



# VICTORIA AVENUE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Our Best - Always

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**IMPORTANT DATES  
and  
TIMES**

**School Times**

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

**Stationery Shop**

Tues 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

**Sushi:** Thurs only: \$6 - 8pce, \$5 - 6pce and \$ 3.50 - 4pce

Order forms/instructions are on our web site under "Our School".



**Term Dates 2009**

Term 2 Mon 27 April to Fri 3 July 2009  
Term 3 Mon 20 July to Fri 25 Sept 2009  
Term 4 Mon 12 Oct to Wed 16 Dec 2009

**Term Dates 2010**

Term 1 Thur 4 Feb to Thur 1 April 2010  
Term 2 Mon 19 April to Fri 2 July 2010  
Term 3 Mon 19 July to Fri 24 Sept 2010  
Term 4 Mon 11 Oct to Fri 17 Dec 2010

Dear Parents

As parents we have many hopes and expectations for our children. There is much knowledge and a wide variety of skills for young children to acquire throughout the education process. I tell staff at the start of the school year that the most important thing we can do immediately is to provide an environment where children feel happy, safe and secure. Once this culture is established the children will grow and develop in all areas, and the processes of teaching and learning flow easily.

I find it disappointing when the success, or failure, of the education process is judged by something as narrow as academic achievement. Of course this is an important element of education but when I ask other parents what they want out of their child's education most mention words such as: values; self-confidence; happiness, self-esteem; good interpersonal skills etc. Unfortunately there is no simple test for measuring each of these aspects of our children's development, however they are a vital part of their educational make up.

The *Habits of Mind* we use in school help underpin the attitudes and values, which we try to develop in our children. Habits, both good and bad, are notoriously difficult to break. However developing those habits is a process that has many stages. I wanted to share with you a poem, which I have used with children and staff in the past; it gives food for thought on the development of our characters.

**Watch Your...**

*Watch your thoughts,  
for they become words.*

*Watch your words,  
for they become actions.*

*Watch your actions,  
for they become habits.*

*Watch your habits,  
for they become character.*

*Watch your character,  
for it becomes your destiny.*

By Frank Outlaw

**Staffing** – Tomorrow we say goodbye to Mike Hogg as he leaves us to travel to Hong Kong to take up a new challenge. Despite only being at VAS for a year Mike has made a great impact as the Room 3 class teacher both inside the classroom and on the sports paddock. In addition he has lead the Senior Syndicate team well and contributed positively to the management team. I would like, on behalf of us all at the school, to thank him for his contribution and wish him well on his travels.

We are also bidding goodbye, albeit temporarily, to Alison Settle as she steps down from Room 7 to start her maternity leave. As parents I am sure we all have vivid memories of the preparation and emotions as we awaited the birth of our first child. It is a wonderful time in one's life and we all wish Alison and her husband Mark every joy over the coming months and years as they start their family.

**Meet our new staff Afternoon Tea** – On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July (the end of week one next term) we are hosting an afternoon tea in the library for Room 3 and Room 7 parents. It will be an opportunity for you to meet the children's new class teachers, Mr Eeles and Mrs Coleman. I hope that as many of the parents as possible will be able to attend on this afternoon.

**Speech Competition** – Our senior syndicate children have recently completed their speech competition. The standard was extremely high and the judges had difficult decisions to make.

In joint third place were Olivia Mortimer and Alexandra Gordon. In second place (and the Year 5 winner) was Angus Cleland with his speech entitled *Instructions* and the overall winner was Jasmine Henshall with *It's just nuts!* We are looking forward to hearing Jasmine and Angus perform their speeches in assembly tomorrow morning. Congratulations to all who participated.

**Term Three Calendar** – In week one next term all families will receive a Term 3 calendar. Rather than a weekly update of events in the newsletter we would like all families to be able to see our full term plan. Obviously there may be dates which are added, or for reasons beyond our control have to change, but we hope that this new method of communication will prove useful to families.

A couple of dates that I would like parents to take note of are:

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm - A *Netsafe* (Cybersafety) Parents talk
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00am - PTS Gardening Working Bee

Further details of both events will appear in the first newsletter of next term.

