



Year 7/8 Team Newsletter

Welcome back everybody to Term 3 of 2010. A big welcome to our two new teachers in the Intermediate Department. Matthew Sheales is in Room 27 and Alisa Southon is in Room 23. If your child is in their classroom please feel free to pop in and introduce yourself.

Activity Costs For Term 3

Activity Fee: \$21.00

This activity fee includes costs for the Awataha Marae visit, and the Kahurangi performance group which is coming to Marina View in Week 3.

Our Topic in Term 3 is called 'I'm Here! Now What?' and students will be learning about what it was like for early settlers arriving in New Zealand. They will also spend time looking into the movement of people and the affects cultural diversity has on the past, now and in the future. This will give them an opportunity to look at where their own families have come from and reasons for why they moved. Through this developing an understanding of their own and other class members' cultures.

Due to Cross Country happening very early in the term, it is important that the students take the responsibility to do some regular fitness training at home in preparation for the event. Some training will take place at school but this is usually not enough if they expect to confidently compete in the event.

Important Dates Term 3

- 21st July: Shrek Movie at Westgate.
- 23rd July: Rm 25 Assembly
- 26th July: AFL Coaching Day
- 29th July: Parent Interviews
- 29th July: Netball Zones
- 2nd Aug: Kahurangi Group
- 3rd Aug: Australian English
- 4th Aug: School Cross Country
Rm 25 Parent Interviews
- 5th Aug: Year 7—Awataha Marae Visit.
- 6th Aug: Year 8—Awataha Marae Visit.
- 6th Aug: Rm 24 Assembly
- 12th Aug: Cross Country Zone
- 17th Aug: Basketball Zones
- 9th Sept: West Auckland Speech Finals.
- 14th Sept: Auckland Speech Finals
- 16th Sept: Yr7/8 HPV Vacc.
- 23rd Sept: Volleyball Zones.
- 24th September: Last Day of Term 3.

Please ensure your child is at school by 8.15am on Monday (R23) or Tuesday (R28), in order to catch the Manual bus, as the bus leaves at 8.30am. It is essential that they are on time on these mornings as it is very disappointing to miss out because you have arrived 5 minutes late and missed the bus. If children do miss the manual bus then they must report to the office. Also a reminder that students need to wear covered footwear when attending Manual at Bruce McLaren Intermediate.

There will be Parent Interviews for Rm 25 on Wednesday 4th August, and Rm 24, and 28 on Thursday 29th July. We really look forward to meeting with you all to discuss the progress of your child throughout the 1st half of the year. Please return the Parent Interview slips as soon as possible. Rm 23 and 27 had their Interviews last term and therefore will not be having interviews at this time.

Please feel free to come in and see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Tracey Gillingham. Matthew Sheales, Kristin Broadhurst, Alisa Southon and Colin Gover.

OPTION COSTS:

Please ensure these are paid by Friday 23rd July, or your child will miss out on the option they have been selected for.

Snow Planet: \$310

Photography: \$30

Baking: \$20

Mosaic Art: No Cost

Table Tennis: No Cost

MVTV: No Cost

Team Gillingham Remittance Due 6th August 2010

(Please remove and return to your child's teacher with payment in envelope)

(Child's Name) of Room

I enclose the amount of \$21 for the Term Three Activity Fee

Note that payment can also be made by Electronic Transfer to our bank account with ASB Westgate - Bank A/C Details for making a direct debit is: **12 3085 0091522 004**. Please ensure that your child's name, room number and purpose of payment appear on our statement.

