

29 March 2012

From the Principal

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

Dear parents/caregivers

We are all enjoying the early autumn days and appreciating the warmth of the sun and the clear skies. It is great to see the children outside during the breaks, running around and maximizing the use of all of the play areas and equipment.

Papatoetoe 150th Jubilee Parade, Monday 2 April

You are welcome to view the jubilee parade starting at the Papatoetoe sports complex carpark next Monday morning at 10.00am. Our school will lead the way as ours is the oldest school in the area. There are 20 students marching from each of the Papatoetoe schools and the parade will go along Great South Rd and up Kolmar Rd to the town hall. We have students from year 3-6 marching from our school. It should be great fun!

School orchestra

We are looking for someone musical to take our small school orchestra. Please contact the school office if you can help, or know someone who may be interested. This is a paid position involving 2 sessions a week.

Staffing Update

Deputy Principal

I know that you will wish to congratulate Susan Fidler, who from the beginning of next term, will be our new Deputy Principal. Sue has been a very loyal and committed member of our staff and large PCS whanau for many years and she will be a superb D.P. Sue has been an Associate Principal at our school for many years and she has a wealth of experience and knowledge to bring to the position of Deputy Principal.

Team Leader Student Support

Many of you also know Barry Smith who has been a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour in our local cluster. Barry has been appointed to a new position at our school as Team Leader, Student Support. Barry will have responsibility for the pastoral care of all students, special programmes and associated staff. Barry has been a school principal and he also brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our school.

I know that you will all enjoy and appreciate your contact with both Sue and Barry as they take up their new positions at the beginning of term 2.

TravelWise Programme

Thank you for supporting this programme. It is great seeing more children walking to school and enjoying the lovely clear mornings en route! It is a great opportunity for them to get some exercise before their day of learning and also to have a brisk walk home at the end of the day.

All the best for the best of weekends. I do hope that you can do something special with your special children.

Kind regards
Marilyn Gwilliam
Principal

General Notices

Welcome to our New Students: Kimora-Lee I, Pascal T and Zion J.

Assembly Day: On Monday, 2 April, Room 14 will lead our assembly. As always you are most welcome to attend but please make sure that you are seated by 1.15pm.

Class visits to St Christopher's Residential Home: Tomorrow, Friday, 30 March (weather permitting) at 1.30pm, Room 14 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. Recycling plastics. Check you are putting the right plastics in the kerbside recycle bin. Only recycle plastics that have the recycling triangle with a number in it. All other plastics should go in the rubbish bin. It helps if you remove any food and wash them. If you aren't sure check with the Auckland Council [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or phone 301 0101]. Don't forget this Saturday it is Earth Hour - checkout www.wwf.org.nz/earth_hour for ways to protect our planet.

School Photos Important Information: A prepaid envelope for each student was sent home. Please have the form and money returned to the school office by tomorrow Friday, 30 March ready for photos to be taken on 3 & 4 April. For a special photo of your children together, collect a pre paid "Sibling Envelope" from the school office. No individual or sibling photos will be taken without pre payment. Please make sure you use the form with the attached envelope as it is pre printed with your child's name, room etc and Photolife only gives us a few spares for new children.

Year 6 Camp Fundraising: Easter Bunny Raffle - throughout weeks 9 & 10

Term Events

Individual Photos – Tuesday, 3 April

Class Photos – Wednesday, 4 April

Yr6 Camp fundraising Mufti Day – Thursday, 5 April Term 1 ends - Thursday, 5 April

Term 2 begins – Monday, 23 April

PTA News

Disco and Sausage Sizzle: This will be held tomorrow, 30 March. The Junior Disco (Years 1-3) will be from 5.45pm-6.45pm and Seniors (Years 4 to 6) will be from 7pm to 8pm. The disco will cost \$2.00, sausage sizzle - \$1.50, Finger lights - \$1.00, Necklaces - \$2.00, Fizzy Drinks - \$1.00 a cup, lollies – assorted prices and water - free. These will be available from 5.30pm.

Community Notices

Edventure Outdoors Camp, 11-13 April, (3 days, 2 nights) \$265. Kayaking, sailing, tramping, night activities and fishing are some of the activities on offer. Pick up and drop off from Papakura. Don't miss out on this amazing camp opportunity for your kids these holidays. For more info visit www.edventure.co.nz or phone Mark on 021 0224 1576