

Dear Parents

It has been great to see everyone back for the start of Term 3, with plenty of smiles and enthusiasm for the term ahead. There will be many exciting and important things happening, including everyone 'blasting off' to visit the Observatory next week and a rescheduled Rugby Day for our keen players.

On an extremely frustrating note we had another major burglary on the evening of Friday 9 July. We are currently doing what we can to ensure we have an effective long-term solution to this problem.

My first week as Acting Principal has certainly been full, busy, varied but, importantly, very enjoyable. Lots of very satisfying moments. However, I'm sure I shall sleep quite soundly tonight! Thank you for all the support I have been given so far. I'm sure the rest of the term will be full of many positively stimulating, character building experiences.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mid-Year Reports

These will go home with each child next Friday 30th July. Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews will be held the following week (see below).

Please note that the school will close at 2pm on both interview days. We hope to re-schedule the buses for 2:10pm but will confirm this in next week's newsletter.

**Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews:
On-line Booking System**

15 minute interviews will take place on Tuesday 3rd August between 2:15pm and 8pm, and Wednesday 4th August between 2:15pm and 5:30pm. To book online the only requirements are that you have access to the internet and have an email address. If you don't meet these requirements you are welcome to book through the school office.

To book an interview please follow these instructions.

- 1) Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- 2) Enter our **new** school code – ZXTWU
- 3) Enter your details
- 4) Choose your teacher
- 5) Choose your time

Bookings will be open next Monday.

Cool Schools Program

Last term as part of celebrating Peace Week, we entered the school in a challenge with our paper crane activity. You may remember the Peer Mediators distributing paper cranes to our younger children and teaching the older children how to make a paper crane. I am delighted to report that we won third place in the challenge which entitles us to receive \$50 worth of resources from the Peace Foundation.

Margaret Read

From the Board

Our Board had its second meeting last Tuesday 20th July. Richard Johnson, as Acting Principal, was at the meeting and will be at all meetings for the remainder of this term.

Security – Further to our last note re security, we obviously face an extended challenge with the last break-in over the holidays.

Subsequent to the earlier break-ins we had commissioned a report from an independent security expert which was tabled this week for review. In the meantime we have engaged a security firm to patrol the school to give some comfort as well as continuing to have the alarm monitored.

Strategic Plan – We are very focused on setting an agreed clear vision and strategy for our school. This strategy will be a great foundation upon which to build the continued success of our school. We are currently in an information gathering phase including engaging with our stakeholders in order to be fully informed before developing our plan.

IT – As a result of the break-in we have an opportunity to completely review our computer infrastructure and function. Should anyone in our school community have IT skills/connections/capacity we would greatly appreciate your input. Please contact Steve Applegath (021943534) or Colin Mitten (021425235) who are pulling together a working group. These guys need as much help as possible!

Website – In the short term we would like to refresh the school website. We have had one offer of expertise from within the community already! However all offers of assistance will be gratefully received.

Come Along – As always, our meetings are Public Meetings at which you are all welcome. We next meet **Tuesday 10th August.**

Best regards,

Jacqui Cantell (Chair)

Richard Johnson (Acting Principal); Chris Boulden (Staff Rep); Anna-Fay Hinton (Secretary); Andrew Couch (Treasurer); Colin Mitten (Policy) & Steve Applegath (Property)

Buses

Yes there have been a couple of teething problems but hopefully these will be sorted out quickly. We understand the Potter Rd/Sunnyside Rd morning bus (1511) has been running very late and we are currently consulting with Ritchies regarding this.

As mentioned last term we were in consultation with Ridgeview School regarding our respective Transport Entitlement Zones (TEZ's). Understandably, Ridgeview School have not agreed to allow our TEZ to extend even further into their school catchment area. However, the recent route changes have meant that Wake Rd which is not in our TEZ is currently being serviced anyway. Details of the updated routes were sent home in a flyer on Wednesday and are also on the school website.

PFA

It was great to see all those pirates and princesses at the School Disco at the end of term. Many thanks to everyone who organised, and who helped out on the night. **The disco raised \$896.** Well done.

Another well done to the volunteers from **Room 8** who ran the sausage sizzle at the July market. Without parents who step forward to help out we could not run these events. Another wet day but you made **\$233**. Many thanks to Shona Jurlina for her continued sponsorship. Room 9 will be running the August Market.

Chickens for Ag Day

Order forms have gone out today. Please make sure you get orders back to the office by **3:00pm Monday 2nd August. No late orders will be accepted.** Call Kelly on 415-1590 with any queries.

NameIt Fundraiser

A separate flyer for this name label fundraiser has been sent home with today's newsletter. We would appreciate your support with this fundraiser and it will also support parents and the school in identifying lost property. Labels can also be purchased for pre-schoolers using the same form. All orders to be returned to the school office by **Friday 6th August.**

The next PFA meeting will be on the 3rd August at 7:30pm in the ARTEC room. All welcome.

Scholastic Book Orders

The first order for this term has been sent home today. It is due back to the red letterbox by Monday 2nd August.

Music Lesson Cancellation

Mrs Leefe will be away next Thursday 29th and Friday 30th July. There will be no private music lessons for any of her pupils. There will also be no music lessons for Esther Leefe's pupils on Thursday 29th July.

Kind Regards

Albany Junior High School Open Evening

View our school facilities between 5 and 6:30pm next Thursday 29th July. Bookings for Enrolment Interview appointments can also be arranged in our gymnasium during this time. At 6:45pm there will be an address from the Principal, staff and selected students in the gym, finishing at approximately 7:30pm. We look forward to meeting you.

Pilates Classes – Coatesville Hall – These have recommenced on Mondays at 9am and Thursdays at 6pm. Build a 360° core control in a short time. Enhance your flexibility and energy levels. Develop breathing and relaxation techniques. Nutritional and fitness advice. For more details ph Abraham Pardo on 0211221530 or email pilateskinetics@gmail.com

All Star Cheerleaders free trial classes for American Style Cheerleading. Tuesdays at Hibiscus Coast Youth Centre, Orewa. 5-10 yrs 4-5:30pm and 11yrs+ 5:30-8:30pm. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary. For more info call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz

An Evening with Alison Mooney – motivational speaker and author of "Pressing the Right Buttons". Discover how you can enrich your relationships with your children, spouse, friends and workmates through understanding their different personalities. A Greenpark Pre-School Event held at Dairy Flat Primary Hall on Thursday 5th August at 7:30pm. \$15 per person, \$20 per couple. To reserve tickets ph Greenpark on 094263342.

Raising Confident Kids – Pinehurst Family & Friends has invited renowned NZ family therapist Diane Levy to speak on the topic of how parents can boost our children's self confidence so that they can withstand peer pressure without being shunned by their friends. Wednesday 11th August 7pm for coffee and nibbles, 7:30-9:30pm for Diane's address. Tickets \$10 available by email PFF@pinehurst.school.nz or call Carol on 9735351. Pre-sales essential. Tickets can be collected from the Accounts Office at Pinehurst School or at the door on the night.

Browns Bay Racquets Club Junior Squash Programme – starts 3rd Aug – 7th Sept (6 weeks). Tuesdays 3:40-4:40pm \$60. Contact Manu Yam 021886583 or visit www.squashcoach.co.nz