

Purakanui School Newsletter - Term 2, 19 March 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Hello and welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope everyone had a good Easter break and happy holidays.

“All Around the World”

Our new Intergraded Theme for this term has an international flavour. Many of the children have expressed a desire to learn about life in other countries. We are planning to begin this topic with a study of our own family trees. Who are our ancestors and where did they come from? The children will be coming home to pick your brains, so dust off the family history and let's see how far back we can go.

Little Cockles

Our very successful pre-entry group still meets once a week. For the last term we have had 4 children attending. We read and tell stories, learn little poems and songs, learn a new letter of the alphabet each week, play games and make things to take home. This term our meetings will shift to Monday morning, 9:00 – 10:00. Our first session is next Monday, 26 April.

BOT Elections

A reminder that nominations are due by Friday this week (23 April). Being on the Board is a great way to see how the school is managed and governed, and also your best way to have a say in your child's education. The next BOT meeting (Wednesday 28 April) will be the last one for the current Board. We will have a small supper to celebrate all their contributions and commitment over the past three years.

The elections will be held on 7 May.

National Standards

This term will be a big one for the staff as we come to terms with the new assessment regime required for measuring our children against the new standards. We will be writing a report mid-term to come home with the portfolios, followed by parent-teacher interviews in June.

Soccer

We have 3 children – Firth, Hugh and Ransome – who are playing soccer for Mr. Cook's team, the 'Harbourside Dreamers'! The games will be at 10:45 every Saturday at the Oval. If you are in town and would like to come and watch and support us, please do!

Notice Board

We often receive mail regarding community events e.g. after school programmes, bicycle events and holiday programmes. Check out the notice board by the photocopier for news on these events; after school museum programmes are up at the moment.



Lavender Needs a Home!

Kirsten has a 2 month old female kitten, house-trained, dog-trained, child-trained and very, VERY friendly. Her name is Lavender and she has black short fur. She would love a home. To find out more, talk to Kirsten or Alice at school.

Lynne Allen
Principal

Dates for your Diary

BOT Meeting	Wednesday 28 April 7 pm
BOT Elections	Reminder - Nominations close on Friday April 23
Anzac Day	Sunday 25 April
Queen's Birthday	Monday 7 June

