

9 June 2011

### **From the Associate Principal**

#### **Our value for term 2 is Honesty:**

*The quality of being honest.  
Telling the truth and being sincere.*

Dear parents/caregivers

We are half way through the term already and this week has passed very quickly. Our students have been working very hard with most of their assessments completed now. Our teachers are using this information to write their students midyear reports.

#### **Room 1:**

Katie Cartwright has her last day in room 1 tomorrow as her maternity leave begins next week. We wish Katie all the best as she awaits the arrival of her baby, another new addition to the growing PCS whanau. We extend a warm welcome to Laura Butler who joins our staff as the new teacher for our Room 1 students. Laura has been relieving at our school over the past 12 months and we are very fortunate to have her join us as part of our staff for the remainder of the year.

#### **ICAS Competitions:**

The Science International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) took place yesterday. The ICAS tests are available for year 4, 5 and 6 students. These tests are an opportunity to compete against students in many other countries internationally including Australia, Malaysia and Hong Kong. At Papatoetoe Central we also offer ICAS tests in Mathematics and English and notices will be coming home very soon with more information. A good ICAS test result is an advantage when applying for intermediate schools. For more information please visit: [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/).

#### **Postgraduate Students:**

We have 6 Postgraduate Diploma students in our school at present completing a 5 week practicum with us. The graduate students have been teaching in designated classrooms and are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of their practicum. We have a very positive relationship with Auckland University and value our role in the teacher training programme.

Have a lovely weekend with all your special children. I am sure you are enjoying our unusually mild winter weather, may the cold continue to stay away!

Hopefully the Blues and Warriors will find their winning form again this weekend.

Kind Regards

Susan Fidler

Associate Principal

### **General Notices**

**Welcome to our New Students:** Papatoetoe Central School welcomes the following new students to our school – Sativa Bunt-Pompey and Madhuri O'Brien.

**Assembly Day:** On Monday, 13 June, room 18 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, 10 June (weather permitting) at 1.30pm, Room 18 will be visiting St Christopher's Hospital.

**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.

**TURN OFF LIGHTS** Always turn off the lights when you leave a room. You'll save energy and help reduce the power bill. Fluorescent bulbs are affected by the number of times they are switched on and off, so only turn them off when you leave a room for 15 minutes or more.

**School Lunchroom:** Make sure you try out our yummy menu for winter with items like Roti Chicken, Macaroni Cheese, Noodles, Heart tick pies and Chicken Quiche plus much more. The lunchroom is open on **Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays ONLY.**

**School Uniform Items: Beanies & Scarf (set):** We have for sale a **Beanie and Scarf (set)** these are to help with the winter chills which are getting closer. They are available from the school office for \$15.00 set.

**Sports Exchange with Papatoetoe East School:** Please see our result as below:

Netball A team:	to East 3-10	Netball B team:	to Central 7-5
Netball C team:	to East 0-2	Netball D team:	to East 2-4
Netball E team:	to East 2-14	Netball F team:	to East 12-0
Soccer A team:	draw 2 all	Soccer B team:	to Central 1-0
Rugby under 40kg team:	to Central 55-15	Rugby over 40kg team:	to East 15-30

Thank you to all the parents who made it along to support our teams.

### Term Events

Rugby World Cup Mufti Day	Friday, 10 June	PTA Meeting	Monday, 20 June
BoT Meeting	Monday, 27 June	Rugby, Netball & Soccer Zones	Tuesday, 28 June
PTA Sausage Sizzle	Tuesday, 28 June	PCS Mufti Day – SPCA	Friday, 1 July
PTA School Disco	Friday, 8 July	PTA Meeting	Monday, 11 July
Yr 6 camp fundraiser raffle starts	Monday, 11 July	Last day for term 2	Friday, 15 July

### Community Notices

**Does your child LOVE to DANCE?** Then you need to register them in classes at **The Renaissance School of Dance**  
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