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ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

What's Happening?

October

- * Ice Skating Trainee Group -
19-23 Oct
- * PTA Disco - Middle & Senior
Teams - Hall. Ticket Entry Only
- 22 Oct
- * Labour Day - 26 Oct
- * Ice Hockey Game - 29 Oct
- * Kids@Conference - ICT - 29&30
Oct
- * Middles Cross Country - 30 Oct

November

- * South Zone Athletics - 4 Nov
(post 6 Nov)
 - * Cooperative Sports Day - 4 Nov
(post 6 Nov)
 - * Book Fair (Hall) 9-13 Nov
 - * Junior Swimming - 9 - 13 Nov
 - * Otago Athletics- 17 Nov(post 19
Nov)
 - * Middles Show - 18 Nov
 - * Junior Show - KPAC - 19 Nov
 - * Orange Parade (Road Patrol
Team) - 27 November
- ~ Check our website for further
dates and details ~

* Welcome *

We warmly welcome Hadlee Edmunds, Sean Harris, Grace Knauf, Rebekha Knauf, Renee Le Masurier, William Smith and Bobby Taha to our school. We hope you settle in quickly and enjoy your time with us. We also welcome Mrs Helen Sinclair to our teaching team. Helen will be working with our New Entrants in Room 16 (formerly our staffroom) for the final term of the year.

~ A BUSY TERM AHEAD ~

Welcome to our first newsletter of the term. We trust that all families had a relaxing and refreshing break.

Term 4 is traditionally a very busy term as teachers strive to complete programmes for the year, keep children motivated and engaged with their learning, and deal with a myriad of extra events such as athletics, class productions, reporting and planning for the year ahead.

The Board of Trustees and School Leadership Team also have a variety of extra

tasks at this time of year including completion of our detailed self-review process and the development of an Annual Plan and associated budget for the year ahead.

Despite these apparent distractions, teachers, support staff and the Board are keenly focussed on their central task - promoting effective student learning to ensure that every child makes the best possible progress across all aspects of the curriculum. We look forward to a busy and productive term.

Our School Values **Kindness, Caring and Manners**

Our current focus is:

~ Kindness ~

It is the regular kindness we show to others that makes everyone feel special and valued.

Our next focus will be:

~ Caring ~

Through developing caring attitudes towards our own property and the property of others, we learn to value and respect the things around us.

ENROLLING A CHILD in 2010? PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE.



Congratulations Mrs Wilde!

This week, our Deputy Principal Mrs Shelley Wilde notified the Board of Trustees and staff that she has been appointed to the position of Principal at Portobello School from the beginning of 2010. This new position is a wonderful endorsement of Shelley's professional abilities and personal qualities, and we all wish her every success in the future. Shelley has taught at St Clair School for almost 19 years - as a teacher, team leader and for the past five years as our Deputy Principal. Her expertise, warm sense of humour and caring nature will be greatly missed by us all.

Emergency Planning

Following the tragic tsunami that swept across the Pacific two weeks ago, the Board and leadership team have been reviewing our own tsunami contingency plan. The plan is being revised in consultation with other coastal schools and Civil Defence. It will be published for all families once it is completed.

Our New Student Council

Last term our students elected a new Student Council. The 3 main purposes of the Council are:

1. Provide a 'voice' for the students (through the use of a suggestion box)
2. Provide an opportunity for senior students to develop 'life' skills (e.g. leadership, communication, working to timelines, organisation etc)
3. To encourage empathy for others by choosing events that students may wish to support from time to time (e.g. Samoan Tsunami, Daffodil Day, etc)

Council members for the remainder of 2009 are; Casey Brown, Sam Howell, Joshua Weir, Kea Hansen, Morgan Hedley, Connor Summerton, Hayley Kettings, Matthew Campbell, Mark James and Max Chu

Annual Disco

This year's School Disco will be held for children from our Senior and Middle Learning teams on Thursday the 22nd of October, beginning at 6.30pm. Parent support with hall decoration would be greatly appreciated - please ring Debbie (4555951) for further information.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kid Station (based at St Clair School)

Quality before/after school care for your child/ren. Casual bookings welcome. Please contact Carmel or Kevin by email Carmel@kidstation.co.nz or by phone 0274 492 102 and 4559344.

Intermediate Enrolments

Both Tahuna Normal Intermediate and Macandrew Intermediate advise that places are available for children for next year. Please ensure your Year 6 child is enrolled.

St Clair Presbyterian Church, 51 Albert St, will be holding their annual fair on Saturday 7th Nov at 11am. Plants, cakes, sweets, white elephant, books, toys, BBQ etc etc.

Kidz Klub - 5.30-7.30pm, starts Fri Oct 16, bring \$2, tea provided, ages 5-10.

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