



NEWSLETTER 1 3 February 2012

An excellent start to the year



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena Koutou, Talofa, Malo lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia Orana, Ni sa bula, Ni hao, Namaste, Hola

Welcome to the start of a new year. The year has started well. Our roll is close to what was predicted. Students have settled in well and staff have been impressed with the overall behaviour of students.

Focus for 2012

We are very focused on our vision to prepare our students for the future. They will be confident, connected, actively involved and lifelong learners.

Developing confident students and PB4L

For a student to be confident they need to know what is expected of them. We do this by giving positive feedback on their behaviour. This is done by students earning reward points each block they are in. They earn 3 points by being on time, in uniform and behaving themselves. That means 9 a day, 45 a week. When they achieve a total of 40 a week they receive a reward. Last year 90% of year 7 students regularly exceeded the target. This year we are aiming for 100%.

Connecting students to the future

We live in a digital world. A key focus this year is to look at the skills necessary for students to take part in that world. In the last 3 years the school has invested heavily in computers and activboards in each classroom for students to connect to the internet. We will be looking at safety on the net. We have invited a guest speaker to talk to the students Wednesday 15 February at 9.00. Parents are most welcome to attend the talk. We are continuing to develop our web site to contain all information regarding school. This is at www.linwood.school.nz.

Getting students actively involved

One of our school goals is to get students actively involved in a variety of activities. This includes music, Kapa Haka, Samoan Language and sports such as Touch and Softball.

As part of the goal to get all students actively involved we are starting each week with fitness on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9.00 to 9.30. Please remember to check your child has their PE uniform each Monday and Wednesday.

Earthquake procedures

We are concerned with keeping students safe at school. Our earthquake plan is for students to drop and cover when the shaking happens. If damage has occurred the school will be evacuated to the field. If students are to go home we will txt parents to come and get their child. The good news is the school has been inspected after each major quake and is structurally sound.

Earthquake concerns

We are very aware that each family has different concerns regarding the earthquakes and the on-going problems with it. We are very fortunate to have a worker attached to school who can help families. Attached to this newsletter is a survey. If you would like some help please return the survey to school.

Sun Safety Policy

Rationale: New Zealand has a high rate of skin cancer and our children spend a large part of their day outside.

Purpose: To educate, heighten awareness and encourage self-help skills in children/families and staff on sun safety.

Guidelines:

- Sun hats are to be worn between the hours of 10.00 and the end of school, when the sun is shining, terms 1 and 4
- The prescribed sun hats are either a brimmed or bucket style that has a brim completely around it. The preferred colour is navy blue, however students from Linwood North, Linwood Avenue and Bromley can wear the hat worn at their previous school.
- Students not wearing a sun hat are to remain under the shade tree or shade sails at lunchtime or interval.
- Staff will be role models by wearing sun hats as above.

Term Calendar

Monday 6 Feb	Waitangi Day. School closed
Tuesday 7 Feb	Te Reo classes start. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish to learn Te Reo.
Tuesday 7 Feb	Interclass competitions from 1.15. Parents are welcome to come and watch.
Wednesday 8 Feb	Kapa Haka starts. Samoan Language begins
Tuesday 14 Feb	Hagley sport starts. Linfield sport starts. Students will need PE uniform.
Wednesday 15 Feb	School assembly on "web safety" at 9.00. Parents are welcome to attend
Wednesday 22 Feb	Community night. All parents invited to attend. It will start at 6pm.
Tuesday 28 Feb	Student leaders at training camp for 2 days
Friday 2 Mar	Whole school at water safety day focusing on sailing.
Monday 12 Mar	Parent Teacher interviews. School will close at 2.00pm.
Wednesday 14 Mar	Parent Teacher interviews. School closes at 2.45pm
Tuesday 3 April	Interschool swimming
Thursday 5 April	End of term 1

Return this slip to earn a PB4L reward point

Newsletter 1 was received by _____ family from _____ Room _____

Parent / Caregiver _____

Community Notices

Pacific Heartbeat Community Nutrition Course 2012

Next training in Christchurch is February 9th and 10th 2012

Warm Pacific Greetings Pacific Heartbeat and the Heart Foundation will be offering a two day training workshop that covers the basics of healthy eating, cooking and nutrition from a pacific point of view.

Course Fees, Dates and Location

Cost: \$30 per person. This fee covers the costs related to course workbooks, resources, morning and afternoon tea. Please bring your lunch.

Dates: Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February 2012

Times: 9am - 3.30pm each day

Location: Venue to be confirmed

Who is the course for? You need to be at least 14 years old. A basic level of spoken English is helpful as all trainings are run in the English language. It's designed to give you some basic nutrition information so you can make healthier food choices and to share that information with your family and community. We have had many individuals from church communities; early childhood centres and schools, as well as from organisations who want to encourage healthy living and well-being attend this course.

If you are working with pacific communities as a health worker, leader or advisor we also offer a 9-day training course, the Certificate in Pacific Nutrition. This is run in partnership with Auckland University of Technology.

Please register Simply visit the Heart Foundation website and register your interest on the CNC page and we will contact you. Alternatively, you can contact us on the details below:

Website: www.heartfoundation.org.nz

Email: info@pacificheart.org.nz

Contact Person: Cathrine Scott, Programme Support Coordinator, cathrines@heartfoundation.org.nz

Phone: +64 9 571 9189 / Fax +64 9 571 9190

You can also contact Kathy Culshaw, Health Promoter for Pacific Trust Canterbury to register, kathy.culshaw@pacifictrust.co.nz

Phone: 03-977 0270

Karate for Kidz

Give your child the Martial Arts advantage

Did you know that our martial arts program is not just about punching and kicking?

It's about developing a strong mind and body, leadership skills, a balanced personality and solid character traits.

Do you want your children to

Have better self-esteem

Have respect for self and others

Have focus and discipline

Have better concentration skills

Be able to defend themselves

If you answered YES to any of these questions, your child needs the Karate advantage!

Enrolments taken now for term one

Get a FREE trial class!

Register now for this great offer

Mobile phone or txt 027 251 5026

Home phone 385- 9013

See our website at www.martialarts4u.co.nz