Wherever you are, and whatever you are doing, I wish you a wonderful holiday break with your children. Thank you for all your support over this last term. The staff and I really appreciate everything you do to help us to really make a difference for all of our very special children at VAS.

Allan Short  
PRINCIPAL

**PLEASE NOTE:**

School closes at **3.00pm** on Friday 3 July for  
**END OF TERM 2.**

Term 3 will commence on Monday July 20 at 8.50am

**Uniform Survey -The survey closes tomorrow.**

Thank you to the many who have already taken the time to participate.

**ROAD SAFETY TIP**

CHECK THAT YOUR SEAT BELT FITS YOU AND YOU MAKE IT "CLICK"

**WE WERE CONCERNED TO RECEIVE FURTHER COMPLAINTS FROM PARENTS AND STIRLING ST RESIDENTS RE THE TRAFFIC IN STIRLING ST.**

**IF YOU ARE PICKING UP CHILDREN PLEASE PARK LEGALLY AND WITH CONSIDERATION. CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT!**

## COMING EVENTS - Dates subject to change

### Term 2, 2009

- 2 July** Parent Teacher Meeting school closes at 3.00  
**3 July** Last day of Term 2 - school closes at 3pm

### Term 3, 2009

- 20 July** Term 3 Starts  
**23 July** Y6 Maths Challenge / Otago  
**27 July** BOT Meeting @ 7.30pm  
**28 July** Korean Parent Meeting @ 1.30pm  
**29 July** Chinese Parent Meeting @ 1.30pm  
**4 Aug** NetSafe talk for Parents @ 7.00pm  
**4 Aug** ICAS English  
**7 Aug** Zone Gymnastics  
**11 Aug** PTS Meeting @ 7.30pm in School Staff Room  
**11 Aug** Whole School Cross Country @ Shore Rd  
**16 Aug** PTS Gardening Working Bee  
**18 Aug** Sports Exchange Vs St Kents and St Cuths  
**19 Aug** ICAS Maths  
**20 Aug** Bible starts  
**20 Aug** Otago Maths Challenge - Year 6 only.  
**24 Aug** Zone Cross Country  
**4 Sept** Sausage Sizzle  
**5 Sept** Quiz Nite - PTS  
**8 Sept** PTS Meeting  
**15 Sept** Winter Field Day  
**15-17 Sept** Wearable Arts Shows.  
**21 Sept** BOT Meeting  
**25 Sept** Last day of Term 3 - school closes at 3pm

## PTS NEWS

- Thank you to all who supported our evening with Bettjemans. It was a fun experience so watch this space for next year!
- Thanks to all parents for the support you have given us this term. The sausage sizzles and discos would not happen without your input. Also, despite the late start, we sold quite a number of Entertainment Books each of which raised \$13 for the school.
- New World shopping bags are still for sale at the office. Supermarkets are aiming to be plastic free in the near future!
- Reminder - Please hand in your knowledge -a-thon money as soon as possible as we would like to announce the winning class at Friday's assembly.



### REMINDER!

Over the holidays please remember to collect your Yummy stickers. The official sticker collecting sheet is on the website and available from the school office.

<http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/>

**ASB Remuera** is offering us a fundraising opportunity - if you are considering a mortgage or term deposit please download this voucher from our website. ASB will give the school a cash donation - please refer to voucher for more info.

<http://www.victoria-avenue.school.nz/images/181/Newsletters/asbvoucher.pdf>

Thanks to those parents who have taken advantage of this offer - we have received \$500 in donations so far.

## Have a look at Room 20's MOTAT inspired prints!

One day at school I couldn't wait because the middle school was going to MOTAT! I was so excited I almost ran around the class saying, "MOTAT MOTAT, we're going to MOTAT yaaayyy!" We lined up for the bus and drove off. My class got to go in a private trip on our very own bus because there wasn't enough room for everyone on the bus. When I got there I could barely keep my feet still, but I started to slow down the jumping. One day after MOTAT we made cardboard type of transport. I decided to make a car. It looked like a big zooming ruff tuff monster truck!

By Sarah S

Last week my class made a cardboard print using some ideas from the machines at MOTAT. My design was a big cruise ship. I stuck bumpy paper for the windows and veiny paper for a big stripe. The next day we got out some rollers and rolled a colour over it. I rolled on blue. Next we printed it onto paper and rolled a clean roller over it for about three minutes. When I took the paper off I had a COOL blue boat!

