

6 May 2010

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

Greetings on a sunny May morning. We did enjoy the day yesterday after the frost had passed. Great to be able get outside and to have Cross Country Practice without getting wet feet! The Southern Zone Cross Country is being held at Donovan Park on Bainfield Road on Wednesday 19th May. We ask parents to transport children to the venue. The children need to be there ready to start at approximately 10.30am. As soon as we have confirmed details we will forward these to you. Postponement day is Friday 21st May.

Duck hunters report less ducks than usual unfortunately however this didn't seem to dampen their enthusiasm and stories of intrepid hunters abounded. Of course we had our very own intrepid hunters on the front page of the newspaper on Monday. Great Photo!!

Please put Thursday 24th June on your calendars. Y5-8 children will be performing on stage in the Southern Zone Music Festival. They are busy practising all the songs for the massed choir items at the moment. There is currently a competition to create and advertising poster for this event. The competition closes on Friday 21st May. Children can ask their teachers if they have missed out on details.

The playground development committee met on Tuesday morning. This committee is made up of Mr Andy Mirfin, Mrs Monique Smith, Mr Geoffrey Napper, Mrs Michelle Henderson, Emma Napper (who was an inaugural member of the initial playground research team) and Cameron Smith. We look forward to hearing how they are progressing and hopefully see the new playground installed later in 2010.

I have been delighted to meet with children with "good news" this week. These children have great things to share about their learning. Terrific!! I have also enjoyed working in each classroom over the past two weeks and catching up with how all the children in the school are progressing. It has been a neat time for me!! Thank you, children.

Miss Murray visited again yesterday. She is really looking forward to taking over her position here on 17th May – not long now!!

The Lost Property box is starting to fill up again. Please come and have a look if you are at school. Children have trouble at times remembering what their clothes look like. It certainly helps if clothes are named as we can easily return them to their owners. Thanks.

Have a great week

Jane Hall

Upcoming Events.....

6 May	Fruit delivered
14 May	Special Assembly to farewell Mrs Hall. 1:30pm
17 May	Welcome Miss Murray!
18 May	Head Lice Checks Bookbus for Rm 1 students
19 May	Southern Zone Cross Country – Whole School
21 May	Cross Country Postponement
2 June	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
14 June	BOT Meeting 7pm
24 June	Southern Zone Music Festival

School Banking

School banking is done every Tuesday morning at 8:50am through National Bank. If you would like an application form for a National Bank account for your child/ren, please ring the school office.

Sports Results

Hockey

Woodlands played Salford and lost 0 – 3. Player of the Day was Emma Hurley. Next Wednesday they will play St Johns Quick Sticks at 4pm on Turf 1 Field 2. Remember hockey practice on Tuesday at lunchtime.

Football

Woodlands played Sacred Heart Stars and won 5 – 0. Player of the Day was James Hamilton.

Moffett Cup

Moffett Cup is a Southern Zone rugby & netball tournament for Year 3 & older. Although not taking place till early Term 3, we will start practising soon and are on the lookout for rugby & netball coaches. We have so far only one volunteer coach. Please let Nicky or Colin know if you can help coach rugby or netball.

Netball

We are still on the lookout for Year 5/6 netballers for the Tuesday Future Ferns competition. Please fill out the tear-off below if your child can play. Boys are welcome too!

Fun Ferns is a weekly ball skills session held at the Stadium for 5 - 7 year olds. We enter a group of Woodlands children every year and most Future Ferns players have enjoyed being a Fun Fern first!

So far I have only 3 Fun Ferns. Please fill out the tear-off below if your child is interested in this. There is no cost.

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FUTURE FERNS NETBALL

More Year 5/6s needed!

My child....., Year
...is interested in playing Future Ferns netball for Woodlands School.

Signed:.....

FUN FERNS NETBALL

More 1/2s needed!

My child....., Year.....is
interested in attending Fun Ferns skills sessions.

Signed:.....

Absences

Parents, please let the school know when your child is absent. When a child is not at school, and we don't know why, Nicky has to spend quite a bit of time ringing parents. This is a "must do" for the safety of your children. If ringing the school is not always the easiest option, you can email admin@woodlandsfp.co.nz or text us on the school mobile phone 027 758 1503.

