

"YOU CAN DO IT"*I Can Do It, You Can Do It And Together We Can Achieve Our Goals***From The Principal's Desk**

Welcome back to school for 2011. I would like to welcome all our new families to the school and welcome our two new teachers. Ms Walley is teaching in Room 17 and Mr. Bennett is in Room 5.

We will be having a Meet the Teacher Evening beginning in the school hall next Thursday, 17th February at 6 pm. At this time we will introduce the staff and discuss aspects about our school including goals and reporting. After the initial meeting in the hall parents may then choose which team they would like to visit to hear more details about what will be covered during the year.

This year we are trialling a reception class for our New Entrant children. Once Room 4 is full all New Entrants will begin school in our reception class where they will be introduced to the basics of school life. They will be assessed during this time and then allocated a classroom depending on the outcome of their assessment.

Extra Te Reo Classes for our Whanau group will begin towards the end of term one.

We are very lucky to have a social worker from the Auckland District Health Board working at our school to support students and their families. Isabella can meet you at school or at your home. There is more information at our school office or phone Isabella and talk about how she may be able to help your family, ph: 021 442 513.

Library Open Friday 3.00—3.45pm

This term we are opening the library on Friday afternoons for families that would like to visit. Parents can bring all of their children in and share a story together. Children that go to Owairaka School can issue a book and take it home. Children are reminded to bring their book bag to put their library book in. See you there!

Spotlight On...**Road Safety**

Children and teachers go out every morning and afternoon so that our families can cross safely. Please wait for the road patroller to say "cross now" before stepping out on the crossing.

It is important that adults are good role models for our children. Please use the crossings when you come to drop off and collect your children.

This may take an extra couple of minutes, but it is time well invested - **safety first!**

Healthy Lunches

We are a Health Promoting School and encourage all of our families to provide healthy lunches for their children. Please take the time to plan for healthy lunchboxes. This is something your children can help you with! Some ideas for the lunchbox:

- * sandwiches, wraps, sushi
- * vegetable sticks (carrots, celery, etc)
- * crackers, nuts and raisins
- * fresh fruit!

Eating healthy food helps children to concentrate on their learning!

**Help! More Cultural Poles To Represent Cultures**

Mrs. Kapisi would love parent help with designs to represent our children from **Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan**. Contact her or visit her in Room 25.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The first meeting of the year is being held **tonight** in the McGarry Room at 6.30 pm. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting. On the agenda is the 2010 Annual Plan Review and the board will be looking at goals and strategic direction for 2011.

Friends of the School Meeting - 7th March

This dedicated group of parents meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 pm in the staffroom for approximately one hour. This group supports the school in a number of ways particularly with fund raising. We would love to have more parents join now others have moved to intermediate.



Extra Music Lessons At School

We are most fortunate in being able to offer specialist music lessons at our school. Many parents and grandparents regret they were never given the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Your child will be receiving an enrolment form for the "Music In Schools" Programme this week. Enrolments close on 14 February. Please make sure the form is returned to the school office with enrolment fee attached by this date so that your child does not miss out on developing their musical talent.

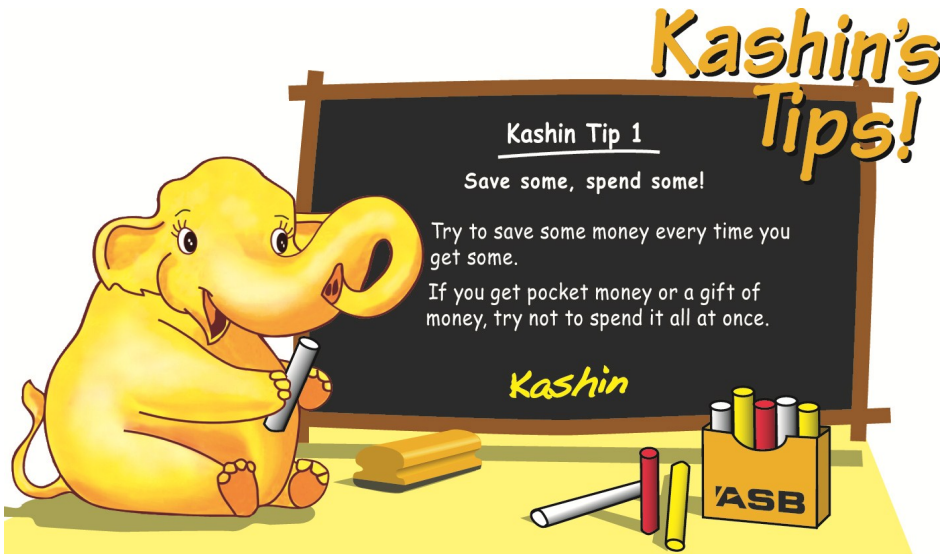
Bike Better Family Fiesta 2011

Date: Thursday 24 February

Time: 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Venue: Western Springs Park, children's playground (by the Zoo entrance)

This will be a fun evening for the whole family, with great bike activities, entertainment, music and food. For more information go to: www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz.



Remember that your children can start up a school bank account at our school.

**Hats must be worn by all students in term one.
Please make sure these hats are named!**

Lollies/Sweets

As we are a Health Promoting School we ask that children do not bring lollies or chocolates to school. Save them for treats at home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM ONE

2 February - 15 April

11 February

1.50pm Assembly

16 February

Year 6 Road Patrols
Re-Training

17 February

6pm Meet The Staff Evening
Starting In The School Hall

24 February

Eden/Albert Cricket
Eden/Albert Softball
Badminton Roadshow

25 FEBRUARY GREEN DAY!

7 March

6pm Friends of the School
Meeting In The Staffroom

9 March

Class Photos



GREEN TIP

Say NO to buying bottled water! Have a drink bottle and fill it up every morning before leaving home.

Term Dates For 2011

Term 2

2 May - 15 July

Term 3

1 August - 7 October

Term 4

25 October - 15 December