



# 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 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

What a stunning day we had on Tuesday at the cross-country event. I must say congratulations to Claire Whittington for organising a first class event and a huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers who contributed in a wide variety of ways to make the day such a success.

Most important to me was the fact that we took every child in the school down to the Shore Road fields and they all cheered and supported one another as the races unfolded. Our House captains lead the way helping, encouraging and cajoling all of the junior syndicate children as they completed their runs. It was a great example of something very special about our children; the empathy, sportsmanship and kindness they offered to all the runners, whatever their individual abilities or house affiliations.

There were fabulous individual performances from some talented runners and excellent personal achievements from those who battled just to complete the courses without stopping, well done everyone.

**Website** – As I mentioned last week our new website goes live today. You can turn your browsers to [www.victoriaave.com](http://www.victoriaave.com) and see just what the team having been working on. It is by no means finished and new items will be posted almost daily, however it is our intention that the site is a living entity, constantly evolving, and so now is as good a time as any to launch what we have.

I previously mentioned how grateful I am to the parents who have been helping to redesign our site (Tony, Rachael, Michelle and Tracey) however one person has been more involved and passionate about the project than anyone and that is Linley. I would like to say a big thank you to her for all of the additional time and energy that she has put into the last few weeks.

I hope that you will not only find our new site more informative and visually interesting but that it will better celebrate the wonderful children and wider school community that we have here at VAS.

Please browse the pages and feel free to contact us to let us know what you think.

**Gardening Working Bee** – If you haven't yet responded to say that you can help on Sunday please do so. The barbecues will be on providing sustenance for the workers and we are hoping to make a huge impact on our green spaces. The team lead by Louisa Ursem has made some great long-term plans for enhancing the environment around our school and this will be an important first step.

We will be removing some small trees and shrubs from the boundary on the Stirling Street side of the property, together with old building rubble, which is both unsightly and dangerous. We have several dead or dying trees and a number of non-natives have seeded over the years and are growing in between our larger trees.

We want to rationalize the foliage there, protecting our larger native trees and creating areas for the children to play without the area being densely overgrown by smaller shrubs and plants. Near the top of the bank the foliage is so thick that it is preventing much natural light from reaching into classrooms. We will also be repairing steps down the bank, which have eroded away and hope in time to create a 'boardwalk' at the lower level to allow students to walk along the edge of the treeline avoiding the waterlogged areas.

**Uniform Review** – Survey responses were received from 103 people. There were many pertinent comments and I am pleased that there was a strong support for the objectives of the review. A common theme was that while people largely supported all proposals, in relation to the polo shirt colour they were equally happy with the status quo. I would like to thank both the committee, for their hard work, and the families who responded to the survey

Following review of the results, and with consideration of the cost to both the parents and the school, the Board of Trustees has endorsed changes to the school uniform as follows:

- **short-sleeved polo – no change** (boys navy, girls white) - based on support for existing colours, coupled with the cost of change

- **skivvies – replace with long-sleeved polo** (boys navy, girls white) – due to unpopularity & lack of durability of skivvies, support for long-sleeved polos, and the desire to have summer/winter consistency
- **shorts/trousers (boys) – no change**
- **junior dresses – replace with skorts/culottes for all girls** – based on strong support for a skort, the wish to delete junior uniform, & necessity for a summer option for all girls.
- **fleece – no change**
- **hats – sunsafe only** – strong support
- **house PE t-shirt/PE shorts** – all year levels – great support, and ability to address concerns around juniors ability to change by effective timetabling
- **tracksuits – compulsory Y5/Y6, optional for Y0-Y4** – strong support for this to be optional in the lower year groups
- **black shoes/sandals – no change**

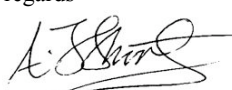
There will be no summer/winter uniform, as all items will look consistent and can therefore be worn all year round.

The changes will be phased in during 2009/2010, becoming compulsory from 2011. An exception is for dresses, which may be worn until the end of 2012 by current Year 0 girls enabling them to change uniform in Year 3, in line with current requirements.

Skorts and sunsafe hats will be available from Term 4 2009, with the other new items available from Term 1 2010.

Uniform details (including PE uniforms) will be specified on the new school website and via a newsletter, later this term.

