

27 May 2010

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

Greetings to school, community, family & friends,

Brrr!!! The weather has really taken a turn for the worse at the moment. It's certainly become necessary to put more layers on and crank up the heaters!

On Monday we had our first massed choir practice for the Southern Zone Music Festival. The practice was held here in our Utility Room – the ideal place for a big gathering of children. Judging by the sound made by over 100 children's voices, you're in for a really enjoyable night on Wednesday 24th June at the Civic Theatre. Keep that date free.

A warm Woodlands welcome goes to a new student, Vincent Ladbrook, who turns five today. We're delighted to have him and his parents, Nigel & Janelle, join our school community.

This week I've had my first opportunity to do some teaching in Room 1 with our Year 6, 7 and 8 students. I've been really impressed by their helpfulness, keen interest in learning and the way they take leadership seriously. What a really nice classroom to be in.

In this newsletter we've included a survey for parents about our reporting systems. Due to the new legal requirements around National Standards and, because I'm a new Principal to this school, we are interested in finding out what parents would really like to see in a report and what ways of reporting you find most useful.

It's good to see our hockey and netball teams out practising at lunchtimes. The school is very lucky to have so many kind parents willing to help with the coaching and organisation of our sports teams, including teams for the upcoming Moffett Cup as well. I'm hoping to get along to watch some hockey, netball & football games in the near future.

That's all for this week. Keep warm and well.

Regards

Fiona Murray

Upcoming Events.....

28 May	Pre School Preparation Programme 1.25 – 2.25
1 June	Future Ferns netball starts
2 June	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
3 June	Parent Surveys due back Fun Ferns netball starts 4pm
11 June	Burger Fridays begin Southland Cross Country
14 June	BOT Meeting 7pm
15 June	Bookbus for Rm 1 students
18 June	Pre School Preparation Programme 1.25 – 2.25
24 June	Southern Zone Music Festival for Y 5-8

Sports Results

Hockey

Woodlands played Makarewa Mighty Mix and lost 0 – 4. Player of the Day was Logan Dennis. Next Wednesday they will play Sacred Heart at 4pm on Turf 1 Field 1.

Football

There was no game this past Monday. Next Monday Woodlands will play All Stars at 5pm on Court 6.

Netball

Next Tuesday, the Year 5 & 6 Future Ferns team will play Tisbury Blue at 5pm on court 7.

Next Tuesday, the Year 3 & 4 Future Ferns team will play Rimu Black at 4pm on court 6.

Next Thursday, the Year 1 & 2 Fun Ferns will meet at 4pm on Court 6 for their first Skills Session.

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	Jack Conroy
Reading	Luke Irwin
Writing	Ruby Fleming
Spelling	Lachie Baird

Certificates of the Week for Caring:

Room 1	Melissa King
Room 2	Courtney Wilson
Room 3	Kaitlyn Johnstone
Room 4	James Hill

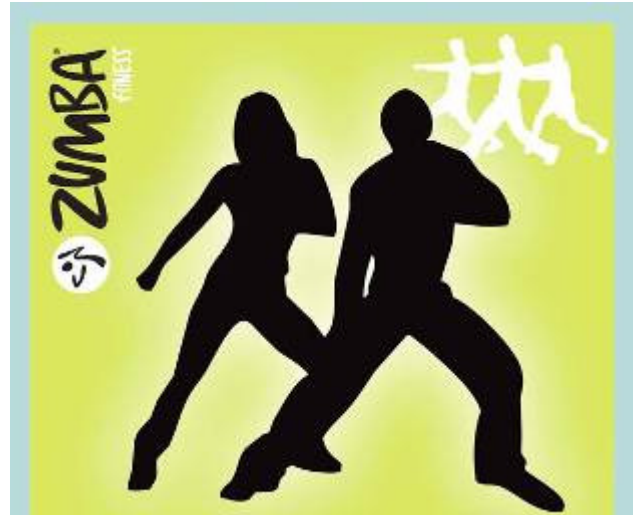
Extra Awards for Helping Out presented by Emma & Ellen, Spirit of Southland student representatives:
Claudia Baird, Blake King, Laura Dennis

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Kennington

Cost: gold coin donation

Contact Annette Lyall 230-4293 Margaret Stirling
230-4495, Katie Hewitt 230-4946

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.

Reminder

PTA MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE

7:30PM

ALL WELCOME

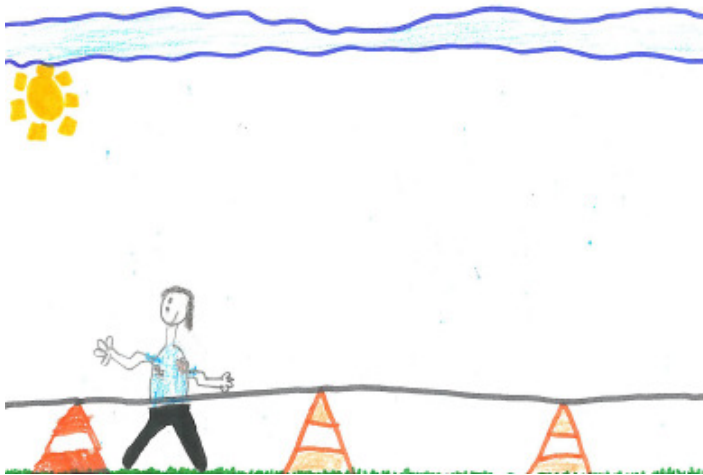
Room 3

Cross Country

In the morning I sprung out of bed and ran to my squeaky closet to get my dressing gown and my fluffy slippers. Then I raced to the kitchen to have some breakfast. I was so excited, it was Cross Country Day. When I got there, there were loads of people there. I thought it would take a long time to find Woodlands School but it didn't. When I found Woodlands School I was nervous.

Finally it was time for my race. The whistle blew but it was a fast start. When the race started everyone raced off as fast as a tiger and there was loads of space because it was at the rugby grounds. There were people telling you where to go. There were also people taking photos of you. When I finished I had really sore legs.

By Jessica Smith



Cross Country

On Wednesday in the morning I jumped with excitement because it was Cross Country day for our school and every other school. When we got there I saw Charles unpacking his Mum's car. I was wondering when Mrs Tuliau was going to be there. And there she was, walking in to Donovan Park with her tickets in her hand.

We stood in four or five lines waiting for our turn to run, so we went for a walk. Then we went back to our Woodlands sign.

After a few more minutes it was our turn to go into the 8 year old boys to run a long distance.

The whistle meant get ready, and then he said, "Are you ready? Are you set? Go!" And we ran as fast as a cheetah. Around the trees we saw a duck pond with thousands of ducks in it. We ran to the finish line. What a tiring run for me and everyone else. I came 31st for my school.

By Logan Dennis



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27th May 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As part of a review of our reporting systems, we would like to find out what you as parents would find most useful in a school report so that you have a good understanding of how your child is getting on at school. We would also like to know which methods of reporting you would find most useful.

Any ideas you have will be most helpful to us. Please cut off the section below and return it to the school office by next **Wednesday, 3rd June**.

Thank you
Fiona Murray
PRINCIPAL

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REPORTING TO PARENTS

Tick the box to show, in your opinion, how important it is to have these reporting methods.

	VERY ESSENTIAL	NOT QUITE AS ESSENTIAL BUT STILL USEFUL	NOT USEFUL FOR US
Mid Year Written Report			
End of Year Written Report			
Parent-Teacher – Child Conferences			
Sample Books (with examples of work)			
E-portfolios (a computerised digital record of learning)			

What are the most important things you would want to find out in your child's written reports?

Do you have any other ideas or comments?