go as fares will need to be organised and paid for as soon as possible. A teacher will accompany the students, and Dominic will be with them also. I have been to one of the schools the children will visit, and have met the Principal and some teachers from both schools on the itinerary.

Please contact me or Jenny at the office.

Numeracy – Parent Information Afternoon

Remember the Maths Committee is holding this afternoon next Tuesday 25th May, in the library, beginning at 3:20pm. It will be a session based on the questions we received from the Numeracy Parent Survey sent out at the end of last term.

We will be moving into our Syndicates after the session to address any extra questions you may have. There will be supervision available for your children. We look forward to seeing you there! *The Maths Committee*

EdAlive Software – Last Chance To Order

If you would like to order any of the EdAlive range please return the completed flyer (which was sent home last week) to the office on Monday.

EdAlive titles are directly correlated with the New Zealand curriculum. The school will receive a FREE site license for participating in the Community Software Plan and a second site license if we receive sufficient orders. Demo versions of the EdAlive products can be downloaded from www.edalive.com *Shirley Jensen*

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for a great response. Your purchases mean that we now have over \$1000 to spend on books for the school library. Fantastic! *Chris Boulden*

**Desks Still Available**

A number of families have taken advantage of our desk sale. There are still some available at \$10 each. Please see our caretaker Eugene O'Sullivan or call at the office if you don't spot him in the grounds.

Bays Festival –**For Choir and GATE Music Students**

This festival will be held on Tuesday 27th July at the Bruce Mason Centre. Mark your diaries now. It is an evening festival but the exact time is to be confirmed.

Entertainment Books

We have 7 books left. They are \$65 with \$13 retained by the school. Last year's book expires on 1st June. This year's book can be used immediately upon purchase. There is a sample copy to view at the school office.

Rugby

The tackle and rippa teams had a fun, but exhausting day yesterday at the first tournament of the year which was held at Riverhead Domain. The tackle team won all of their games. The Rippa 1 team won two games and the Rippa 2 team won one game. A big thanks to the coaches and to the parents who came and supported the teams.

Cross Country

Once again we were lucky with the weather. Well done to all children. They have been working hard all term to improve their fitness ready for this challenging event.

Thanks to organiser Phil Hancock and his group of parent helpers.

The results were:

5 yr old girls	1 st	<i>Michol Hinton</i>
	2 nd	<i>Maia Joicey</i>
	3 rd	<i>Viane Dawson</i>
5 yr old boys	1 st	<i>Sonny Gibbard</i>
	2 nd	<i>Logan Jenner</i>
	3 rd	<i>Eli Murray</i>
6 yr old girls	1 st	<i>Grace Kingsnorth</i>
	2 nd	<i>Olivia Waters</i>
	3 rd	<i>Danielle Wheeler</i>
6 yr old boys	1 st	<i>Toby Beckett</i>
	2 nd	<i>Joshua Holloway</i>
	3 rd	<i>Jack Watson</i>
7 yr old girls	1 st	<i>Abbey Falconer</i>
	2 nd	<i>Nicole Unternahrer</i>
	3 rd	<i>Sophie Littlewood</i>
7 yr old boys	1 st	<i>Arlo Wharton</i>
	2 nd	<i>Raith Fullam</i>
	3 rd	<i>Michael Thornhill</i>
8 yr old girls	1 st	<i>Georgia Green</i>
	2 nd	<i>Charlotte Wear</i>
	3 rd	<i>Millie Wharton</i>
8 yr old boys	1 st	<i>James Hickson</i>
	2 nd	<i>Samuel Brown</i>
	3 rd	<i>Adam Banks</i>
9 yr old girls	1 st	<i>Amanda West</i>
	2 nd	<i>Nicola West</i>
	3 rd	<i>Grace Hickson</i>
9 yr old boys	1 st	<i>Daniel Mitten</i>
	2 nd	<i>Max Cantell</i>
	3 rd	<i>Ryan Proctor</i>
10/11 yr girls	1 st	<i>Poppy Wilson</i>
	2 nd	<i>Hollie Glover-Clark</i>
	3 rd	<i>Caitlin Fisher</i>
10/11 yr boys	1 st	<i>Mitchell Reid</i>
	2 nd	<i>Ryan Hiskens</i>
	3 rd	<i>Matt Jurlina</i>

Inter-School Cross Country

This will be held on the reserve next Wednesday beginning at 1:20pm. Children who have been selected to participate (from 8 years and up) have been given a separate flyer.



PFA

Please come and help with the Ag Day Ribbon Printing. Every year we save nearly \$1000 by printing the ribbons the children receive on Ag Day ourselves. Our first ribbon printing session will be on **Sunday 23rd May** in the Artec Rm from 10am – 12pm. **No experience needed** – you will be helping to place and hold ribbons. **Call Nikki 415 0414 for more info.** It is fine to bring the children along as they can play outside.

The **Mad Hatters Quiz Night** is only **ONE WEEK** away! Please buy a ticket (only \$20 each from **Nichole – Please call 021 582107**). This will be a great night. Remember **Saturday 29th May**.

The next PFA meeting is next **Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm** in the ARTEC room. Please come and join us and see how you can get involved to help support the school. We would love to see some new faces.

Dates for the diary:

- **23rd May** - Ag Day ribbon printing – Artec Rm
- **25th May** - PFA meeting Artec Rm 7.30pm. All welcome (drinks and nibbles provided)
- **29th May** - Mad Hatters Quiz Night
- **6th June** - Coatesville Market (Room 7)

North Island Primary School Ski Champs 2010 (NIPS) - For the last two years Coatesville has entered a team of keen skiers into this fun competition. It is held on Whakapapa Ski Field – Mt Ruapehu from Monday 30th August to Friday 3rd September, 2010. If there are any skiers or for the first time snow boarders interested in entering please contact Anna-Fay Hinton 447 1863 as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

Wanted – House to Rent – We are a new family to Coatesville and are looking for a house to rent in the area from early/mid June. Ideally 4 bedrooms. Please contact Karen on 021 1267963 / 4797022.

Model and Hobby Extravaganza – Queen's Birthday Weekend at West Wave Recreation Centre, Alderman Drive, Henderson. Adults \$5, children, seniors and students (with pass) \$2, under 5's free. Visit www.model-x.org.nz for more information.