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ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

What's Happening?

June

Queen's Birthday - school closed - 7 June

NIE Spelling Quiz - 16 June

Swimming - Senior Classes - 14-18 June

PTA Meeting - staffroom, 7pm, 24 June

Check our website for further key dates.

X Welcome - Welcome - Welcome *X*

We warmly welcome Lewis Bonney and Gracie Young to our school. We trust you both settle in quickly and have a very happy time with us.

HEALTH EDUCATION CONSULTATION

Every two years, the Ministry of Education requires schools to consult families about their school's health education programme. The current health guidelines, contained within the New Zealand Curriculum, are based around four major elements: Hauora (a philosophy that promotes overall well being), Attitudes and Values (promoting personal and collective responsibility), Socio-Economic Perspectives (promoting understanding of the interrelationships in our society) and Health Promotion (developing and maintaining healthy environments).

The curriculum is designed to ensure that a number of broad themes (known as strands) are covered within classroom programmes. These strands are:

- Personal Health and Physical Development
- Relationships with Other People
- Movement Concepts and Motor Skills
- Healthy Communities and Environments.

In addition, our own school Values (Kindness, Caring and Manners - *KCM*), play a key role.

Our current Health and Physical Education programme is designed to be age-appropriate and relevant to children. Topics are taught within a two-year cycle and reflect NZ Curriculum requirements and our School Values. Specific topics are: Athletics, Ball Skills, Gymnastics, Te Reo Kori, Aerobics, Education Outside the Classroom, Water Skills & Safety, Sun Safety, Perceptual Motor Programme, Road Safety, Bike Safety, Relating to Others, Self Esteem, Keeping Ourselves Safe, Positive Relationships, DARE (Decision making, Assertiveness, Responsibility and Esteem), Body Care, Food and Nutrition, Environmental Hazards and Sports' Programmes.

To enable the school to gather parent perspectives about the appropriateness of our current programme, we have designed a short survey. The survey is available online at <http://www.tigersurvey.com/survey.php?survey=16022>. A paper survey is also available by simply contacting the office (ph 455-8199).

Our School Values Kindness, Caring & Manners

Our next focus will be:

~ Kindness~

Acts of kindness can be simple or complex. Such acts brighten our day and make both the recipient and giver feel happier and valued.

Our next focus will be:

~ Caring~

Caring for our own belongings as well as the property of others makes the best of everyone's resources.

Heath Consultation Survey available at: <http://www.tigersurvey.com/survey.php?survey=16022>

We would be grateful if you could complete this survey by Friday, 18 June

Attendance and Punctuality

Our new electronic attendance register now records not only student absences but also ongoing lateness. The Ministry of Education requires that we report both unexplained absences and persistent lateness. We would be grateful if all families could endeavour to have their children at school by 8.50am each morning so that all classes can make a prompt start at 8.55am. Children benefit from well-established attendance habits and from knowing the value you place on 'being on time'.

All cases of absence or lateness should be phoned through to the school before 9am. Our electronic answer system will record your child's details and ensure we know where they are.



Coastal Ramble

This week our senior classes undertook an extended walk along the coast between St Clair and Second Beach. While enjoying their outing, children made observations of the various landforms and ecosystems they encountered. This work was undertaken as part of the Senior Team inquiry into our local community and environment.

Extra Curricular Happenings

As the term has progressed, an increasing number of extra - curricular events have begun. The list of options include: running club, chess club, lunchtime scrabble, student council, spelling quiz training, guitar club, ensemble practices, Jump Jam training (in preparation for the nationals), kapa haka training and Haiti relief fund planning.

School Kowhaiwhai Design

Earlier this year, staff and the Board decided that our school needed its own kowhaiwhai pattern to visually express our school's Vision Statement; 'Capable, caring, confident children contributing to our community'. Subsequently, respected local artist Ewan Duff has been working with our children to create an appropriate design. We look forward to the design being completed shortly.



Art courtesy of Room 9

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ~ 7 JUNE

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kid Station (based at St Clair School)

Quality before/after school care for your child/ren. Casual bookings welcome. Ring Kevin or Carmel on 0274 492 102 or 4559344.

Caregivers Wanted - Do you have room in your family for one more?

Anglican Family Care urgently needs caregivers for young people 0-16 years. For more information ring Ginnie Ravell on 477-0801.



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