



2009 Annual Report Booklet



Greetings

Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei,
Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam, NI hao

Each year the Board of Trustees is required to prepare an annual report. A full copy of the 2009 report is available at our school office.

Our school's charter/strategic plan sets our strategic direction for a three year period and included in the charter is the school's annual plan. The Board sets specific objectives each year including annual student achievement targets which are formulated to provide a focus for the improvement in students' learning in specific areas based on assessment data.

We pride ourselves on providing an extremely well resourced, challenging, and supportive learning environment where students feel safe, happy and keen to learn.

School Roll
December 2009: 718

Academic Achievements

University of New South Wales Competitions

Each year we participate in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools examinations in English, Science and Mathematics. We were very pleased with the 2009 results.

English	1 High Distinction, 2 Distinction, 8 Credit & 20 Participation
Science	1 High Distinction, 2 Distinction, 8 Credit & 20 Participation
Mathematics	7 Distinction, 10 Credit & 48 Participation

Papatoetoe Schools: Enhancement Programme

Each year the local schools combine to offer a programme for gifted and talented students in a variety of academic and cultural learning areas. In 2009 a number of our students completed modules in literacy, maths and drama.

2009 Student Achievement Targets

At the beginning of 2009 the Board of Trustees, following the analysis of 2008 achievement data, approved six literacy targets. Each year we set a reading target for our year one students and a writing target for students in years 2-6. Achievement levels in these targets were very pleasing with most students apart from English Language Learners achieving the target for their year group.

Sports and Cultural Achievements

2009 was a very pleasing year. In the zone field days involving eight local primary schools, our students enjoyed the following achievements.



Papatoetoe Primary Schools Sports: Zone Competitions

Cricket A team - 3rd	Cricket B team - won tournament
Soccer A team - 2nd	Soccer B - won tournament
Cross country zones:	9 year old girls - second team overall
	10 year old girls - second team overall

Swimming - 2nd overall
Touch - 3rd
Chess - Winner of the South Auckland Primary Schools Chess Championship.
These were very fine achievements for our school and worth acknowledging.

2009 SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

- We had a busy, eventful, and exciting year in 2009 which included:
- Introduction of 2 breaks and activities such as school choir, orchestra, kapa haka, french knitting, first aid, school council and health promoting school group, environment team, Indian dance group, library club, sports, chess, Cook Island dance
 - Learning Partners Programme 2009
 - English Language Support: new programme
 - Implementing our draft key competency curriculum
 - Official opening of te piringa totara - Friday 27 March
 - Administration area, staff toilets and kitchen refurbished
 - National Kiwi Leadership Project - PCS one of 12 schools in NZ
 - Community Meetings continued each term
 - Out of Hours classes - Cooking, Art, Computer Skills in Key Note & Pages, Soccer, Swimming, and Christmas Art & Craft
 - School Performing art concerts -
 - Week 9 Term 2 - Y3 & Y6
 - Week 8 Term 3 - Y1 & Y4
 - Week 8 Term 4 - Y2 & Y5
 - Health Promoting Schools - worked towards level 3
 - Annual Staff Conference: NZ Curriculum
 - Gifted and Talented education
 - Science/Technology design project for the fitness trail with IPENZ - National winner
 - Selected group of year 6 students attended Young Leaders training day - 6 May 09
 - PCS Education Services - "Thinking Tools for the Thinking Classroom" & Teacher Aide/Learning Assistant Institute
 - PTA fund raising - Fitness Trail, Garden at recreation ground entrance
 - Selected Year 4-6 students participated in an extension Science/Technology programme in term 3, run by "Bubbledome"
 - PTA - PCS in the Park - 30 October: A celebration of our students' achievements and cultures
 - Class music video: SkoolStars - all students were stars
 - Introduction of school environmental team



PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS

- Covered Area completed (Te Piringa Totara - our shelter and haven)
- Administration area upgrade completed
- Staffroom /Kitchen upgraded
- Water tanks and pump - water recycling project
- Vegetable garden: focus on companion plants
- Field re sown
- Front garden completed