Weekly Awards

Certificates presented at assembly last week:

Maths	Emma Hurley
Reading	Patrick Tolentino
Writing	Jack Hurley
Spelling	Samantha Britton

Certificates of the Week for Caring:

Room 1	Breann Craig
Room 2	Luke Irwin
Room 3	Logan Dennis
Room 4	James Hamilton

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Friday Sausage Sizzles - I need sausages cookers for 14th, 21st & 28th May please. Friday burgers will start on 4th June.

Zone Cross Country

For those children wanting to train at home for cross country, the distances are:

5 & 6 year olds	500 metres
7 & 8 year olds	1000 metres
9 year olds	1500 metres
10 & 11 year olds	2000 metres
12 & 13 year olds	3000 metres

PLEASE NOTE! Ages are taken as at 31 December 2010

DESPERATELY NEEDED

**Plastic Grocery Bags
for Bin Liners**

**School Football & Touch Teams Photos
available to purchase from school office
\$4.00ea**

Special Assembly

A special assembly will be held on Friday 14th May, beginning at 1:30pm, in the Utility Room. Parents and former students/families are invited to attend, to farewell our very special and longtime Principal, Mrs Jane Hall.

The PTA & Board will supply an afternoon tea for adults & guests but we ask that each child bring a small plate to share.

For catering purposes, could you please let Nicky know by Wednesday 12th May if you are able to attend.



**House wanted to rent
Dacre/Mabel Bush
area preferred.
Please phone
Karen 231 3299**

MENZIES COLLEGE NETBALL CLUB CAMP

Thurs 15th – Fri 16th July, 2010

Menzies College, Alma St, Wyndham

All year 6, year 7 and year 8 netball players from Southland and beyond are invited to register for the above Camp. Cost is \$85 which includes a free t-shirt and camp photo. Registration is essential before Friday 25th June. For more information and a registration form, please see Mrs Wallace.



TAP DANCE NOVICE COMPETITIONS



SATURDAY 15TH MAY
INVERCARGILL REPERTORY SOCIETY
CNR JED & ESK ST

8.30 am to 6.00 pm

- A great day's entertainment for only \$5
- Hot and Cold drinks available
- Information available for beginners

Room 4

Writing Samples About Our Mums:

My mum lets me jump in her bed and it is very comfortable.
By Cole Geddes/Ward

My mum gets me the best toys. My mum gets me the best Scooby Snacks. Mum is cool. I am happy. I have a card. My mum loves the card.
By Scott Henderson

Mum is the best mum in the world. She watches me ride the two wheeler and the four wheeler.
By Jack Hurley

I love my mum. My mum is nice. She loves me.
By James Hamilton

My mum gives me ice cream sometimes for pudding. She takes me to the movies. Mum gives me cuddles when I am sad.
By Nikolas Shirley

The best mother is my mum. She helps me tidy my room.
By Sean Irwin

Mum gets me popcorn and she is kind and lets me go to swimming.
By Tessa Baird

Mum is kind to me. Mum loves me. Mum kisses me and my mum is the best mum.
By Christian Sotto

Mum plays with Jack and me on the trampoline. She gives me nice kisses and cuddles.
By James Hill

I like my mum because she is the best mum in the world. She takes me places and teaches me the names of the places.
By Tamzin Tomlinson

My mummy is the best mum ever. She lets me stay up late sometimes.
By Amelija Watson

Mum is the best mother. When I hug mum she hugs me. I like giving mum hugs.
By Bradley Hedges

I gave my mum a diamond because she is the best mum in the world.
By Jack Conroy

I love my mum because she gave me a cat for my birthday.
By Maggie Fleming

My mum is the best mother. She gives me 100 jobs and lets me go on the computer.
By Kate Brand

My mum turned the shower on for me this morning. She makes my breakfast. Mum gave me a cuddle when I hurt my lip.
By Maia Murdoch

I have the best mum. I would give my mum a picture of everybody that she likes. I love my mum.
By Deniz te Lindert

My mum gets me blue Lego in the bag. My mum makes me happy.
By Godwin Abalos