

## Newsletter No 36 - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Not long now until the man in the red suit arrives!

**Reminder: No assembly tomorrow Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008 due to Education Outside the Classroom activities.**

### Calendar of Events

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup> December	- Whole School Swimming Huia Pool (3 days)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> December	- Whole School Swimming Huia Pool (5 days)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	- InterZone Athletics Postponement Date 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	- Talent Quest 11.00am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	- Parent Helpers Morning Tea - 10.25am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	- Junior Syndicate Dowse Visits
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	- Reports sent home
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	- Class Lists for 2009 displayed
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	- Y6 Social in School Hall - 7.00pm - 9.00pm - Invites and more information coming out next week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	- School Swimming Sports 9.30am - 12 noon

### Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Please send all replies to the school office by tomorrow, we need numbers for catering purposes. Thank you.

### Swimming

Swimming begins on Monday and will continue until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Next week the whole school will be swimming on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the following week the whole school will be swimming Monday - Friday (5 days).

Please make sure your child brings their togs, towels, goggles for these 8 days. Could you also make sure that all clothing and swimming gear is clearly named.

If you haven't already paid the \$20.00 for your child to go swimming please do so by Monday.

### School Donations

Could all 2008 school donations please be paid by the 19<sup>th</sup> December. The Board of Trustees use these donations to fund extras that are not covered through the operation grant received from the Ministry of Education e.g. extra teacher aide hours, extra programmes, library resources, classroom equipment, extra art supplies, sports gear etc.

We will be sending an updated statement home before the end of term, please pay all outstanding amounts for trips, swimming etc. by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

### Building Work

The renovations to Room 6 are coming along nicely - and currently on schedule - we hope to have this all completed before we come back in the New Year.

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday it was decided that we will go out to tender to build the two new classrooms at the end of Room 1 where the current PMP room is. A shame to lose this old iconic room, but we do need the extra space.

P.T.O.

If we get all the consents and tender documentation done in time, we hope to start this project early next year and have it completed by the end of Term 1.

The majority of funding for these projects is coming from the Ministry of Education.

During the school holiday break we are having the Hall floor resurfaced to try and preserve it for a while longer. The Board of Trustees is funding this project.

#### **Thank you**

A big thank you from the middle syndicate to all parents who helped with our Education Outside the Classroom week.

**Alison Butler**

#### **Lost Property**

Only two weeks left to claim all lost property before it is given away over the holidays.

Please come and check it out in Room 10.

#### **Sports News**

##### **Southern Zone Athletics Results:**

Ngatungane Punivai - 1<sup>st</sup> year 5 boys sprints, Jodeci Phillips-Wilson - 1<sup>st</sup> year 6 girls discus, Briana Freeman - 1<sup>st</sup> yr 5 girls high jump, Toka Sopoaga - 1= yr 5 boys high jump, Tom McCartan - 1= yr 5 boys high jump, Madison Hunt - 1<sup>st</sup> yr 6 girls high jump, Brylea Patterson - 1<sup>st</sup> yr 4 girls vortex, Cameron Ung - 1<sup>st</sup> yr 4 boys vortex, Toka Sopoaga - 1<sup>st</sup> yr 5 boys vortex, Aidyn Hui Hui - 2<sup>nd</sup> year 5 boys long jump, Timalicia Taefu - 2<sup>nd</sup> year 6 girls shot put, Sarah Tetzlaff - 2= yr 4 girls high jump, Jodie Gray - 2= yr 4 girls high jump, Kirsten Andersen - 2<sup>nd</sup> yr 5 girls high jump, Jodeci Phillips-Wilson - 2<sup>nd</sup> yr 6 girls high jump, Riley Hogan-Ede - 2<sup>nd</sup> yr 5 girls vortex, Tiama Bradley - 3<sup>rd</sup> year 4 girls sprints, Cambell Stephen - 3<sup>rd</sup> year 5 boys sprints, Jodeci Phillips-Wilson - 3<sup>rd</sup> year 6 girls sprints, Jack Matheson - 3<sup>rd</sup> year 5 boys long jump

Hutt Central School yr 4 relay team 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hutt Central School yr 5 relay team 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hutt Central School yr 6 relay team 2<sup>nd</sup>

Congratulations to Aidyn Hui Hui R2 who made the Wellington U11 Mixed touch team.

#### **Wellington School of Cricket Summer Holiday Programmes**

Mini Holiday Programme in December (for kid's 6-9years) and Full Summer Holiday Programmes for kids of all ages in January 2009

For more details visit [www.cricketwellington.co.nz](http://www.cricketwellington.co.nz) Email: [holidayprogramme@firebirds.co.nz](mailto:holidayprogramme@firebirds.co.nz)

Or Call: Asoka on 471 2157 or 021 409 867

#### **Senior and Middle School Sports Day photos**

A reminder that the photos taken of your children in action during the middle and senior pupil's Sports Day on the 12<sup>th</sup> November are still available to be viewed and purchased in the office.

Almost every pupil was photographed so they are worth looking at.

They are in the red folders. Examples of the photo sizes available are also displayed.

Costs are \$4 for a 5" x 7" photo, \$12 for a 8" x 10" enlargement or \$20 for a CD of as many photos of your child as you want.

The first run of orders closes Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and these will be delivered in the latter part of next week.

If you haven't had the chance to browse through the photos, a second run of orders will be accepted with a close-off date of the 12<sup>th</sup> December, with these photos being delivered in the following week.

This is an opportunity to have a 'different' photo of your child beside the usual class photo and is a fund raiser for the school as well, with 60% of the net proceeds coming to the school.

Judy McKenzie - Deputy Principal