Kind regards

  
Allan Short  
Principal

**Teacher Aide required for two weeks starting this Monday! : We urgently need a teacher aide for 5 days a week from 9.00am to 12.30pm. Please phone Sue Slater on Hm 523 3520 or Mobile: 021 139 9717**

**COMING EVENTS**

**Term 3 Week 5**

Tues 18<sup>th</sup>

Weds 19<sup>th</sup>

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>

**International Language Week**

Seniors Sports Exchange vs St. Kentigerns and St. Cuthberts, 2.00pm

ICAS Maths, am

Year 6 Otago Maths Challenge

French Lunch - menu available from the website

[http://www.victoriaave.com/files/lgarrett/tasteof\\_france.pdf](http://www.victoriaave.com/files/lgarrett/tasteof_france.pdf)

**UP COMING EVENTS**

Sat Sept 5<sup>th</sup>

**Quiz Night** - see attached flyer

**Flash Trash Wearable Arts Show**

Tues Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

Junior School 11.00am & 6.30pm

Weds Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

Middle and Senior School at 11.00am & 6.30pm

Thurs Sept 17<sup>th</sup>

Middle and Senior School at 6.30pm



EVERY THURSDAY THERE WILL BE A NEW ORDER FORM FOR ORDERING ONLINE - PLEASE FORWARD YOUR ORDER TO

[ORDERS@VEGESCHOOLS.CO.NZ](mailto:ORDERS@VEGESCHOOLS.CO.NZ)

THE ORDER FORM CAN BE ACCESSED USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[HTTP://WWW.VEGESCHOOLS.CO.NZ/ORDER.HTML](http://WWW.VEGESCHOOLS.CO.NZ/ORDER.HTML)

**ROAD SAFETY TIP**

CHILDREN WILL COPY YOUR EXAMPLE, GOOD OR BAD. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE BY USING SAFE CROSSING AREAS.

**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.victoriaave.com/files/lgarrett/asbvoucher.pdf>

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

**ICT ~ INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

LOTS 'A HAPPENING IN THE TECH SUITE! THEIR SKILLS ARE FANTASTIC, THEIR CREATIVITY, AWESOME. IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL THE JUNIORS, MIDDLES AND SENIOR'S WORK THEY ARE ALL SO COMPETENT!

ALSO ON THE WEBSITE! THANKS TO JASON DES FORGES AND JESS BOULEY FOR THE AWESOME VIDEOS WE HAVE ON LINE.

CHECK THEM OUT BY CLICKING ON THESE LINKS:

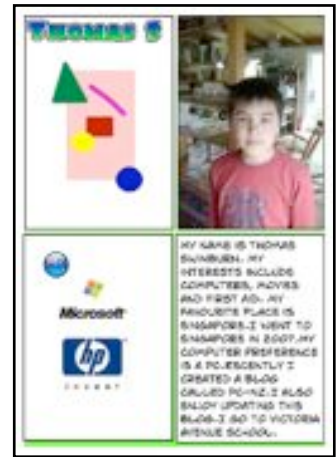
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AND ATHLETICS DAY: [HTTP://WWW.VICTORIA-AVENUE.SCHOOL.NZ/INDEX.PHP?OPTION=COM\\_CONTENT&VIEW=CATEGORY&LAYOUT=BLOG&ID=75&ITEMID=88](http://WWW.VICTORIA-AVENUE.SCHOOL.NZ/INDEX.PHP?OPTION=COM_CONTENT&VIEW=CATEGORY&LAYOUT=BLOG&ID=75&ITEMID=88)

Gemma Room 1



Jasmine Room 3



Thomas Room 4

Jarrold Room 16



Harrison Room 16

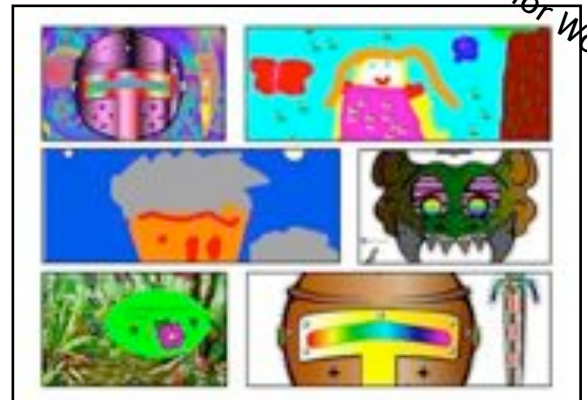


Josh Room 7

Megan Room 8



Junior Work



# Sports Results for the Week

## FlippaBall

Wow, a heavy weekend in the pool. VAS got pipped at the post on all games. Close run games! If you would like to come along and support us here is the draw for next week!

Last weekend's results!

2.40pm	VAS A	0	St Thomas	¾	1
7.20pm	Diocesan Red	12	VAS B	0	
8.00pm	C/Park 3	4	VAS C	3	

### SUNDAY AUGUST 16th

#### Year 3 and 4 Competition

2.40pm	St Heliers Dolphins	MB Stingrays
3.00pm	MB Nippers	St Kents Red
3.20pm	St Thomas Y3	St Heliers Aquatics
3.40pm	CP Sharks	MB Marlins
4.00pm	CP Hammerheads	St Thomas Y3
4.20pm	St Thomas Y3/4	Remuera
4.40pm	VAS A	St Kents Blue

#### Year 5 and 6 Competition

5.00pm	Mt Eden Tiger Sharks	St Cuths White
5.20pm	Diocesan Blue	MB Dolphins
5.40pm	Diocesan White	St Cuths Green
6.00pm	MC Hammerheads	Kohimarama
6.20pm	VAS C	Diocesan Red
6.40pm	VAS B	MB Barracudas
7.00pm	MB Pirahnas	St Kents Red
7.20pm	CP Seals	St Ignatius
7.40pm	St Heliers Attack	CP Tornadoes
8.00pm	St Thomas	St Kents Blue

