



VICTORIA AVENUE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Our Best - Always

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IMPORTANT DATES and TIMES

School Times

School Starts: 8.50am
Lunch: 12.30-1.30pm
School Finishes: 3.00pm

Stationery Shop

Tues 8.30 - 8.50am
Thurs 8.30 - 8.50am

Uniform Shop

Fri 8.30-9.00am OR
Order and pay online at our website
<http://www.victoriaave.com>

Lunch Orders

Subway: Wed and Fri
Sushi: Thurs only: \$6 - 8pce, \$5 - 6pce and \$ 3.50 - 4pce
Order forms/instructions are on our web site under "Our School".



Term Dates 2009

Term 4 Mon 12 Oct to Wed 16 Dec 2009
School closes at 12.30pm.

Term Dates 2010

Term 1 Thur 4 Feb to Thur 1 April 2010
Term 2 Mon 19 April to Fri 2 July 2010
Term 3 Mon 19 July to Fri 24 Sept 2010
Term 4 Mon 11 Oct to Fri 17 Dec 2010

Dear Parents

What a wonderful week we have had at school, despite the weather's best efforts our *Healthy Lifestyle* activities have carried on regardless and our children have had many fantastic experiences.

Each day has started with music and blood pumping hard, as Mr Eeles and his Year 6 team led jump jam sessions. On Monday we had the whole school involved and on subsequent days the session started at 8.30am and students just joined in on their arrival to school.

There have been a host of sports coaches, from our local community and some national stars, who have turned up to work with our children and yesterday's open afternoon saw health and sporting professionals set up stalls in the hall for all to visit. Today is our *jump rope for heart* day and then tomorrow we finish with our dress up day, team problem-solving activities and whole school aerobics session and final celebration assembly.

I am extremely grateful to everyone who has contributed to the events of this week. It really has been a great community celebration and the positive messages given to our children around healthy lifestyles have been well-received. It has been informative, engaging and most of all great fun!

It would be remiss not to thank one person in particular, Clare Whittington. It was earlier in the year that Clare approached me with the idea of the *Healthy Lifestyles* week and we discussed a variety of options. Having settled on a date I left it in her hands to plan. She shared her ideas and progress from time to time but when the final plan was presented to the staff it was so much more than anyone had expected. The organisation required to pull this together is huge and the success of the week is testament not only to her commitment to the students but to her powers of persuasion. As more than one outside coach said to me this week, "I don't quite know how I ended up here today but it's just so hard to say no to Clare!"

2010 Building Work

The Board of Trustees have recently agreed on the first stage of a school development plan, which will see two new classrooms being built in early 2010. This will allow us to avoid using Room 21 (Tech Kitchen) as a full-time classroom and will additionally provide space for the extra class we will have next year due to roll growth.

The two new classrooms will be built to house our Year 0 and 1 students and together with refurbishments to Rooms 11 and 12 will create a lovely new space down near the Junior playground. All of this area will be out of bounds during term one, which will result in us temporarily housing three classes in other areas of the school. The BOT had considered installing temporary classrooms onsite during this period but in discussion with staff we felt that avoiding this option would allow us to divert more resources to refurbishing the existing rooms.

The temporary rooms will be as follows:

- Mrs Andrew (Year 0/1) in Room 21
- Mrs Reynolds (Year 0/1) in the Library
- Mrs Marshall and Mrs Martin (Year 1) in the Community Room

In addition our ESOL Room will be relocated into the space currently occupied by the staff workroom next to Room 7.

There is a great deal still ahead of us over the holiday period working to ensure that building work starts on time and that all arrangements are in place for the start of the new school year. I am extremely grateful to the BOT for their continuing support in this matter and I will keep you all apprised of the progress of this project.

Kind regards

Allan Short
Principal

CAR PARKING CRISIS!!!!!!!

PLEASE PARK ON THE STREET AND ENTER THE SCHOOL VIA DRAGON DRIVE, STIRLING OR SPENCER ST ENTRANCES.

DO NOT USE THE TEACHERS' ENTRANCE OR CARPARK AT ANYTIME BETWEEN 8.00am and 4.00pm

We have had staff and visitors blocked in and designated car parks occupied by parent vehicles. This is happening on a regular basis and has caused much inconvenience.

