

14 April 2011

From the Principal

**Our values for term 1 are PCS:
Polite, Considerate and Sensible**
Our focus is on really good manners.

Dear parents/caregivers

As tomorrow is the last day of term 1, I would like to thank you all for your support and your willingness to work with us for the optimum achievement of your wonderful children throughout the term. It has been a very busy and highly productive term and it has been great observing many children participate and contribute in many ways around our school.

Over the break we would be pleased if you can keep your child's reading going at home. You may be able to visit the Papatoetoe library where the staff provide wonderful holiday programmes for children.

PTA News

Our PTA team are well advanced in their planning for the 19 November fair. They are thrilled with the response from families already in relation to donations of goods for sale. Keep an eye on the newsletter next term for requests and information. Thank you so much for your support and a special thanks to the PTA.

Community focus Group

I would like to say a special thank you to all the parents and caregivers who came along to school last Thursday to offer ideas for the next phase in the development of our school. We really appreciated your input and assure you that your thoughts will go into the mix later in the year as we formulate our new strategic plan for the next 3 years.

Principal Sabbatical

Our board has granted me sabbatical leave next term, so our school will be in the safe and competent hands of Pelu Leapepetele and Sue Fidler, who will be acting principal and deputy principal during term 2. During my leave, I will be visiting other schools in NZ and in Scandinavia.

Parent/Caregiver information leaflet

Next term following the BoT annual meeting on 23 May, you will receive a summary leaflet containing the key points of the 2010 annual report. As usual, you will be able to obtain a copy of the full report, including the analysis of variance for 2010, from the school office. This variance has a detailed analysis of the results of the 2010 student achievement targets.

Happy Easter

Best wishes to those of you who celebrate Easter. This is the central event in the Christian calendar – a time of renewal, transformation and celebration. I hope that you can enjoy a peaceful and reflective time with your families. As you know, the time of Easter varies as western churches celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Warmest wishes for a wonderful weekend and the school holidays. If you are able to take a break yourself, I hope that you can do something special with your special children and enjoy the change of pace. Thank you again for your support and I will look forward to catching up with you all at the beginning of term 3.

Kind regards,
Marilyn Gwilliam
Principal

General Notices

Welcome to our New Students: Papatoetoe Central School welcomes the following new students to our school –

Jayshal Krishna, Allan & Josiah Unga, Jamie & Samuel McIntosh.

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.

BEING ENERGY WISE: With autumn having arrived and winter on the way it's time to check our homes to see how efficient they are at keeping the heat in and the cold out. One way is to close the blinds and curtains. For more ways to keep your house warm go to the 'Energy Wise' website -

www.energywise.govt.nz It will show you ways to keep warm and help manage your power bill.

AUCKLAND REGIONAL DENTAL SERVICE: Our services are provided FREE to all pre-school, primary and intermediate school children. The Papatoetoe Central School clinic will be open over the holiday break. Please phone 278-5232 for Pre-school Enrolments, Routine Dental Care (*by appointment*), Consultation & Advice and Emergency Care.

REMINDER: School closes tomorrow, Friday 15 April at 3 pm for 2 weeks and re-opens on Monday, 2 May 2011.

The school office will be open for enrolments, stationery and uniforms on Friday, 29 April from 9am to 12 noon.

Winter Sports – coming next term

Thursday, 12 May:

Soccer A and B at Holy Cross, Netball A and B at Holy Cross, Netball C – F at Central and Rugby A and B at Central

Thursday, 26 May:

Soccer A and B at Central, Netball A and B at Central, Rugby A and B at East and Netball C – F at East

Thursday, 9 June:

Soccer A and B at Central, Netball E and F at Central, Rugby A and B at Puhinui and Netball A- D at Puhinui

Community Notice

Road Closure: On ANZAC Day there will be temporary road closures put in place for St George Street: from Great South Road (School Corner) to Kolmar Road from 9am until 11.30am and Wallace Road between St George Street and Fairview Road to allow for Returned Servicemen and women, organisations and members of the public to remember their comrades who have given their lives for their country.

“Even the best parents and caregivers get stressed sometimes.... Do you want to take the heat off??

Parent Trust offers programmes for you (Being the Mum/Dad You Want To be) that deal with the day to day stresses and help you feel more confident with difficult feelings, develop new and creative approaches to parenting that are practical and relevant to you and your family.

Please visit our website www.parenttrust.org.nz or Phone (09) 3760400 to find out more.”

Papatoetoe Roller Sport Club School holiday sessions: 17th April and 26th to 29th April, times are 11am to 2pm. Prices are \$4.00 a person or \$15.00 for family up to 5 people, includes skate hire. There is also Thursday nights from 6.30pm - 8.30pm and Sunday, 2pm to 4pm. You can find us in the building behind New World Supermarket, Old Papatoetoe, by the carpark off Wallace Road.