



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

"Sports do not build character. They reveal it."

I read a quote recently where the writer suggested "We're living in an age where the preservation of traditional values can no longer be taken for granted. It seems we need to have reminders (books, movies, newspaper articles, etc.) to maintain our awareness of the importance of preserving the basic human values, which are essential to the survival of a community."

It's no different in the world of sports. The traditional value of sportsmanship is being eroded in both professional and amateur sports. Particularly with the rise of professionalism, bending the rules (cheating) is sometimes viewed as "ok if you can get away with it", or as 'just part of the game.' I do worry at the messages and values that our children are receiving as a result.

Many will say sportsmanship is becoming a lost art and that unless we remind ourselves of the essentials of sportsmanship it will gradually fade as other values have done in our society. In the midst of all this, it seems doubly important that we recommit ourselves to guiding our children, reminding them what sportsmanship is all about.

Sportsmanship is the ability to be humble in success and gracious in defeat. It is also about treating your opponent, and the officials, with respect. This is not a 'soft' or 'politically correct' approach you can still 'play hard' (and fair) and be just as competitive as ever. We have our place to play too as adults, whether as a coach or supporter to be a good role model for our own children in the area of sportsmanship.

At present the teachers are discussing 'values' with the children. Each class in the school is working to rewrite our 'code of conduct' and change it from predominantly being a list of 'school rules' into a statement of the values we see as most important to encourage and develop in our school community. I am looking forward to seeing the finished results from each area of the school.

This week's news

Sunday's Working Bee was a huge success. We estimate that around 75 parents and at least as many children contributed on the day. In

addition to making a huge initial impact on the school grounds it was another great community event. We worked hard, had fun, got to know some new faces and all enjoyed the barbeque and home baking.

It is impossible to thank each and every person who contributed, without fear of missing someone out, but please be assured that your commitment to the school and our children is greatly appreciated by us all. Our terrific organisers, Louisa, Debra and Kate are hoping to make the fourth Sunday of every term a regular gardening event so feel free to put it in your calendars now!

In addition to Sunday there have been many parental contributions to other school activities over the last week. In particular we have had volunteers helping in the run up to our wearable arts days, *Flash Trash*, next month. The children are making great progress with costumes and are also practicing their choreography for the catwalk during drama lessons.

The Junior School staff would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the complete overhaul and new cataloguing system in the Junior Reading Room. It has been a mammoth job but is now complete (feel free to go and visit the room - in between Room 7 and 8)

This week is International Languages Week and today we are celebrating with our French Lunch. Over half the school have ordered from the menu provided by *C'est Fromage* and the Principal is not the only one looking forward to Croissants and Pain au Chocolat as a change from our normal lunch box fare.

This first half of term has flown by and the second half promises to be even busier than the first. Please remember to book your tickets to both the PTS Quiz night (available now) and the Wearable Arts (available soon) early, to avoid disappointment. Good luck to our sports teams this week particularly the Netballers who play in the season's final matches tonight.

Kind regards

Allan Short
Principal



COMING EVENTS ~ please see the calendar on the website
<http://www.victoria-avenue.school.nz>

Term 3 Week 6

Mon 24th Zone Cross-Country 1.30pm
Mon 24th Rooms 7 and 8 Te Tuhi Arts Centre Visit
BOT Meeting, 7.30pm
Tues 25th Rooms 9 and 10 Te Tuhi Arts Centre Visit
Wed 26th APPA Choir Rehearsal - Remuera Intermediate 10.00-1.30pm
Rooms 11 and 12 Te Tuhi Arts Centre Visit
Thurs 27th Rooms 14, 15 and 21 Te Tuhi Arts Centre Visit

UP COMING EVENTS

Sat Sept 5th **Quiz Night** - see flyer on website - button on home page
Flash Trash Wearable Arts Show - see flyer on website - button on home page
Tues Sept 15th Junior School 11.00am & 6.30pm
Weds Sept 16th Middle and Senior School at 11.00am & 6.30pm
Thurs Sept 17th 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

THE ORDER FORM CAN BE ACCESSED USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:
[HTTP://WWW.VEGESCCHOOLS.CO.NZ/ORDER.HTML](http://www.vegescchools.co.nz/order.html)

ROAD SAFETY TIP

NEVER STOP ON COLOURED LINES OR DOUBLE PARK AROUND THE SCHOOL, NO MATTER HOW BRIEFLY. DOING THIS BLOCKS THE VIEW FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND MOTORISTS.

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. www.victoria-avenue.school.nz/files/lgarrett/asbvoucher2.pdf
Thanks to those parents who have taken advantage of this offer - we have received \$500 in donations so far.

REPORT ABSENCE/Lateness BUTTON ON WEBSITE

<http://www.victoria-avenue.school.nz>

It is great some of our parents have discovered the REPORT ABSENCE button on our website. It means you can report an absence at any time and it also frees up our office staff and phones in the morning.
Please ensure absences and lateness are reported every morning whether by email or by phone by 9.15am. Many thanks.

MEDICATION ADMINISTERED AT SCHOOL

If your child requires any medication at school, the medicine must be brought to the school office for administering and for safe keeping. A form must also be completed. This form is available at the office or it can be downloaded and printed and sent in with the medication. Click on the link : www.victoria-avenue.school.nz/files/lgarrett/%20Medication.pdf
Thank you for your cooperation.

