

Stoke School Newsletter

5th February 2010

Principal Peter Mitchener

A BIG WELCOME BACK TO 2010: We hope you all had a fantastic break and are looking forward to an exciting year.

We have started the year with a very healthy roll of 191 and consequently have to use Room 1 as a permanent classroom.

We have had some unexpected events over the holidays with Mrs Russell and Miss Shaw both taking sick leave until further notice, we are very lucky that we were able to place Mrs Davies in Room 5 and Ms Meeks in Room 1.

We welcome Craig Logan and Kiri Paterson to Stoke School. Craig is our new 2nd DP and Kiri is job sharing with Amanda Thornton in Room 3 as Amanda is taking Reading Recovery

A big thank, you to the parents who took time to give feedback regarding our Reporting to Parents process. We have taken the feedback on and are in the process of completing an overview that will be clear for everyone. Staff are completing this and parents will be given the overview for the year. There is strong support for reports in Term 3 and we need to be clear about the format and outcomes for Term 4.

WE WELCOME: Ashley Haenga and Hope Arthur to Room 4 Mrs Kemp, Daiman Harries to Room 3 Ms Thornton, Larissa Figgers to Room 1 Mrs Russell, Drue Figgers and Alla Dahlberg to Room 10 Mr Logan, and Tacy Eyles to Room 11 Mr Goad.

RABBIT ISLAND OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY: Next Friday the 12th the school is off to Rabbit Island for the day. We will be travelling by bus and will have a sausage sizzle for lunch. Please pack swimming togs, hats, morning tea and appropriate clothing to ensure they will be warm after a swim. Please pay the \$4 per person to cover the bus cost.

MEET THE TEACHER PICNIC: On Wednesday the 17th at 5:30pm bring a picnic tea to school, have tea and a chat outside the staffroom. We will have PE gear set up for some games and at 6pm we will stagger in class meet the teacher meetings.

2010 UPDATES: enclosed are two forms to enable us to update our files. These are Parent/Caregiver details and Permission for Educational Visits. It is important for you to please fill these in and return to school as soon as possible.

UNIFORMS: It is great to see so many children in our new school uniform. We continually have lost property so PLEASE clearly name all clothing. When taking off clothing, hats, shoes etc all children need to put them tidily outside their classrooms so they are able to find them later.

SWIMMING: all classes swim each day so please pack your child's togs and a towel. Swimming lessons with our specialist swimming coach start next week. This has been funded by the School PTA, Haven Sports Trust and Fresh Choice Richmond.

HATS: We have a 'No Hat No Play' policy in term 1 and term 4. We have school logo hats available at the office for purchase of \$12.00.

JOB VACANCIES AT STOKE SCHOOL: We currently have two positions at Stoke School. We are looking for a Teachers Aide to work morning's 9 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. everyday and someone to vacuum the school for an hour and a half every day afterschool. Further information can be obtained from Pete Mitchener in the office. Please apply in writing to Pete Mitchener by Friday the 12th of February.

SPORTS: Fantastic to see so many students involved in sport, so far we have the following in process,

Minisoccer Starts Tuesday 16th Feb, Saxton Field, \$5 per player.
Kiwi Cricket Starts Saturday 20th Feb, Saxton Field, \$10 per player.
Rippa Rugby Starts Friday 19th Feb, Tahunanui Fields, \$2 per player.
Volleyball Starts Wednesday 10th Feb, Saxton Stadium, \$30 per player.

Also there is T Ball, Softball and Summer Hockey.

Please see Leeanne at the office to register your name:

OUR SCHOOL CAN WIN AT OPERA IN THE PARK: If your family and friends are going to Nelson Opera in the Park on Saturday February 13 make sure they drop their free tickets, with our school's name on the back,

into the Schools Competition boxes at each entry gate. It gives us a chance to win one of three BioPaints provided \$500 sports or art equipment vouchers.

TABLE TENNIS: After school Program in the new Table Tennis Stadium at Saxton Field from 3.30pm to 5pm every Monday. Cost \$4. Bats provided but you must wear non marking shoes. Contact Bryan or Donny on 547 7530 or 547 9479.

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES IN STOKE WITH CAROLINE JONES (BFA,MFA): A couple of spaces are available on a Friday from 3.30-4.40pm, commencing 12 February 2010. Classes are held in a professionally equipped studio with a maximum of 8 students, ensuring individual attention, and all materials are included. Cost is \$15 per session. For more information please phone 5433733 or email oils4us@gmail.com . Adults classes are also offered.

CREATIVE KIDZ: Drama and Movement classes for children 5-10 years. A Professional Curriculum ensures your child builds confidence, communication and drama skills while having lots of fun. Classes in Nelson and Richmond start week of Monday 15 Feb. To secure your place and for more information contact Hester Phillips, 5466638 or 021 202 1573