



VICTORIA AVENUE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Our Best - Always

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School Times

School Starts: 8.50am
Lunch: 12.30-1.30
School Finishes: 3.00pm

Stationery Shop

Tuesday 8.30 - 8.50am
Thurs 8.30 - 8.50am

Uniform Shop

Thurs 2.30-3.10pm
Fri 8.30-9.00am

Lunch Orders

Subway: Wed and Fri
As from 11 Feb Subway is on WED and FRI only
Sushi: Thurs only: \$6 - 8pce, \$5 - 6pce and \$3.50 - 4pce
Order forms/instructions are on our web site under "Our School".



IMPORTANT DATES and TIMES

Term Dates 2009

Term 1 2009 Tues 3 Feb to Thurs 9 April 2009
Term 2 Mon 27 April to Fri 3 July 2009
Term 3 Monday 20 July to Friday 25 Sept 2009
Term 4 Monday 12 Oct to Wed 16 Dec 2009

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2 and I hope that you and your family had a pleasant Easter break wherever you may have spent it. It was wonderful to meet the children on their arrival to school on Monday and throughout the week many of them have been visiting me, introducing themselves and telling me about some of their exciting adventures over the last few weeks.

Unfortunately there have been several low points of late. The school suffered a break in during the second week of the holiday, and despite a swift response from our alarm monitoring company thieves got away with new computers from Room 17. It is an unpleasant aspect of our society that security needs to be kept at the forefront of our minds both at home and at school. The board met on Monday evening and we can assure you that the school will continue in its efforts to keep the site as safe as possible. In addition we have had several incidents of graffiti to clean up around the site, mindless acts of vandalism, which spoil our environment.

In the wider Auckland community we have also had worries surrounding health issues this week and our thoughts are with those individuals affected by the swine flu scare, we wish them all a speedy recovery. On that note can I say to all parents that we do not expect any children to be sent into school when they are sick, it is particularly important as we move into the winter terms when coughs and colds can so easily be spread.

Despite all of the above I am really enjoying my start at Victoria Avenue School! The sun has been shining during the days this week and children are eagerly preparing for their first Winter sports fixtures later this week (I was amazed at the buzz of activity on the netball courts before school on Tuesday – great commitment girls!). A big thank you to all of our parents who are involved with sports coaching in the various codes, enjoy your seasons with the teams and above all have FUN!

The repainting of the hall is nearing completion and as you will note it now has a colour scheme that reflects that of the main school block. Thanks also to Mr Davy who has done a great job over the holidays building a partition wall and new computer benches between rooms 1 and 2. We welcome Mrs Perwick to Room 18 and I am grateful to her for the excellent start to the week that her children have had.

There is so much to look forward to this term; Year 5 Camp; Sports Exchanges; Trips and PTS activities to name a few. Next week our school councillors are attending a 'Young Leaders Day' at the Telstra Clear Events Centre where they will have the opportunity to hear presentations from a variety of inspirational speakers, I hope they have a wonderful day.

Kind regards,

Allan Short
PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM ARTA RE: THE CHAOS AT THE SCHOOL GATE PROGRAMME

Victoria Avenue School is participating in the Auckland City Council's Chaos at the School Gate programme. It involves placing parking officers on patrol outside schools to observe non-compliant behaviours and issue tickets to those illegally parked.

The Chaos at the School Gate programme has been very successful and is helping to reduce the danger to children as well as improve traffic flow around schools.

Interested in Playing Soccer This Winter ?

Our 10th Grade Team (which is part of Ellerslie Football Club) urgently needs 1 more player. Games are played on Saturday morning and training on Tuesday afternoon. Any boys or girls aged 10 this year who are keen, please call Nancy on 029 525 6232.

COMING EVENTS - Dates subject to change

Term 2, 2009

1 May	Last day for Easter Egg money
5 May	Individual Photos
8 May	Prize draw for Chocolate prizes.
12 May	PTS Meeting
12 May	Chinese Parent Meeting @ 2.00pm in staff room
13 May	Korean Parent Meeting @ 2.00pm in staff room
22 May	Disco
25 May	BOT Meeting at 7.30
27 May	ICAS Computer Skills
28 May	Knowledge-a-thon sent home
28 May	Bible in Schools starts
29 May	Sausage Sizzle
1 June	Queen's Birthday - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
2 June	Sports Exchange - senior students
3-5 June	Year 5 Camp @ MERC
9 June	PTS Meeting
11 June	Zone Gymnastics
23 June	ICAS Spelling and Writing in morning
23 June	Senior Sports Exchange in afternoon
29 June	BOT Meeting at 7.30
3 July	School Holidays