ROOM 2 ORGANISED A FRENCH LUNCH TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES WEEK

**PLEASE REMEMBER TOMORROW, 21ST AUGUST, IS NATIONAL COSTUME DAY!!
COME DRESSED IN NATIONAL COSTUME.**



HERE ARE SOME USEFUL WEBSITE LINKS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO EXPLORE OTHER LANGUAGES.

Greetings with sound. <http://www.international-languages-week.org.nz/greet.htm>

Interactive language-learning tools <http://fr.coloriage.com>

This website is suitable for beginners and young children where they can learn the names of colours in French, German, Spanish, Italian, and English. Each day on the site there is a drawing to colour in interactively - a chance to practise mouse skills as well. Other links from this page are in French, and include games, activities, and stories.

Sports Results for the Week

Wow, what a busy term so far for sporting activities at Victoria Avenue School. In the past two weeks the school has been involved in the Gymnastic's Zones Competition, the School Cross Country and the final games for the Winter Exchanges. Team competitions and tournaments are also continuing outside school time. All the children performed outstandingly well.

Gymnastics Competition 7th August

Girls involved:

YEAR 4

Martha Chess Phelps, Trisna Claney, Mary Weatherall, Sheila Dzebhanic, Paige Hughes Samantha Jenks, Helen Meng, Olivia Gordon.

YEAR 5

Georgia Thompson, Gabrielle Pittar.

YEAR 6

Rebecca Hazard, Isabelle Haines, Ella Mayhew, Ilma Dzebhanic.

The action all took place at the Tri Star Gymnastics centre. Nine schools took part to go through to represent Remuera in the next competition. The girls performed very well with some outstanding routines on the vault, beam and floor.

We had a top ranking gymnast Rebecca Hazard who came 1st in the Year 6 girls competition out of 74 competitors and a 7th place ranking gymnast Ella Mayhew also in the Year 6 competition. This qualifies them to go through to the next competition on the 11th September at the Tri Star Centre. Congratulations to you both!

In the year 5 competition both girls competed well in their age group Georgia Thompson ranked 9th overall out of 63 competitors which is also an outstanding result.

The Year 4's also competed very well in a tough competition but always tried their best to perform.

Well done to all our girls who competed.



Winter Exchange v St Kentigern's and St Cuthberts

This was the final game for the exchanges this year before the Winter Field day on 15th September. All the teams were ready and prepared to put on their best performance.

We had some outstanding results and a noticeable improvement in the overall scores! The rugby team had their first win and was commended by the opposition's coach for their show of great sportsmanship. Mr Hogg would have been proud!

Both soccer teams also had good results with the A team winning and the B team having a close game.

After a mix up with the locations the boys' hockey teams performed well against a tough side. The girls also had a tough game but played admirably against St Cuthbert's in their first game as an all girls side.

The netball teams were away against St Cuthbert's and played some hard games and came away with the Year 5 A team winning all their games and the other teams having a mixture of wins and losses.

Cross Country Winners!



NB: Someone kindly lent Liz Schellekens their watch for time keeping at the cross country. If it is yours please call the school as she would love to return it to its rightful owner.

FlippaBall

A slightly better day in the pool for the Flippaball teams on the 16th August - A & Cs both had a win. The development team had another big loss, they are probably entered into the wrong grade - hopefully they will learn lots and not get too dispirited.

Chris Simmons

VAS A	5	St Kents Blue	2
VAS B	1	MB Barracudas	14
VAS C	4	Diocesan Red	1

SUNDAY AUGUST 23rd

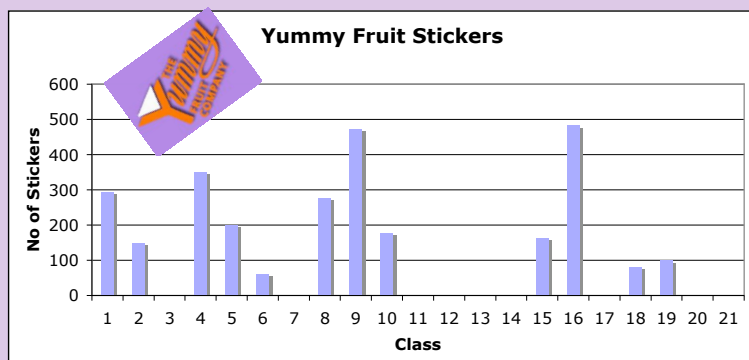
Year 3 and 4 Competition

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

Year 5 and 6 Competition

5.00pm	Mt Eden Tiger Sharks	MB Dolphins
5.20pm	St Cuths White	Diocesan Blue
5.40pm	St Heliers Attack	Remuera
6.00pm	Diocesan White	MC Hammerheads
6.20pm	St Cuths Green	Kohimarama
6.40pm	MB Piranhas	CP Seals
7.00pm	St Kents Red	St Ignatius
7.20pm	St Kents Blue	MB Barracudas
7.40pm	VAS B	VAS C
8.00pm	C/Park 3	St Thomas
Byes-	CP Tornadoes and Diocesan Red	

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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/>

"School Working Bee"

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

A big "Thank-you" for all the families who helped in the weekend for the School Working Bee. It was a great effort. Thank you from the Working Bee Committee Kim Hamilton, Louisa Ursem, Kate Simpson, Debra Julius.

Supermarket Bags – Are going fast!!

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 They are also available at the school office.