

9th December 2011

WE WELCOME: Kaiyah Gilbert to Room 4 Miss Norris and Arapeta Anderson to Room 1 Mrs Kemp.

DONNA CHALMERS: Is retiring at the end of this year after teaching at Stoke School since 1997. We will all really miss her. Donna has been a diligent, dedicated, wonderful teacher who took on a lot of extra activities such as coordinating the Fruit in Schools, Edible Gardens, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Saturday Netball, organization of new school journals and a lot of little tasks such as ensuring we had paper in the resource room copier. Stoke School will miss her quiet efficient approach but we wish her and Gary all the best for their future.

END OF YEAR NATIONAL STANDARDS CERTIFICATE: Today your child brought home an end of year certificate, stationery list and class placement for next year, a planner with school dates for the year, a planner with some of the start of year events and a National Standard pamphlet. As you read your child's certificate please keep in mind that the requirements to achieve each standard goes up each year so even though it may appear that they are still the same as last year they had to make significant gains to be there. A huge "Well done" to any child who has gone from one standard to another, for eg below to at because they have improved by 2 levels. Reporting in this manner is a requirement from the Ministry of Education.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **HOUSE ACTIVITY DAY:** A fun day of inter-house summer action will be held on Monday the 12th of December. Children are to wear house colours.
- **THANK YOU MORNING TEA:** This year we are inviting all parents to attend a thank you morning tea for all the fabulous support you give Stoke School throughout the year. This is on the same day as the House Activity Day, 12th of December at 10:15am. This is your invitation please come along and have a cuppa with us so we can say thanks.
- **END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY:** Tuesday the 13th of December at 1:40pm. This is the Year 6 Farewell Assembly and the End of Year Assembly.
- **END OF YEAR:** We finish school on Friday the 16th of December at 12:30pm.
- **START OF YEAR 2012:** Students start on Thursday the 2nd of February.

POWERZONE AFTER SCHOOL CARE on Friday 16th December from 12.30pm to 5.30pm. If you are a current parent or need care on this day for your child please ph 547 2533 to make arrangements.

STATIONERY: to ensure your child has the correct books on their class lists sent home today, all stationery at a reasonable price is available from the school office.

LIBRARY/CLASSROOM BOOKS: Please take a look around at home and if you have any school books can they be returned to the class teacher. Thank you.

BOT MEMO: It's hard to believe it's the end of the year already! It was fabulous to see so many families support our Music in the Park event recently. Congratulations and thanks go to the PTA for their efforts in organising this and other successful events throughout the year. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Pete and the entire Stoke School Staff for the time and effort they put into our fantastic school. It's been another busy year with so many highlights, including the whole school musical production and many other sporting and cultural events. Plans are well underway for the redevelopment of the Senior Classroom block and the two new Tigerturf areas. We look forward to watching these projects progress during 2012. Finally, a huge thank you to the parents and whanau of our children for your ongoing support. On behalf of the BOT, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a happy, healthy holiday. *Kirstin Goomes BOT Liaison*

TIGERTURF FUNDRAISER Don't forget our fundraiser to replace our concrete surface areas with Tigerturf. Our aim is to sell 1400 square metres @ \$50 per metre.. If you would like to sponsor a square metre or know a business that can help, drop into the office, or check out the fundraiser on Trade-me. Donations towards this will be gratefully accepted.



TEAPOT VALLEY CHRISTIAN CAMP - WET AND WILD: Monday 9 January to Friday 13 January 2012. Anyone from 8 to 12 years old can attend. For more info please phone: 542-3368, or check out details on www.teapotvalley.co.nz click on kids camps *Archery, mega tramp, spinner, water slide, giant inflatable thing, carts, climbing, water war and a whole lot more!!!!*

OSCAR Holiday Programme – POWERZONE “Survivor – Taka Shari” 23-27 January. Years 1-6. *CYF Approved.* Prices: 9am-12.30pm (\$8); or 9am-5pm (\$29) or 1pm-5pm (\$21). Our afternoon activities include State Cinema 6, Natureland, ASB Aquatic Centre & lots of water fights! Brochures available at the school office or contact Elim Christian Centre on 547 2533 and we'll send one to you.

PTA MEETING - Monday 12 December at 7pm.

As this is the last newsletter for 2011 the Staff of Stoke School would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2012

Peter Mitchener
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