

From the Principal

Our value for term 4 is Responsibility

Being responsible means that others can depend on you.

When you are responsible, you keep your agreements.

Responsibility is the ability to respond ably. It is a sign of growing up.

Greetings, Kia ora, Namaste, Ni Hao, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Ni sa bula vinaka, Salam

1 December 2011

Dear parents and caregivers

We are having a very exciting time at school in preparation for the end of year whanau day, student reports and the events associated with the rapidly approaching festive season.

Please see the next section of the newsletter for PTA news about the fair that was a great success. Thank you all again so much for all your support.

Special thanks to the PTA team: I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our wonderful PTA. Special thanks go to Hellen Park and Christine Hutchby for their brilliant work all year organising the recent fair. Their boundless enthusiasm was very infectious and we all enjoyed being part of it. Hellen and Christine were supported by a superb team of regular PTA members including PTA chairperson Paul Ralph, Wendy Barwell, Cushla Rapana, Sharon Hall, Jennifer Nilson, Ronnie Message, Sarah Storey, Ian Hutchby, Claire Boyle, Peta Davy, teachers Kirsty Paterson and Jennifer Rands-Trevor and BoT representative, Stan Good. I would also like to acknowledge a superb group of other parent helpers who lent a hand, including Velma Howarth, who was at the front line in the hall all day.

Friday 9 December Whanau Day: We would love to see you at school on the 9th. **The year 1-2 Christmas concert starts at 11.00am. The year 3-5 concert starts at 11.45am.**

You are welcome to bring a picnic and have lunch with your children. The PTA will sizzle some sausages and we hope that the sun shines!

In the afternoon the PTA will run the discos for the children and we are sure that we are in for a wonderful family day.

SPCA Mufti Day tomorrow: You are invited to send along a gold coin for the annual SPCA fundraiser. I know that many of you are strong supporters of the SPCA and they will be grateful for your donation.

Other Important Dates: Please note the important dates for the rest of the year in the next section – there is plenty happening, for sure.

Thank you to Richard Park: Special thanks go to Richard Park for nominating our school for a \$100.00 gardening voucher from the team at Bay Audiology. Many thanks Richard – the voucher will be used to “grow” our school gardens!

All the best for an enjoyable weekend. No doubt many of you are moving into a higher gear in readiness for Christmas and all the preparations that go with it – such an exciting time for children, in particular.

Kindest regards
Marilyn Gwilliam
Principal

General Notices

Tips from the PCS Environment & Sustainability Team: 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. **GREENER LAWN CARE:** If you must water your lawn, do it early in the morning before any moisture is lost to evaporation. Have a few weeds? Spot treat them with vinegar.

Book Club: The book club orders will close tomorrow, Friday 2 December. Would you please make sure all orders and money are put into a **sealed envelope** and ALL CHEQUES are made out to Papatoetoe Central School, as we send one cheque to pay for our book order.

Senior School Swimming Day: You are welcome to attend the senior swimming sports day on Thursday, 8th December at the Papatoetoe Centennial Pools. The first race will commence at 9.30.

PTA News

School Fair: Thank you to everyone who helped and attended our school fair on Saturday 19th November. It has been a huge job but the figures have now been tallied and we made a total of \$4,860 on the Christmas raffle and \$10,591.25 at the fair (after expenses), a total of \$15,451.25. This was a mammoth effort from everyone. We couldn't have had a better result - one we couldn't have achieved without each and every one of you for supporting our school.

The fundraising is going towards outdoor equipment for the school, in particular, two new gazebos as the current ones need replacing. The new gazebos will be used at zone events and outdoor school events. Quotes for these are currently being requested. We are also investigating the cost of replacing the bark on the fitness trail with rubber safety matting (like the playground next to it). As the matting is very expensive, fundraising for this will be an ongoing task.

The PTA has also contributed \$2,000 towards the year 6 camp.

Whanau Day and Discos - Friday 9th December: There will be sausage sizzles at the second break on Whanau Day - both chicken and pork sausages will be available - \$2 each. Onions will be available. There will be no pre-orders. For the discos, entry is \$3, candy floss \$3, lollies 50c and \$1 bags, flashing necklaces \$2, finger lights \$1. Children from rooms 11 and 18 can collect their free bag of candy floss at the disco (winners of the most raffle tickets sold).

The PTA would like to thank you for supporting our fundraising for the school during 2011 and we hope that you all have a great summer break.

Term 4 Events

Mufti Day – SPCA - Friday, 2 December

BoT Meeting - Monday, 5 December

PCS Senior Swimming Day - Thursday, 8 December

Whanau Day & Sausage Sizzle - Friday, 9 December - Lunchroom closed

Year 6 Graduation Dinner - Tuesday, 13 December

Reports go home - Wednesday, 14 December

Year 6 Annual Awards - Thursday, 15 December at 11.45pm

Last day of term - Thursday, 15 December at 12.45pm

URGENT: 2012 Enrolments: If you have or know of any preschoolers who live in the Papatoetoe Central school zone and who will be starting in Term 1, 2012, would you please fill in this form and return it to the school office. *Parents of all new children who will be starting on the first day back (1 February 2012) need to have completed pre enrolment forms before the end of the year (15 December). Enrolments form are available from the school office.*

Child's Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

Parent name and contact phone number _____

URGENT

Leavers: If your child / children (except year 6 students going on to Intermediate) will be leaving the school at the end of term four 2011, would you please fill in this form and return it to the school office as soon as possible

Name of student _____ Room No. _____

New School _____

Community Notices

Manukau Performing Arts presents Oliver: Director – Grant Meese. www.mpatheatre.co.nz

Show Dates: April 28th to 12th May 2012. Audition Information: You need to put everything you've got into your audition. We want you to be able to relax on the day and enjoy learning from the audition experience. We do, however, want you to be prepared, it shows us that you've put some thought and commitment into this.

The auditions will consist of: **Oliver** – Will need to be able to sing 'Where is Love' for the audition or alternatively a similar piece. Because of the lack of musical theatre pieces for children, they may choose songs from other genres like folk or Disney styles. No pop or rock songs please! Some small dialogue sections will also be given to them throughout the audition process. Oliver's will audition with the main Fagin's gang group audition and then follow with their Oliver audition. **Artful Dodger** - Will need to be able to sing the main portion of 'Consider Yourself' for the audition or alternatively a similar piece. Because of the lack of musical theatre pieces for children, they may choose songs from other genres like folk or Disney styles. No pop or rock songs please! Some small dialogue sections will also be given to them throughout the audition process. The Artful Dodgers will audition with the main Fagin's gang group audition and then follow with their Artful Dodger audition.

Fagin's Gang – Will attend a group audition with the Olivers and Artful Dodgers. They will be taught a piece of 'Food Glorious Food' or 'Consider Yourself' and also do some basic movement.

Audition Dates: Thursday 08 December, Fagin's Gang/Oliver/Artful Dodger, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Monday 12 December Principal and Ensemble recalls: 5.00pm - 9.00pm. Audition Venue: Spotlight Theatre, Allan Brewster Centre, Tavern Lane, Papatoetoe. Contact for audition bookings and enquiries: Celia Talbot - Phone – 027 4921795 or email thetalbots@xtra.co.nz