

Thursday 3 November 2011

*Dear Parents*

*I am very pleased to be back at SRS after being on Sabbatical leave during Term 3. It was a very refreshing and special time. I am very appreciative of being granted this opportunity by the Ministry of Education and the BOT. The highlights included attending a very high level Educational Research Conference in Exeter in England and visiting other schools in England and NZ. I will eventually complete my report and will make it available for any interested parents. A very big thank you to Mr Wilson, the Senior Management Team and staff for keeping the school running so well in my absence.*

**Sunhats Needed Every Day:**

*As part of our Sunsmart Health Programme, we make the wearing of a regulation SRS red cricket style sunhat compulsory during intervals, every day from Mon 7 November until the end of summer. Students who do not have the correct sunhat to wear will need to stay indoors during intervals. Sunhats are available at school and Postie Plus at \$14.00. Please make sure they are named clearly.*

**Road Patrols / Crossings:**

*Our staff and student patrollers work very hard to ensure that your children are able to cross our local roads safely each day. It is disappointing that we are still experiencing problems with some parents stopping or parking their cars on the yellow lines near the patrolled crossings. **Please remember this is illegal** and if you have been in the habit of doing so, please stop doing so now.*

**Recent Events at SRS (and beyond):**

- I wasn't able to attend the Cultural Performance Evenings in the last week of term but have heard that they were a fantastic success. It was a real celebration of all the cultures represented in our school community. Congratulations to everyone involved in making this happen. Mrs Schubert is arranging to post a video of the event on You Tube. We will let you know the link as soon as it is available.*
- The Rugby World Cup is gradually fading into a warm fuzzy memory, but wasn't it an exciting climax! It made me very proud to be a New Zealander - not just because we won, but because, as a nation, we rallied together and made this a world class event. It was very gratifying to see the crowds of excited fans surging through the inner city on their way along the Fanzone trail and later celebrating at the victory parades. Maybe Auckland is really becoming a true "Super City."*

**PTA News:**

- The Calendar project is underway, with photos being taken today by Miss Coverdale. The orders are being processed and it won't be very long before the finished products are sent home. We will let you know the delivery date once we know.*
- Mrs Bristow is organizing a collection for the Xmas Hamper Raffle. In past years we have had a wonderful, generous response from our families and hope that you will be able to support this project in the same way this year. You should receive a notice about this very soon.*
- Reminder - that the next meeting of the PTA is Tuesday 8 November at 6.30pm in the staffroom - any interested parents are always welcome to attend.*

**BOT News:**

- The BOT will be holding its Annual Planning Day shortly. We will be developing our annual plan for 2012 and updating our strategic plan. If any parents have any thoughts or ideas you would like the Board to consider, please send them to me via email and I will pass them on. [principal@stanhope.school.nz](mailto:principal@stanhope.school.nz)
- Out of Zone Enrolments: We still have some vacancies for out of zone enrollments for 2012. Please contact Mrs Burstall in the school office if you would like to make enquiries.

**SRS Diary - Dates to note in your home diary or calendar:**

- Tues 15 Nov Bible Class final assembly 9.00am, in hall.
- Thurs 17 Nov Road Patrollers and other student monitors - Rainbow's End trip.
- Sat 26 Nov Ukelele Festival at Waitakere Stadium
- Wed 30 Nov Choir Festival at the Town Hall.
- Thurs 1 Dec Team 4 trip to The Edge
- Frid 2 Dec Y7 "Big Day Out" & Y8 Transition Day visit to One Tree Hill  
College (enrolled students)
- Sat 3 Dec Panmure Santa Parade
- Sun 4 Dec Ellerslie Santa Parade
- Mon 5 Dec Y8 Camp Week - day 1
- Tues 6 Dec Team 3 End of Year Celebration of Learning.
- Wed 7 Dec Teams 2 & 4 End of Year Celebration of Learning.
- Thurs 8 Dec Team 5 End of Year Celebration of Learning.
- Mon 12 Dec SRS Spelling Bee Assembly - parents welcome to attend
- Wed 14 Dec Team 1 Prizegiving 7.00pm
- Thurs 15 Dec School closes for the Summer Holidays 12.30pm.
- Thurs 2 Feb 2012 School re-opens for the new year.

Yours sincerely

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