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ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

What's Happening?

April

Junior swimming - 11-15

April

Last day of the term - school closes 3pm, 15 April

May

Open for Term 2 - May 2
PTA AGM - 7pm, 10 May
Sausage Sizzle - 27 May

June

Queen's Birthday (school closed) - 6 June
Sausage Sizzle - 24 June

July

Reports posted - 8 July
Senior Swimming 11-15 July
Three-Way Conferences -
July 13 & 14 (school closes
at 2pm on Wednesday)
Last day of Term 2 - Friday
July 15.

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

We warmly welcome Sabine Mason. We trust you settle in quickly and really enjoy your time at our school.

BULLYING - A TOPICAL ISSUE

Over the past week media outlets have highlighted the issue of bullying in schools (and in society in general). Television case studies are invariably based on secondary school examples but primary schools also face issues with inappropriate student interaction. At our school, we are extremely fortunate that issues of aggression or disrespect are very rare. This is due to a number of factors including positive parenting, well planned class programmes and a structured and consistent approach to handling any difficulties that arise.

Having said that, it is important that any parents concerned about bullying or other social difficulties for their child, contact their child's teacher promptly. In a primary school almost all issues that arise can be sorted very quickly and simply, with just one phone call.

SCHOOL FAIR

WELL DONE ONE-AND-ALL!

In case you missed our earlier note, this year's fair raised approximately \$25,000 for our school. Our grateful thanks to our fair committee, stall conveners and the many people who assisted on the day.



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

This week's values focus is:

~ Manners ~

Everyday interpersonal manners make a difference to us all. We all try to use thank you and please.

Our next focus will be:

~ Kindness ~

Simple acts of deliberate kindness towards others brightens everyone's day.

Toys at School - a summary of expectations and obligations

Parents are asked to note the following in regard to toys and non-essential personal possessions at school:

- children should not bring toys or precious possessions to school unless there is a direct, school-related reason for doing so
- precious items required as part of a programme should be given to the class teacher for safe-keeping
- schools are required to adopt an 'all-care-but-no-responsibility' approach to lost items.

Please remind your child to leave all toys at home. Teachers would rather not have to

Parents are asked not to enter Te Manawanui at the end of the day until 2.50pm. Please wait under the glass room to avoid disruption to classrooms at a busy time of day.

World Autism Day



Many thanks to the numerous families who supported our coin trail for World Autism Day. Our school raised \$167.40. All money has been forwarded to Autism New Zealand.

School buildings open for children at 8.30am. With cooler weather now common, parents are asked to ensure children arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.55am so that they can enter classrooms directly. 'Kidstation' (ph 02744921982) offer an onsite childcare choice from 7am for families needing an earlier drop-off option.

Board of Trustees Vacancy

This week, Mr Martin Montgomery tendered his resignation from the Board of Trustees. Having accepted Martin's resignation with regret, the Board consulted the appropriate legislation and resolved to fill the vacancy by 'selection'. The legislation makes it clear however that despite the decision to fill the vacancy using the selection option, "*the board must hold an election to fill the vacancy if, within 28 days of the publication*" of the Board's decision "*a total of at least 10% of the people entitled to vote ... advises the board, in writing, that they wish the vacancy to be filled by an election.*" As a consequence, parents wishing to see a bi-election held are required by legislation to write to the Board stating their preference. If over 10% of those eligible to vote make such a request, a bi-election will be held. Correspondence can be left at the office or emailed directly to our Board Chair, Dr Rachael McLean at: rachaelmira@yahoo.co.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kid Station School Care Programme (based at St Clair School). Quality before and after school care for your child/ren. Casual bookings welcome. Ring Kevin on 0274 492 102 or 4559344 for further information.
Scouts in St Clair? Phone 0800 SCOUTS and we will send information.
Leslie Rugby Junior Coaching Clinic April holidays 0800 4537543

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