REMINDER FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

If you wish to make any contributions to the proposed revised policies and procedures for Complaints and Student Behaviour Management the closing date is **Friday 15 May**. **These documents can be downloaded from our website from the following link.**

<http://www.victoria-avenue.school.nz/index.aspx?site=181&page=314>

We would like to ask you to spend some time reviewing these and would welcome your feedback before these policies and procedures are finalised by the Board. Please send your feedback to the chair of the Board's policy subcommittee, Gerard Brown, at gerard.brown@brownpartners.co.nz or by post c/- PO Box 1496, Shortland Street, Auckland. Please enter **Victoria Avenue School** in the subject line of feedback sent by email.

Housekeeping - Informing the school of Absences

- It is essential if your child is not attending school on a particular day the school is notified by 9.15am.
 - If your child is late please ask them to check in at the office before going to class.
 - If you need to take your child out of school during school hours please come to the office and sign the orange book at reception.
- Many thanks for your co-operation.

PTS NEWS

Easter Egg Fundraiser - If you wish your name to be included in the draw for the 3 ipods and 5 watches then you will need to return the unsold chocolates/money to the school by TOMORROW - 1 May. Congratulations to Room 5 as most children have returned their money and/or unsold chocolates.

Entertainment Books 2009/2010 - These books contain loads of great vouchers for restaurants, takeaways and activities. Each book sale raises dollars for our school. These can be purchased from the school office.

We had lots of positive feedback for our Gala from the local community and would also like to share this email which includes a special request! If you are able to provide the recipe please email it to school and it will be forwarded to Mrs Yukich

Although a little belated I would like to let you now how myself and my family thoroughly enjoyed your school gala held a few weeks back. Although our children didn't attend Victoria Avenue school we are local residents and went along to support.

It was a great day, and I purchased the most delicious Apricot Cake that some wonderful cook had made and was wondering if it was at all possible to track down who baked this as I would love the recipe. It was a plain square cake with apricots on top lightly dusted with icing sugar. I know it is probably a needle in a haystack but heres hoping. Bravo the the person who baked it, it was divine. Thanks for your help. Mrs M Yukich

Gusto & Grace invites you...

Gusto & Grace 'Two Double Seven' Newmarket (right next to St Pierre's sushi) would like to invite you to a very special shopping evening exclusively for friends of the school. Get your Mother's Day sorted with something very special from our superb collection of jewellery, art, ceramics, clocks and funky giftware. And by shopping with us you will support your school. Gusto & Grace will donate 10% of every purchase to Victoria Ave Primary.

When: Wednesday May 6th, from 6pm - 9pm

Where: Gusto & Grace 'Two Double Seven' Newmarket (t: 524-5766)

www.gustoandgrace.co.nz

Why: Sort your Mother's Day gifts and support your school at the same time

We look forward to seeing you there.

Neil, Emma and the Gusto & Grace team

Room 3 - Year 6

We have been working on descriptive writing using adjectives, similes and metaphors.

With the slump in the housing market Gemma is doing a hard sell on a coastal property. She would make a great real estate agent!

Gemma does not miss a thing.

PS Rumour has it that Mr Short wants to put in an offer on Gemma's house right away!

Slice of Heaven

Tired of searching? Can't find the house you want? Kids driving you crazy or you just want a good relax? Well this is the house for you!

Guaranteed to give you the peace and quiet you deserve.

It's easy to relax in the swanky master bedroom with wall to wall windows. It has a breathtaking view of the coastline and at night you can hear the crash of the ocean. You've got to love the classy en-suite which comes with scented candles and herbal bath bombs to soothe the mind. In the en-suite there is a mini spa which is excellent for calming the nerves. The spa has several different settings including bubbles, waterproof music player (connects to ipods) and massage seats. For privacy the walls in the en-suite have crisp white walls and a tile floor as white as snow.

Speaking of privacy, in the master bedroom with wall to wall windows there are light blue silk curtains which dance in the breeze.

Outside there is a convenient gate so children can't drown in the ocean. The minute you step onto the soft sand and it sinks between your toes and fills your body with warmth. The wind blows like feathers brushing your cheeks. Connecting to gate is a wall of rocks to keep the water out so your house does not get flooded.

So what are you waiting for? Buy this stunning two story house for just \$500,000 and get your own slice of heaven!