

## NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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Dear Parents

Here we are again.... only three weeks to go before the end of another school year. A very warm welcome to the families who have recently enrolled their children in our school. At the moment teachers have completed end of year assessments and are putting the finishing touches to the end of year reports. However, there will still be a strong focus on learning - right up until the end of the school year. Looking out the office window at the moment, while a weather front passes through with strong winds and rain acts as a strong reminder that it is spring time with wild weather changes in a very short space of time. Despite that, I'd like parents to be aware that our school pool is heated and the water is at a very comfortable temperature for swimming tuition. We are very lucky to have such a beautiful school pool, so we like to have all our students participate fully in the swimming programme.

### Pool Keys:

Several parents came along to the pool key seminar this week and now have keys so their family can enjoy the school swimming pool after school, weekends and during the summer holidays. It is only \$60.00 for the whole season. If you missed out, or forgot to attend and would still like to rent a key, just contact Mrs Sellers in the finance office. It's not too late.

### Recent & Future Events at SRS:

- Team 3 had a very successful cross country event last week. it was highly organized and the children participated with huge enthusiasm and energy. Well done Team 3.
- Mrs Fischer is taking a group of students to participate in the NZ Ukelele Festival this Saturday 26 Nov at the Trusts Stadium, Waitakere. It starts at 12.00pm and we highly recommend it as a fun day out for the whole family.

### Congratulations & Well Done Dept:

- Mosese Dawai Rm 9 was a representative player in the local Walter Dixon Rugby Tournament during the winter season. His team won the Auckland competition. The cups were loaned to our school recently, so we took the opportunity to take a photo of Mosese holding them. We are proud of his success. Congratulations Mosese!



### PTA News:

- The PTA has had our last meeting for the year. We are very pleased at the terrific and generous response for the Xmas Hamper Raffle. One of our parents is busy making your donations up into lovely hampers - we will have plenty of prizes again this year. Tickets will be on sale from Thursday next week, in the hall, from 8.30am onwards. 50c a ticket or 3 for \$1.00
- The PTA will run a Sausage Sizzle BBQ lunch on Wed 14 December. A flyer and order form will go out the week before.

### BOT News:

- The BOT held its annual planning day last Sunday. We had a great deal of interesting discussion, which will lead to the development of our Annual Plan for 2012. Parents will be invited to provide feedback once the draft form is completed. Our primary focus in 2012 will be on lifting student achievement. We will also be modernizing Rms 6 - 12 during 2012.
- The BOT is interested in investigating whether parents consider it safe for their children to walk to school. Are there any particular hazards your children face on the way to school? eg difficult

crossings or intersections. If you have any comments or concerns, please email or send in a hand-written note to the principal: [cnevezie@stanhope.school.nz](mailto:cnevezie@stanhope.school.nz)

- **School Donation:** Each year we ask parents to make a voluntary donation to help the Board to fund quality teaching and learning resources. We realize that it not always easy for parents to do this, but this is just a friendly reminder that it's not too late - and even if you only make a partial donation that will still be very gratefully received. Donations are receipted and qualify for a tax rebate. if you'd like more information please contact Mrs Sellers in the finance office.

### **Help!!!! Our school is sinking under a mountain of lost property!**

Mrs Cater recently counted 31 sweatshirts, 9 prs of footwear, 7 polar fleece sweatshirts and a few other items in the lost property cupboard. Parents are invited to pop in and inspect the lost property before the end of term. Anything left over will go into the clothing recycling bin. We are also very happy to have parents who would appreciate some of those items for their own children popping in to have a look through - just call in to the office first, or see Mrs Cater.

### **Clothing Borrowed from sick bay:**

When younger students have "accidents" or get wet in puddles staff often lend them clothes to change into. Most times parents remember to wash it and send it back. If you have forgotten, please do send them back shortly.

### **School Magazine - sorry not this year**

Because of the World Cup Rugby Tournament, our school terms have been very different this year and Term 4 has been very short and very pressured. The decision was made not to produce a school magazine this year. I apologize for any disappointment this may cause.

### **Diary Dates: Team End of Year Assemblies & Celebrations of Learning**

- Tues 6 Dec Team 3 1.45pm
- Wed 7 Dec Team 2 12.15pm Team 4 1.45pm

### **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.
- The St Johns Branch of Westpac Bank in Lunn Ave are offering a very good deal on mortgages at the moment. If you were to take out a mortgage and mention our school we would receive a substantial donation. If you'd like more details email the manager: [christin\\_ritchie@westpac.co.nz](mailto:christin_ritchie@westpac.co.nz)
- Bruce Mason Centre Production: **The Night Before Christmas** a new take on classic Xmas tale. 19 - 23 December. Great fun for the family. Book now from Ticketmaster 09 970 9700 or [WWW.TICKETMASTER.CO.NZ](http://WWW.TICKETMASTER.CO.NZ). Bruce Mason centre cnr Hurstmere Rd and The promenade Takapuna Beach Ph 488 2940
- Remuera Music School - out of hours music classes based at Remuera Intermediate School. Children can learn to play: cello, clarinet, flute, classical guitar, keyboard, recorder, etc.... Enrolment Day is Sat 26 November from 8.00 - 10.00am. 528 8222 or [annetwebster@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:annetwebster@slingshot.co.nz) for more information.
- Child's Play OT provide assessment, consultation and intervention for children with developmental delays, coordination difficulties, Dyspraxia, Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Sensory Processing/ Sensory Integration Disorder (SPD/SID), handwriting difficulties, gross and fine motor difficulties, and social/emotional/behavioural difficulties. Visit our website [www.childsplayot.co.nz](http://www.childsplayot.co.nz) and contact us on [enquiries@childsplayot.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@childsplayot.co.nz) or 09-630-9314 to see how we can assist your child's development.

Yours sincerely

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