

8 September 2011

From the Deputy Principal

Our value for term 3 is Determination

*Determination is all about working really hard
to achieve a goal no matter how difficult or hard it seems to be.*

Dear parents/caregivers

The last newsletter that I wrote was 22 days before the kickoff of the Rugby World Cup 2011. Now with only a day away the children and staff are getting excited about the celebrations and we can't wait for it all to begin.

Touch & Ripa Rugby: AWESOME effort from our ripa and touch rugby teams who took part in the Otara and Papatoetoe zones. Last Wednesday the PCS ripa– rugby team was invited to the Otara zones. It was an awesome day with the team coming 2nd overall. On Thursday both A & B touch rugby teams spent a day at Puhinui School for the Papatoetoe zones. Another great result for the B team who didn't lose a single game and ended up 2nd based on points. Thank you to Mr Robinson for his support and great coaching. A special thank you to the teams who were outstanding on and off the field.

Geelong Principals: Last Friday the school hosted 8 Principals from Geelong, Australia, south west of Melbourne. The time spent with our school involved a morning session with the PCS senior leadership team, a tour of the school, and morning tea with the staff. They mentioned how impressed they were with the great learning that was going on in the classrooms. One thing that really impressed them was the strong values and culture within the school. They commented on the children interacting positively with each other in a positive manner and being polite, considerate and sensible.

ICAS Writing Competition Results: Last term a group of children took part in the ICAS writing competition. The overall results were very pleasing, with 8 credits and 3 Distinctions. Congratulations to all students who took part and a special acknowledgment to Olivia Nilson in Room 22, Elizabeth Lu in Room 20 and Sukchandan Kaur in Room 27 who gained distinctions. The competition is an annual event in Australia and New Zealand.

Room 27 Camp Stalls: Yesterday room 27 had their fund raising camp stalls for the year 6 camp. It was a successful event as they raised \$1800. Go the year 6 team!!

Black Out Day: Tomorrow the school will be having a "Black Out Day" to celebrate the opening of the Rugby World Cup and show our support for the All blacks who will be playing against Tonga. No gold coins will be needed as this is not a fundraiser, just a celebration of the beginning of this exciting New Zealand event.

Please take time to celebrate the festivities taking place around Auckland over the weekend with your special children. Friday night I imagine will be a spectacle with the mass haka, wakas paddling into Wynard wharf and a fireworks display down by the waterfront. Go the All Blacks, Go the Warriors and Go well whanau!!

Newsletter: We have a competition going at school to encourage you to read our weekly newsletter. Please complete the box in this week's edition to be in to win! Ask your child to place the slip in the box in the school office.

Noho ora mai,
Pelu Leaupepetele
Deputy Principal

General Notices

Welcome to our New Students: Papatoetoe Central School welcomes the following new students to our school – Khushboo Nehaal, Isaiah Silipa, Bhavik Dhawan, Manjot Toor, Likent Liao and Nehal Chand.

Assembly Day: On Monday, 12 September, Room 26 will lead our assembly. As always you are most welcome to attend but please make sure that you are seated in the hall by 1.15pm.

Class visits to St Christopher's Residential Home: Tomorrow, Friday, 9 September (weather permitting) at 1.30pm, Room 26 will be visiting St Christopher's Hospital.

Out of Zone Ballot: The Board has decided to conduct a ballot for some out of zone students to start in 2012. The ballot will be conducted on Tuesday, 4 October 2011. This is not an automatic right for out of zone siblings so you must apply on the appropriate forms that are available at the school office. Please ensure that you have your application in on time. Applications close on Tuesday, 27 September.

Tips from the PCS Environment & Sustainability Team: There are a number of simple steps we can all take to save water and power and Reduce, Reuse and Recycle much of the waste that is produced in our school and at home.
RECYCLE ALUMINIUM AND GLASS: Twenty recycled aluminium cans can be made with the energy it takes to manufacture one brand new one. Every tonne of glass recycled saves the equivalent of nine litres of fuel oil needed to make glass from raw materials.