COMING EVENTS ~ please see the calendar on the website
<http://victoriaave.com>

Week 8	
Mon 7th	School Sports Day at Mt Smart Stadium Junior Events 9.00-10.30am Middle and Senior Events, 10.30-2.30pm
Tues 8th	Middle School Shared Lunch 11 - 1pm PTS Meeting, 7.30pm
Thurs 10th	Year 6 Leavers' Dinner, 6.00pm in School Hall
Fri 11th	Reports and Portfolios Home Assembly - Principal

Up coming Events
15 Dec - Carol Service

LAST DAY 16 December - Prizegiving for whole school @ Baradene at 11.00am, there is no separate senior prizegiving. School finishes at approximately 12.30pm



Carol Service
Tuesday 15 December 2008 at
7.00pm

Holy Trinity Cathedral - Parnell.

We look forward to seeing you at this very special occasion.

GIFTS FOR THE CITY MISSION

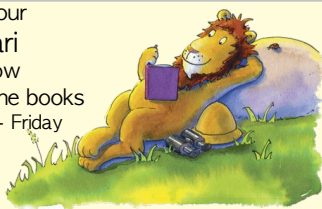
Our Christmas tree is awaiting gifts for the City Mission. Canned and packaged foods, toiletries and treats would be appreciated.

Visit our tree in the foyer and place your gifts by
Wednesday 16 December.
Many thanks!



You are Invited to our
Book Fair Safari
Final Day Tomorrow

Last chance for purchasing the books
8.30 - 9.30am tomorrow - Friday



LUNCHES ORDERS FOR 2010

Sushi and Subway will be finishing for 2009 at the end of next week.
Sushi last day 10 Dec
Subway last day 9 Dec.

Lunch orders will recommence in the second week of Term 1 2010
Sushi first day 11 Feb 2010
Subway first day 12 Feb 2010

PTS NEWS

PTS
MEETING
TUES 8 DEC
7.30PM
STAFFROOM
ALL
WELCOME

Our PROMISE has been met.
A paper copy is being sent home and
it is available on the home page of
our website
www.victoriaave.com
THE PROMISE AUCTION!!

Lunchtime Ice Blocks
Ice block sales EVERY
Friday. These will be on sale
at lunchtime at 12.45 and will
be \$2 each.

WINE ORDERS
If you order wine by
Tuesdays your wine will
be ready for ready for
pick up at the office for
Thursdays.
WANT WINE? -
order forms are available
from our website
<http://www.victoriaave.com>

Mince Pies
From Bakers'
Delight
See below for
order form!

CLASS PARENTS FOR 2010

Attention to all budding class parents for 2010.
Please give this very important role some consideration for next year and let Liz Schellekens know whether you are interested in putting your name forward. Final decisions will be made by our wonderful teachers next year however it would be useful to let them know names of anyone interested in helping with this role.

Please email Liz: john_liz@xtra.co.nz if you are interested or would like to know more about the role.



Bakers Delight
St Heliers and Ellerslie



Ho Ho Ho, have a merry Christmas.

Delicious and delightful Bakers Delight Christmas Mince Tarts delivered to your school just in time for Christmas.

These tarts retail for \$9.80 a six pack; for Victoria Ave families they will be delivered to your child's class, Tuesday December 15 for **\$7.80 a six pack**.

Please send money and order form in an envelope to the office by Monday 14 December.

Student's Name: _____

Class Room: _____

Contact No.: _____

Number of Boxes: (6 tarts per box) _____

Total enclosed:
Cheque or Cash only

(Cheque payable to Bakers Delight St Heliers)

Thank you for supporting our VAS Bakers Delight family who give so much to us throughout the year.

ROOM 15 ~ YEAR 0/1

Room 15 really enjoyed thinking alot about their grandparents.
They wrote gorgeous letters and look at these portraits and person descriptions!



Healthy Lifestyles week



Healthy School's Week

Last day tomorrow!

Timetable available for parents to check for activities to attend.

Last day of this week is on 2nd page of timetables!
<http://victoriaave.com/sports-and-activities/latest-sports-news>

Gold coin donation tomorrow for Heart Foundation
 Please!!! Thank you to those who have already donated.

