

17 March 2011

From the Deputy Principal

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

Dear parents/caregivers

While autumn is sneaking up on us, the fabulous weather just keeps coming and coming. PCS had a real treat at Monday's assembly with Mrs MacDonald's class leading us and some special visitors from St Johns. Thank you to both parents and caregivers who attended the assembly in support of their child leading assembly or receiving a Ka Pai award.

Japan Natural Disaster: With the recent events in Japan our prayers and thoughts go out to the families who have loved ones affected by the natural disaster.

St Johns Visit: As mentioned above, during Room 16's assembly we had 2 special guests, Lauren and Rashaad from St Johns. They spoke to the school about the support we have helped provide with our mufti day collection, for St John members in Christchurch. This will involve time out for the Christchurch workers away from the city so when they are back on shift they are able to focus.

If your child is interested in St Johns or you would like to know more about this special organisation, please contact Sharlene Howe year 5 team leader for further information. There is a youth programme which is delivered on Tuesday nights in the hall at PCS at 6.30 pm. Students 6 years and over can join.

BoT Meeting: Monday 28 March, 5.30pm: We will be sharing student achievement data for writing 2011 term one at this meeting. You are all welcome to attend.

Zone Playball & Cricket: Tuesday was a great day for the zones, which took place at 3 different venues across Papatoetoe. A special thank you to all the supporters who came out to see their child take part and cheer on the PCS teams. All teams competed well, especially our boys cricket team coached by Phil Duncan who came second overall. Thank you to Alex Hanson, Paul McAleer and Peter Robinson who have been coaching the teams since week 2 of this term.

Student Council: Tomorrow during our whole school singing assembly we will congratulate newly selected school council representatives, as they accept their badges. This is another opportunity for the school to acknowledge and promote leadership at student level.

All the best for the weekend, please make the most of the weather and family time. I hear the weather forecast is no different from the last 3 days so there is no excuse not to be outside with your tamariki or mokopuna. May the Blues play as good as the weather we have been receiving lately and may the Warriors just win.

Noho ora mai,
Pelu Leaupepetele
DeputyPrincipal

General Notices

Welcome to our New Students: Papatoetoe Central School welcomes the following new students to our school –
Paul Dinh, Lauryn Wells, Suhina Karangalpaday, Puipui Longani and Jabez Kumar.

Assembly Day: On Monday, 21 March, Room 27 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.

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.

Use a clothes line. With the weather still warm and not much rain about try to dry your clothes on the clothes line. Only use a clothes dryer if absolutely necessary. You'll save power and money.

Swimming Zones: We are very proud of our swimmers who came third overall at the zone swimming sports on Tuesday, 8 March. Sincere thanks go to Tanya Ford and Renu Naidu for the superb coaching and organisation. There were some outstanding performances from our team. Many thanks to the parents and caregivers who came along to support our team. Congratulations to our swimmers who gained a place in their final race.

Freestyle

8 yr old boys James Day-Hilliard 3rd, Henry Wang 3rd, Allan Phung 3rd, Jensen Foster 3rd, Austin Singh 3rd
8 yr old girls Aaliyah Rooney 1st, Kudrat Walia 1st, Jessica Rhodes 1st, Jyot Kaur 2nd, Ashmita Kumar 3rd,
Judi Barnard 3rd
9 yr old boys Joseph Hickton 1st, Harrison Druiff 2nd, Ryan Nguyen 3rd
9 yr old girls Rosa Nisbett 1st, Bree Aiono 2nd
10 yr old boys Sebastian Poata 2nd, Stanley Farani 3rd

Backstroke

8 yr old boys James Day-Hilliard 3rd, Henry Wang 3rd
8 yr old girls Kudrat Walia 1st
9 yr old boys Harrison Druiff 2nd, Joseph Hickton 3rd
9 yr old girls Amisha Sharma 2nd, Rosa Nisbett 2nd, Bree Aiono 3rd
10 yr old boys Stanley Farani 3rd, Sebastian Poata 3rd

Breaststroke

8 yr old boys	James Day-Hilliard 3 rd	8 yr old girls	Jyot Kaur 3 rd , Aaliyah Rooney 3 rd
9yr old boys	Daniel Burrows 2 nd , Joseph Hicton 3 rd	9 yr old girls	Bree Aiono 2 nd
10 yr old boys	Satnam Singh 3 rd	10 yr old girls	Bryanna Tamilo 3 rd

Relays 8 yr old girls 2nd and 10 yr old boys 3rd

PTA News: Elections took place during our last PTA meeting. Our elected office holders for 2011 are Paul Ralph: chairperson, Christine Hutchby: treasurer and Hellen Park: secretary. We would also welcome on board our wonderful 2011 PTA crew- Jennifer Nilson, Claire Boyle, Kathie Agnew, Peta Davy, Dionne Glenn, Ronnie Message, Loren Kumar, Sarah Markwick, Cushla Rapana. Staff liaison – Jennifer Rands-Trevor & Kirsty Paterson, BoT liaison – Stan Good, Principal - Marilyn Gwilliam, Deputy Principal Pelu Leapepetele.

As always, the PTA have a number of fund raising activities planned including a school fair, sausage sizzles and discos.

Term Events

PTA Meeting – Monday 21 March

BoT Meeting – Monday, 28 March

PTA Sausage Sizzle – Tuesday, 29 March

Hockey Zones – Tuesday, 29 March

Year 6 Disco – Tuesday, 5 April

School Portrait Photos – Wednesday, 6 April

Class & Portrait Photos – Thursday, 7 April

PTA Meeting – Monday 11 April

Last day of term 1 – Friday, 15 April