

Purakanui School Newsletter #15 – Term 4, 30 November, 2011

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

First, thanks to everyone for coping so well with our surprise school closure yesterday. Apologies if this caused anyone inconvenience. The power cut which affected the whole area began about 2pm on Monday, and for most people was fixed by 6pm. The school and school house however, were still without power at 9am Tuesday so the decision was made to close. We were not able to provide water for drinking, washing hands, or flushing toilets without our electric pump – hence the need to close. Tim and I stayed all day and had a very productive, impromptu Teacher-only day preparing the end of year programme and reports.

Senior & Junior Athletics/Picnic day

Great days were had by all, thanks to brilliant weather and the wonderful organisation by Palmerston school. The seniors had an equally successful day the week before – it's always nice to catch up with the other cluster schools as well. Congratulations to John, Scarlett and Lucy who were selected as qualifiers for the Otago Zone Athletics. Well done.



Tama McNamara going for gold, Junior Athletics day, Palmerston 2011

Working Bee and Raffles

Many thanks to all the good folk who turned out on Sunday for the working bee. Lots of great work was achieved; new sand for the sandpit, rusty sprinkler pipes fixed, drainage off the driveway improved, the concrete 'plug' removed from the garden, spouting's cleaned, repairing electrical socket, cleaning years of cobwebs outside library, repainting walls, and a complete overhaul of the classroom lighting.....well done team! Great work also on the raffle tables – thanks to those who have spent hours selling tickets – this has got to be our best raffle ever!

FAIR!!!

Almost there. Sunday 4 December 11am-2pm. Tell everyone. Many families have already taken on jobs for the fair. We still need people to bake fabulous cakes and slices for the café. Also if anyone has pet animals to be part of the "petting zoo", could you please let the office know. Keep bringing in items for the white elephant, and plants for the plant stall.

Outdoor Sports Day

On **Thursday 8th December** the school is going on an adventure sports day as part of our sports topic. We are going to do some rock climbing at Long Beach and some kayaking at the inlet by the domain. We will rock climb in the morning as the tides are best in the afternoon for kayaking. As we will be by and in the water, some parent help is required. Let us know if you can come along. John and Barry are providing gear and expertise. The children will need to bring their bike helmets, sensible shoes (no jandals or gumboots), lots of fluids, good lunch, a towel, togs, wetsuit if possible, hat and comfy clothes for climbing.

Final Assembly – 6pm Tuesday 13th December

Our final get-together for the year, and a chance for the children to show some more of our schoolwork off. ***Please note that we need to start at 6pm sharp***, because our guest Jenny Neilson needs to leave for another function soon after that.

Father Christmas at Long Beach – Wednesday 14th, 2pm

Barry and Tracey have kindly invited the whole school community to their new section at Long Beach as they happen to know that Santa will be visiting about then. BYO barbecue food. What a lovely way to wind down on the last day of school.

BOT Meeting – Thursday 7pm

Last one for 2011, to be held at Carey’s Bay Hotel, 7pm.

Magic Show

Another surprise event! We need to thank the Lions Club for providing us with free tickets to this magic show at the Regent Theatre. Many families took up the offer and were amazed at the quality of the “magic”. Good old fashioned entertainment, and some really convincing illusions.

Lynne Allen
Principal



Our Juniors ready to go – Junior Athletics Day, Palmerston 2011

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- School Fair: Sunday 4 December, 11am – 2pm
- Outdoor Sports Day: Thursday 8 December
- Final Assembly: Tuesday 13 December, 6pm
- Term Ends: Wednesday 14 December, 2pm
- Father Christmas at Long Beach: Wednesday 14 December 2pm
- BOT Meeting: Thursday 15 December 7pm, Carey’s Bay Pub