Byes – Remuera Year 5/6 and C/Park 3

## BASKETBALL:

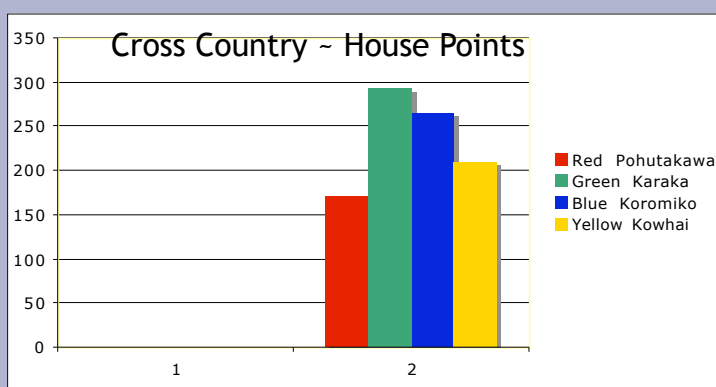
The newly formed basketball team had their first game this week! Victoria Ave lost against Parnell Primary 4 – 2  
They said: "It was great, so much fun!"

## Cross Country

There is an assembly for the celebration of crosscountry successes at 2.15 tomorrow (Friday 14 August).

See the photos and video on our website! Simply click on the link below

[HTTP://WWW.VICTORIA-AVENUE.SCHOOL.NZ/INDEX.PHP?OPTION=COM\\_CONTENT&VIEW=CATEGORY&LAYOUT=BLOCK&ID=75&IT](http://www.victoria-avenue.school.nz/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=75&IT)



## PTS NEWS

### "School Working Bee" on Sunday 16th August.



Start time: 10:00am onwards.

Come along and make this a "great, big, fun, family day"

Our focus, will be on the school grounds.

We need you to bring along your gardening tools, secateurs, forks, wheelbarrows, weed baskets, pruners, saws, spades, rakes, mulch machines and chainsaws.

Children are welcome, all offers of help needed, even if you cant come but would like to provide refreshments this would be greatly appreciated.

We will fire the BBQ up, for lunch at 12:30pm.

If there is a contact within the school community re; Gardening Resources / Equipment, Plants and Garden Waste Disposal could you please let one of the following people know:

#### Working Bee Committee:

Kim Hamilton	520 3234	Louisa Ursem	524 7606
Kate Simpson	529 0848	Debra Julius	634 1478

#### YUMMY STICKERS

Please keep collecting!!!

Ask your friends, neighbours and relatives to collect too - the collection sheets are available at the school office and on this website:

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

Latest tally for Yummy stickers:

Room 18 - 34  
Room 6 - 62  
Room 2 - 100  
Room 19 - 100  
Room 1 - 106  
Room 10 - 163  
Room 4 - 200  
Room 5 - 200  
Room 8 - 277  
Room 9 - 450  
Room 16 - 483

#### Supermarket Bags –

New World Remuera kindly donated several hundred reusable bags at the time of the gala. We have lots left over and ask you to support us in finding good homes for these and raising funds for the school. These will be being sold at the gates over the next couple of weeks for \$1 each. If you have a workplace where you think you could help us to sell some, or if you would be happy to give 15 minutes of your time to sell these at pick up time, please contact Aveny Moore 5225315, or 0272125345

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# QU?Z N?GHT



**When:** Saturday 5th September, 7pm for a 7.30pm start

**Where:** Victoria Avenue School Hall

**Ticket price:** \$25 each or \$250 per table

**Gather your table of ten together and create a theme or buy your tickets individually and meet new friends**

**Food:** Sushi platters are available on a pre-order basis. Fill in the attached form and return with \$15 to the school office by Friday 4th September or bring your own platter for the table. **Wine and Beer** available on the night.

**Helpers required:** If you'd like to help to manage the tables, to collect answers, to score, to sell balloons or work on the bar, please complete the form below.



**BE IN QUICK!!** This is always a fun and very popular night!! **Don't miss out!!**

**REMEMBER TO BRING LOTS OF CASH** to bribe the hosts and pay for food, drink & balloons with mystery prizes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Table Name / Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets required:  Whole table (\$250)  Single tickets (\$25 each) Money enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Sushi platter (\$15 each) Money enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques to be made payable to Victoria Avenue School. Please send cash in a sealed envelope with child's name & class and hand in to the class teacher.

**Yes, I would like to help...**

Host (manage the tables, collect the answers)  Score  Sell balloons

Staff bar  6.30pm - 8.30pm  8.30pm-11.30pm

**DUE TO LIMITED SPACE AND POPULAR DEMAND, TICKETS ISSUED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS!**