

Purakanui School Newsletter - Term 2, 10 May 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Bike day is always fun, but this year, with the help of Constable Ross Greer, and Constable Heather, it was a blast! Everyone, even the teachers, got on their bikes and tested their riding skills with tight turns, slow racing and the ramp! There was a strong road safety message from the police, especially about being visible on your bike, and wearing your helmet properly. But the message was also clear that biking is FUN and it was great to see the high level of skill we have among our school riders.

BOT Elections

As you will now all realize, we have a new Board of Trustees. The election itself was not necessary because we had the right number of nominations. A huge thank you to our out-going trustees Leo and Marion, and congratulations and welcome aboard to our new ones – Tony, Steve, Bridget and Barry.

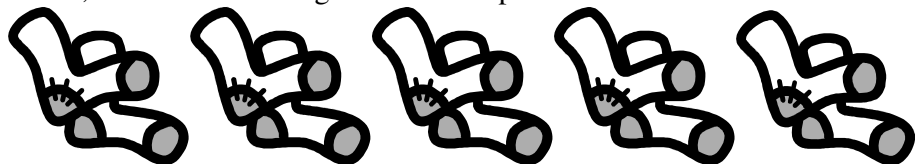
Kirsten retains her involvement as Treasurer and Tim is the staff representative – I'm always automatically there!

Fundraising Meeting – Wednesday 19 May 3:15 p.m.

We'd like to hold a follow-up to our first meeting (at the end of last term) to decide on good fundraising targets and which grants and projects to go for. We will organise a schedule for the rest of this year. The more the load can be spread the easier it is so come along and join us!

Red Socks Day – Tuesday 29 June

The Sir Peter Blake Trust is encouraging schools to take part in this special celebration of Leadership Week. We think it fits in well with our current theme, and will be looking in class at inspirational world leaders.



On the day itself, the idea is for everyone to wear red socks in honour of Peter Blake's famous lucky yachting red socks. The trust are making red socks in adult and child sizes, available at only \$2.00 a pair. They are nice socks too

with 60% cotton – see the foyer notice board for an example. Orders, with cash, to the school office please.



More events to look forward too...

Music On Tuesday 18 May we have a musical visitor (11 a.m.). Bob Bickerton is a multi-talented musician who is coming to run his programme called “Destiny Bay”. This is not just a performance, but an interactive music and drama activity involving the children. The theme

is early whaling and sealing days in New Zealand – which builds on our topic work from last term.

Gymnastics – Wednesday 26 May

Wednesday the 26 May is the date for the junior's annual gymnastics outing. This year it will be at the lovely new events centre at Waikouaiti. We will need help with transport and a transport form is attached with this newsletter. It is always a fun day so if you can come along please do!

Community News

- 1) **Warning about Thefts** - Unfortunately there has, over the past two weeks, been a spate of burglaries in our area. Cars have been stolen, and all of Don's power tools from his building site in Osborne have been taken. Don and Bridget wanted everyone to know they need to be extra vigilant about locking up and giving these thieves as little opportunity as possible.
- 2) **The 24 hour Regent Theatre Book Sale, 12 noon Friday 21 May to 12 noon Saturday 22 May** - If you've never been to this iconic Dunedin event, here's your chance! I wouldn't miss it – I think I've been every year for the last 17 years. Most books sell for \$1.00 each, and there are thousands to choose from, PLUS live music throughout the sale. Breakfast in the Octagon with a bunch of bargain books – Bliss!

Dates for your Diary

‘Destiny Bay’ with Bob Bickerton	Tuesday 18 May
Fundraising Meeting	Wednesday 19 May 3:15 p.m.
Regent Theatre 24 hour Book sale	Friday 21 May – Saturday 22 May
Junior Gymnastics	Wednesday 26 May
BOT Meeting	Wednesday 26 May 7 pm
Queen’s Birthday	Monday 7 June
Maori Festival	Tuesday 22 June, Waikouaiti
Red Socks Day	Tuesday 29 June
Ski Trip Dates	Saturday/Sunday 24 & 25 July and Saturday/Sunday 14 & 15 August (Phone Danielle 482 1233)
Term 2 Ends	Friday 2 July
Term 3 Begins	Monday 19 July

Lynne Allen
Principal

