

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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Dear Parents

In the last part of this term, school has been busy with a flurry of events. Team 4 had a wonderful trip to see the NZ Ballet last week. Our Y7 students had a fantastic "Big Day Out" last Friday. Team 2 have been to Rock Climbing and to Swimarama. Our Y8 Students are away at camp all week in the Waikato region. One thing that all these events have in common is the hard work put into planning these events by the teachers - so a very big thank to them. Then there is all the hard work during the day, ensuring that all runs smoothly and safely - another big thank you. However, the most gratifying thing is the fact that we are constantly complimented on the excellent behaviour of our students when they go out of the school for trips or activities. This is a credit to the teachers, parents and students. Something we can all feel proud of.

End of year reports for Y1 - 6 will go home on Monday. Y7/8 will be able to collect their reports at the prizegiving evening on Wed 14 December (starts 7.00pm). Please note that there will be a slip with the report, telling which class your child will be in next year.

Last day of school - closing early:

Please note that **school will close at 12.30pm on Thursday 15 December**. If fine, we will finish off the year with an outside assembly, starting at 12.15pm. If students bring their lunch they will be able to eat it a little earlier than usual - 11.45pm. Please make sure that you have arranged for your children to get home safely at this earlier than usual time. Road Patrols will operate.

Pool Keys:

Final opportunity to rent a pool key. It is only \$60.00 for the whole season. If you would like to rent a key, just contact Mrs Sellers in the finance office.

Out of Zone Enrolments 2012: The BOT has agreed to allocate a limited number of out of zone enrolments for 2012. If any parents are now living out of zone and have children they would like to enrol in 2012, please contact Mrs Burstall in the office as soon as possible.

If you are in zone and have children due to start in 2012, we would also like to hear from you so we can record names, DOB, contact details etc.

Contact Details Up to Date?

Every so often we need to urgently contact parents. It is very frustrating when we try to make contact but find that phone numbers have changed but we haven't been informed. The same applies to addresses and work contact details. If any of your contact details have changed and you have not yet informed us, please either email (office@stanhope.school.nz) or send in a note.

Recent & Future Events at SRS:

- We have had a series of enjoyable "Celebrations of Learning" events at the school in the last few days. It has been very pleasing to have a good turnout of parents. Thanks you for supporting your children and making the effort to attend. It means a lot to the teachers and pupils.
- SRS Annual Spelling Bee: this will take place on Monday 12 Dec in the hall from 9.15am onwards. Parents are very welcome to attend.
- Last weekend we had groups of students proudly representing our school in the Ellerslie and Panmure Santa Parades. We greatly appreciate parents' support in making this possible and a big vote of thanks to Mrs Burrell, Mrs Benefield, Mrs Fischer and Miss Nauleo for making our participation possible.

Congratulations & Well Done Dept:

- A team of SRS students participated in the Eastern Zone Y7/8 Athletics Championships recently. Three of our students were placed in the finals. Congratulations to: Dion Groucott 3rd place in the Junior Boys 800m event, Unique Naboa who was placed 3rd in the Intermediate Boys 100m race and Troy Pulpaki who was 2nd in the Seniors Shot Put. Well done boys!
- The SRS Choir participated in the APPA Choir Festival at the Town Hall last Wednesday evening. Our dance group performed during one of the songs - which is a special honour. We are very proud of their performances and the excellent way they represented the school. A very big thank you to Mrs Glenny and Mrs Schubert.

PTA News:

- We have a large number of magnificent Xmas Hampers waiting to be won. Ticket sales have been a little slow, so we will continue for a few more days. Tickets will be on sale each morning in the hall, from 8.30am onwards until next Monday. 50c a ticket or 3 for \$1.00. The lucky draw will take place on Monday morning before the Spelling Bee.
- The PTA will run a Sausage Sizzle BBQ lunch on Wed 14 December. A flyer and order form will go out on Monday.

Lost property reminder

You still have a few more days to claim lost clothing - the lost property cupboard is in the alleyway at the end of Rm 8. Please come and have a look before it goes into the recycling bin at the end of term.

Diary Dates:

- Thursday 15 Dec School will close for the summer holidays at 12.30pm
- Thursday 2 February School will reopen for the 2012 school year.

Community Noticeboards:

- **Starship Mobile Phone Recycling Appeal:** If you have any unwanted mobile phones at home please send them in to school by 9 **December** and we will send them on to the Starship Children's Hospital - this will assist them in fundraising for important medical equipment.
- **Auckland Public Libraries: "Dare to Explore" Summer Reading Adventure for school students.** Register at the Panmure Library from 12 December onwards. I strongly recommend you getting your children involved - lots of fun and reading is a wonderful skill for your children to develop further through this programme.
- **Marist Rugby Holiday Programme.** Lots of fun and a chance to grow in skills. Ph Hamish 021 031 6665 for details.
- **Edventure is running two summer camps in January (16th-20th and 23rd-27th) OSCAR approved.** Fishing, gold mining, tramping, swimming, snorkelling and yachting are some of the activities in the week long camp. We have a pick up point in Auckland at the SH1 service centre near Papakura (drop the kids off Monday at 8.30am and pick them up on Friday at 5.00pm, we will take care of the rest.)

For more info please visit our website www.edventure.co.nz or ph 021 0224 1576

Yours sincerely

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