Peter H

Last week we designed a cardboard print. We used ideas from our trip to MOTAT. My design is a very cool car. It has flames across the sides. It looks like my old swimming teacher's car. On our prints we used coloured paper, PVA glue and cardboard. We first had to draw our design on our piece of cardboard, but only if we had practiced in our art book. When everyone had made their print we got out some ink rollers. We then started! It was lots of fun and when we were done they looked really good!

Ruby C

### SEE THE PROCESS



### LOOK AT THE RESULTS!



## VICTORIA AVENUE SCHOOL ~ SPORTS NEWS

### **SOCCER SUCCESS**

Justin Bailey, whose team is part of the WYNRS (Wynton Rufer) soccer academy playing for Onehunga Sports club, won the annual Clendon 7-a-side Under 10s football tournament held on June 21st 2009. The team played most of the tournament without substitutes (most teams have at least two) and successfully came through their pool play in top spot. They then played quality sides like Papakura Phoenix and Albany United to reach the final. In the finals game they won 1-0 against Birkenhead United, the 2008 National 9th grade tournament finalists. Justin played in defence and switched to goalkeeper for the penalty shoot outs.



### **FLIPPA BALL REPORT**

The kids did very well on Sunday! The A team retained the trophy winning a hard final 5-3. The coach was a little stressed as the other team led us goal for goal, but then our kids lifted a notch and scored two unanswered goals. Everyone played their part very well and showed that they had listened to the game plan - wonderful.

The B team had a bye.

The C team were playing in the Year 5/6 final of the competition grade. Making the final for this team was a huge

achievement as we lost one of our key players to the pressure of other sport commitments and half the team are Year 5. Unfortunately they were well outclassed on the day by a very good Meadowbank team who have been playing and training together for a number of years and it is finally their time in the sun.

The D team played in the Plate competition and made the finals of this grade. Another great effort, given the relative newness of most of the team. They played very well but just could not match the score line, 6-3 being the final score as I recall.

Chris Simmons



### **SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

The Cross Country date has been set for:

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August – Seniors, Middles and Juniors.**

Everyone will be competing at Shore Road Reserve over different distances. More information concerning times will be sent out during Term 3.

If you are available to help with marshalling, setting up on the day or helping with refreshments, could you please email me at [c.whittington@victoria-avenue.school.nz](mailto:c.whittington@victoria-avenue.school.nz) I will be organising a small committee of volunteers to discuss arrangements prior to the event day.

The Zones Cross Country, for the Seniors, will be on the 24th August in the afternoon.

Clare Whittington



### **NETBALL LEAGUE RESULTS**

Thursday 25th June  
Reported by Sarah R

Year and Team	Goals scored by VAS	Goals scored by the opposition	Team played
6 Blue	12	18	Mt Eden Normal
6 White	11	5	Monte Cecilia
5 Blue	18	8	AN Yr 5
5 White	13	9	OLSH Yr 5
5 Red	1	14	St Cuthberts Yr 5
4 Blue	2	2	St Michaels Yr 4
4 White			Default
3 Blue	5	6	Newmarket Yr 3
3 White	2	1	Kohimarama Lightning
3 Red	1	5	St Michaels Yr 3

### **INDOOR BASKETBALL**

Are there any Year 3 or 4 students interested in playing basketball for Victoria Avenue School in the Mini League?

Where:


At the ASB Stadium

When:

Wednesdays from 4.30 to 6.30pm.

Please contact Donna (Emma Collard's mum) at 5205651 / 0210593033 or email [donna-bruce@paradise.net.nz](mailto:donna-bruce@paradise.net.nz)

Please contact Donna asap as the league starts in Term 3. The league plays in both Term 3 and 4.



# School Holiday Programme

Have fun and make new friends in our programmes from 6 to 17 July.

We have a great variety of enjoyable activities including: DJing, a Pirate day, a Funky Monkeys show, Robotics with LEGO demolition derby and so much more.

**Only days to go - enrol today.**

For enrolment enquiries call

379 2095 x9724 or email [pfc@parnell.org.nz](mailto:pfc@parnell.org.nz)

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