

Purakanui School Newsletter - Term 2, 31 May 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well, we survived the week of rain! The dress-up clothes have been very popular, especially now we have a new rack to hang them on. This is a wonderful wet-day indoor activity providing endless opportunity for design, make-believe and drama. If you have any extra props at home, we'd love some more - handbags, hats, belts, old sheets and curtains, and of course, posh clothes.



Destiny Bay

Our musical visitor, Bob Bickerton, held the kids enthralled for an hour. His show involved music, dance and drama. He soon had the children, and teachers up doing folk dance, climbing the rigging, and we all took part in the most dramatic of whale chases. It truly brought the history alive for the children, and built on work we had already done on the whaling station at Purakanui. Bob was very complimentary about our children's background knowledge, and about their full engagement in his show. He said "I go to many schools – and this is as good as it gets."

Charter Meeting

You'll all have received Friday's notice about this consultation meeting to be held on Wednesday. The school's charter is a single sheet of paper which states what our goals are; why we are here. It is simple but very important, and it needs to reflect your voices. That's why we update it every three years or so – to keep it fresh and true to what our current school community believes. We'd like the input of as many of you as possible, so please take time to read the pages we sent home (these are straight from the NZ Curriculum Document), and give us your feedback – either in writing, or at the meeting itself.

Leo's Blues Ball

Coming up this weekend – 5 June! Tracey has kindly taken on the organisation for this popular event. We'll be doing the catering again, and will also have a liquor licence. Please let the office or Tracey know if you can help, whether it's baking a cake, or serving on the night. It's always a great night out!

Raffle

Tracey has also had the brilliant idea of holding a raffle at the Blues Ball. She has generously offered to donate some of her lovely cookware. It would be good to have some food items in the raffle as well, perhaps with a 'winter theme' – a bag of potatoes, cabbage, carrots, tins of things, dried fruit and nuts...etc. If you had an item to spare in the pantry it would be a great addition to this fundraiser. As we only have this week to collect food items, could they be dropped off as soon as possible to the office, before Friday. Many Thanks.

Red Socks

Thinking ahead – don't forget to order those red socks for this special day – only \$2 a pair, in children's and adult sizes.

Lynne Allen
Principal

Dates for your Diary

Charter Meeting	Wednesday 2 June 7:00pm, School library
Leo's Blues Ball	Saturday 5 June 7:00pm - midnight
Queen's Birthday	Monday 7 June
Red Sock Day	Tuesday 29 June
End of Term 2	Friday 2 July

