

Dear Parents

PFA

The Board of Trustees acknowledged the efforts of our PFA, both outgoing and current members at a small function last night. Unfortunately not all those who had played a part in the great work (and fun) of 2009 were able to be there but it was at least an opportunity to acknowledge the great social and financial contribution they'd made.

A special note of thanks and accolades to Nikki Beckman, a PFA member for 3 years, initially as secretary and then chairperson for two years. The amount of time and effort Nikki has expended over this time has been unbelievable; – while not demeaning the work of many others, the success of the PFA during this time has been in no small part due to her efforts.

Reports

These will go home with each child next Friday. Parent Teacher Interviews (involving teacher, parent/s and child) will be held the following week (see below).

Students have been very involved in the Goal setting process, to varying degrees.

Parent-Teacher Interviews:
New On-line Booking System

These 10 minute interviews will take place on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March between 3:10pm and 6:00pm.

This year we will be using an on-line booking system which is used successfully by many other schools. 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 time please follow these instructions, which will also be printed at the bottom of your child's report.

- 1) Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2) Enter our school code – A24KS
3) Enter your details
4) Choose your teacher
5) Choose your time

Please note: Bookings will not open until after reports have been sent home.

Numeracy Survey – Enclosed with this newsletter is a feedback opportunity for parents to record any questions they have related to how we teach Numeracy. Please take a few minutes to give us your thoughts – we can all benefit.

Students to Hong Kong

We require 'Expressions of Interest' from pupils whose parents would be keen for their child to spend 10 – 12 days in Hong Kong in early November. They would spend some time in 3 schools, with a mix of homestays and hotel/hostel accommodation. There would also be some sightseeing. We are looking to send 6 – 8 pupils and a teacher. Year 5/6 (maybe Year 4 – it will be November after all). Cost is likely to be in the \$2,700 to \$2,900 range, covering airfares, transport, accommodation and all organisational expenses.

This is just the second opportunity we have had to send pupils to Korea, a great chance to experience the lifestyle and see 'home and school' typical of the many Korean children we have hosted here over the last 6 or 7 years.

Please contact the office if you are interested in knowing more about this great opportunity.

Year 1-3 Netball (Boys & Girls) – Last Call

This is played on Saturday mornings at Pinehurst School beginning in Tm 2. The league, which is open to boys (maximum two per team) and girls, gives players the opportunity to have fun while learning ball skills, team work and fair play. Teams will be entered if there are the required numbers for the particular year level, and they have a coach. There may be the option for teams to pay \$5 each week to have an umpire provided. If you would like your child to play please fill out the form below and return (with payment) to the office by next Monday 22nd March.

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Year 1-3 Netball – Pinehurst School

My child _____ Yr _____ is interested in playing netball this year.

I am able to coach a team. []

I am able to umpire. []

Name _____

Signed _____

Email _____

\$35 payment enclosed []
(if you purchased a sports top last year)

or \$40 payment enclosed []
(if using a school-provided sports top)

This form must be returned to the school office by next Monday 22nd March with payment.

Bag It For School – Red Cross Collection

As mentioned last week we're having a collection for this very worthwhile cause. Accompanying today's newsletter is a flyer and a plastic bag. Please use this to collect items you no longer need (details on the flyer) and bring the bags ...

to the concrete area at the bottom of the pathway before school next Friday 26th March.

And remember – please check the lost property next week as all unclaimed, un-named items will also be given to the Red Cross. If you need them, extra bags are available from Room 12.

Visit www.bagitforschool.co.nz if you'd like to find out more. *Thank you from Room 12*

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Gosh isn't March busy! Don't forget the **Twilight Coatesville Market** this Sunday from 3-8 and come and have dinner at the school stall. Thanks to Fiona Maxwell and the Room 5 parents for running the stall this month.

We have lots of fantastic prizes for **COATESVILLE SCRUFFTS**, 28th March 12-3. At the moment each dog registered will be getting ten each!!!! If you have lost your registration form they are available from the office or Windmill Orchard. Completed forms and entry free can be put in the red letter box at school. If you have any questions please call Mary Logan 415 3170.

Upcoming PFA Events

- * **22nd and 29th March** - Lunchtime sausage sizzle from 12:30
- * **21th March School Sausage Stall at the Twilight Coatesville Market** - from 3-8pm.
- * **28th March Coatesville Scruffs** - 12-3, Coatesville Hall reserve. Bring your dog, make a dog or dress up as a dog! Lots of prizes to be won!
- * **30th March PFA Meeting** - 7:30pm Coatesville School Artec Room. Come make a difference and be part of a great group.
- * **1st April Icy Slicy** - 12:45 outside the Artec Room \$1.

Coatesville Scruffs

Sunday March 28th Noon-3pm

The Dancing Dogs show, Police Dog puppet, customs sniffer dog, games, refreshments PLUS lots of **fantastic prizes**. Get your registration forms in ASAP. Please support your school PFA. Any queries please call co-ordinator Mary Logan on Ph 4153170.

Here's a message from 'Iron Brion' who is coming to school on Tuesday 20th April

The Iron Brion BBQ Roadshow is a fun, interactive show, teaching primary school children about the four basic food groups and eating a well-balanced diet. The show takes about 45 minutes, at the end of which all children will be served a healthy Heart Tick Approved beef burger. Iron Brion was developed by Beef + Lamb New Zealand to combat high rates of iron deficiency amongst young children. Iron deficiency can have a detrimental impact on concentration and energy levels, which can hamper children's learning at a critical age.

School Donations

Thank you to all families who have donated so far. Remember if you make a payment before 31 March you can claim a portion back as a tax credit (formerly rebate) from Inland Revenue this year. To claim, download an IR526 form from www.ird.govt.nz – under Forms and Guides.

Public Meeting: National Standards – Why should parents be concerned?

With leading educationalist Professor Martin Thrupp, Emeritus Professor Warwick Elley and Principal Louis Guy. Wednesday 31st March at 7pm at Target Road School, Target Road. The meeting is open to teachers, principals, BoTs, parents and other interested members of the community.

Kind Regards

The Green Gym – Thinking Ahead. Next term's a clean slate. Come and trial a Green Gym class free, next week only. In preparation for the 10 week block starting at the beginning of next term. Tues 8:15 or Thurs 9am at the hall. Let the winter term be the start of a new fitness regime.

Westlake Proms Concert – Friday 26 March 7:30pm at Westlake Boys High School Auditorium. For tickets to this fantastic event see Mrs Callister or Mrs Leefe at school – 3pm (Tues-Fri). Adults \$15, children \$10.

Liston College Gala – Sat 20 March from 2pm. 69 Rathgar Rd, Henderson from 2pm.

Sherwood School Fair – Saturday 27th March 10am-1pm. Fun for the whole family with laser skirmish, mini hot rods, pony rides, food, stalls, live music and much more.

North Shore Chess Club – The junior club meets on Friday evenings during the school term from 6:45-8:15pm at Northcote Community Centre. For further info ph 4491812 or email pstuart@xtra.co.nz