Conservation Week – 11 to 18 September: The theme for this year's Conservation week is 'Show your country you love it.' Ways to do this include picking up rubbish in your street and neighbourhood, local park or beach. To find out what is happening in your local area go to www.conservationweek.org.nz

Worm Tea Plant Food: Help support our Environment and Gardening Group by purchasing the 'Worm Tea Plant Food.' This is a by-product of our worm farms here at school. All profits go to buying items to support our sustainability programme. The worm tea is totally organic and especially suitable for house plants and seedlings. You can purchase it from the school office at a very competitive price of \$3.00 for a 1 litre bottle.

Congratulations: Our congratulations go to Danny Morgan for winning "Player of the Year" for Otahuhu Rugby League Club - under eight years. This was his first year playing this sport. This is an outstanding result and we are all very proud of Danny.

Hunters Plaza School Rewards promotion: We are not doing very well at them moment, coming 3rd to last. Here are a few tips to help boost your points.....

- **DOUBLE POINTS this weekend** – all receipts collected on Saturday and Sunday 10-11 September will receive double points.
- **Bonus 10 points** for every new kids club member – encourage families to **join the Hunters Plaza Kids Club** (including those with pre-schoolers). Not only will you earn points for your school. Kids Club is fun as well!

Plus:

- Encourage families and friends to do their grocery shopping at Hunters Plaza Countdown – it's an easy way to earn points.
- Where practical, try and purchase all supplies for school and the staffroom from the stores at Hunters Plaza.
- Need new electronic equipment, a TV or whiteware? Take a look at Noel Leeming at Hunters Plaza – earn School Rewards \$ and Flybuys!
- And don't forget the foodcourt and cafes at Hunters Plaza – great for a snack, a family treat or a catch-up with friends. Enlist the help of families, friends and local businesses....
- See the team at The School Rewards and Kids Club for more information.

Rugby World Cup Special Days

Friday, 9 September & 7 October: Blackout Mufti Days
Friday, 23 September – Rugby Jersey Day

Term 3 Events

Rugby World Cup Mufti Day	Friday, 9 Sept	BoT Meeting	Monday, 12 Sept
* PCS Conference Day - school closed, Friday, 16 September			
Rm24 Camp stalls	Tuesday, 20 Sept	Gymnastic Zones	Tuesday, 20 Sept
NZ Primary School Chess Nationals, Mt Maunganui - 24 & 25 September (some of our students will be attending)			
PTA Sausage Sizzle	Tuesday, 27 Sept	PTA Meeting	Monday, 3 Oct
Cross Country Zones	Tuesday, 4 Oct	Rm26 Camp stalls	Tuesday, 4 Oct
Greats and Grands Morning	Wednesday, 5 Oct	Yr6 Parents Camp meeting 6pm	Thursday, 6 Oct
Last day for term-school closes at 3pm Friday, 7 Oct			

Newsletter Competition

Student's name _____ Room No. _____ has given me this week's newsletter to read. I have read the newsletter dated 8 September. My child can now enter the competition.

Parent/Caregiver's name and signature _____

Please place in the red box in the school office

Community Notices

Free Trial Lessons at Papatoetoe Swimsation: Summer is approaching fast and Swimming Skills are essential. Papatoetoe Swimsation would like to offer a free trial lesson to all children enrolled at the schools that take part in the Community Swim program. To enquire about a free trial please contact Orla or Connie on 278 6806 or Papatoetoe@swimsation.com



Community Swim Parents Day: As you are aware, your child has been taking part in this seven week swimming programme which commenced at the beginning of Term 3.

Community Swim is proud to invite you as parents to come and watch the last lesson of the term to see the fantastic progress each and every child has made while participating in these fantastic lessons. Please see your School Administration office for class times and dates.

OTAHUHU SOFTBALL SPORT CLUB INC: Looking for a summer sport? Why not give T-Ball / Softball a go? It's a fun activity the whole family can enjoy.

T-BALL GRADE: 4 – 10 year olds **JUNIOR GRADE:** 11 – 19 year olds **SENIOR/SOCIAL GRADE:** For the young at heart **PREMIER GRADE:** For the serious player

Season commences 29 October 2011 MUSTERS 11th September 11, 11am to 1pm at the Otahuhu Softball Clubrooms, Sturges Park, 25A Fort Richard Rd, Otahuhu. For more information contact Sally Hoani on 2762437 / 0273150585 sallyann1@slingshot.co.nz or Priscilla Niuia 021430459 priscilla.niuia@manukau.ac.nz