- Dress up day 'Super Fruit or Vegetable Hero!' Competition for best dressed.
- 1.45 - 2.45 pm Whole School JUMP JAM on the field. Closing assembly, prizes, video of the week shown.



BASKETBALL RESULTS

Vicky Ave Blue had a nail biting game against *Kohi Force* and lost 6-4.
Player of the Day: Francesca Coulter
Magic Moment: Edward Swift

Vicky Ave Green lost 6-2 in a tight nail biting game.
Player of the Day: Daissny Ravindran
Magic Moment: Karan Bedekar

FLIPPA BALL DRAW: SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

Year 3 and 4 Competition		VAS Blue	Play Off 3/4th
4:00pm	MB Stingrays		
Year 5 and 6 Competition		Glendowie	B Grade 11/12th
5:20pm	VAS White	VAS Red	Game 2 of 2
6:00pm	Kings		

AWESOME ENTHUSIASM AND MOTIVATION THIS WEEK. VERY MUCH APPRECIATED - A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF, STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

ATHLETICS DAY MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE DAY ON 7 DECEMBER - EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME TO THIS, THE FINAL SPORTING EVENT OF THE YEAR. **A PAPER COPY HAS BEEN SENT HOME!**
 MOUNT SMART ATHLETICS TRACK - (NOT ERICSSON STADIUM). PARKING CAN BE ACCESSED VIA O'ROURKE RD.

EVENT TIMES:

- JUNIORS 9.00AM - 10.30AM
 Juniors please ensure you have notified your child's class teacher by Friday if you intend to take your child directly to the stadium as we need numbers for the 8.30pm bus on Monday.
- MIDDLES AND SENIORS 10.40AM - 2.30PM AT MOUNT SMART.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- THERE WILL BE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK.
- PLEASE IGNORE THE BADMINTON REGISTRATION FORM!!! MORE INFO ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY TERM 1 2010.
- AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES HAVE FINISHED FOR THE YEAR! SENIOR SOCCER HAS ONE MORE SESSION - ON MONDAY!
- THANK YOU TO THE THOSE WHO ATTENDED THIS PROGRAMME AND TO THE ORGANISATIONS WHO CAME IN: ELLERSLIE FOOTBALL CLUB, PLAYBALL, MINI TITANS AND NEIL BARTLETT FOR ATHLETICS.



VICTORIA AVENUE SCHOOL

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Victoria Avenue Athletics Competition - Mount Smart 2009

Dear Parents,

The Junior, Middle & Senior athletics day will take place on Monday 7th December at Mount Smart Stadium. Middle and Senior events will take place simultaneously and run throughout the whole day. The Junior events will start at 9.00am and run through until 10.30am.

Please take note of the following:

Travel: By bus to and from the venue

**Juniors 8:30am depart from school and return from Mount Smart at 12:00pm
(If you feel you'll have difficulty getting your child to school for this time please inform your child's class teacher and arrange to take your child straight to the Stadium for 9.00am start.**

Middles and Seniors 9.30am depart from school and return from Mount Smart at 2.45pm

Event Times: Juniors 9.00am - 10.30am
Middles and Seniors 10.40am - 2.30pm at Mount Smart.

Bring: A large drink bottle, morning tea and a hearty lunch.

Wear: House colour top, shorts, running shoes (No spikes), a hat and sunscreen. Wet weather clothing if appropriate.

Please note that the event will take place regardless of the weather as there is undercover shelter at the stadium.

We are also looking for parents to assist with the events on the day. Please indicate on the permission slip if you are able to assist. There will be a full programme of events available on Friday via the school website . Hope to see you there!

Yours sincerely,

Clare Whittington
Health and Sports Coordinator

Please fill in and return to your child's Class teacher by Friday 4th December

Victoria Avenue Athletics day - Mount Smart 2009

I give permission for my child to travel to and from Mt Smart Stadium by bus. Yes / No

I will take my child to the stadium for 9.00am (Juniors) Yes / No

My name is _____ (please print clearly)

My child's name is _____ (please print clearly)

My child is in Room _____

I can assist with the athletics field day	9.00am - 2.30pm	9.00am - 11.30am	11.30am - 2.30pm
	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No

My email address is _____

Signed _____