

Sunnybrae Normal School



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have now come to the last week of the term for 2011 and this will be our final newsletter of the year.

We hope that you enjoyed reading your child's end of year report sent home last Friday. This summarises the year for them and shows how much progress he/she has made. If you would like further clarification about any aspect of the report please talk to your child's teacher or me over the next couple of days. Please inquire at the office if for any reason you did not receive a report.

Our **final assembly** is being held this **Thursday 15th December** commencing at 10.30 am in the hall. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend and join us for light refreshments afterwards.

On Friday the children will visit their new classroom and meet their 2012 teacher and fellow classmates. Each child will be given a list of stationery needed for the first day of 2012 (i.e. Thursday 2nd February). The stationery items listed will be available at various places as indicated on the list. On the first day back at school your child will be given an additional list of stationery requirements that are available from school only - these items will be for sale as from 3rd February.

We have been provided with information about New Zealand made reusable covers for exercise books as follows:

- Ezcover provide a variety of covers in various patterns. These are only available online at www.ezcover.co.nz. Five cents per cover is donated back to the school.
- Clear plastic covers which are also reusable are available www.schoolbookcovers.co.nz
- 5% of all profits are given to support AIDS orphans in Thailand.

We remind parents that **school finishes** for the year at **12.30 pm this Friday 17th December**. We would appreciate it if parents could pick children up promptly at this time - they should not bring their lunch as there will not be supervision after 12.30 pm (except for children whose parents have arranged for them to go to KidsKlub).

Swimming and Pool Keys

The school pool is now open and all classes will be participating in swimming lessons, lunchtime swimming or fun day swimming activities. Please ensure that your child brings togs and towel to school each day (named please!). Pool keys will be available for hire from next Monday (\$95 per season plus a \$25 bond, to be refunded when the key is returned). Please note that the key must be collected by an adult so that the regulations can be read and signed for before the key is handed over.

Congratulations, thanks and well done to ...

... all of the **Year 6 students** who will be leaving our school at the end of this week. We are proud of your progress and the achievements you have made during your time at Sunnybrae and wish you all the best for your future education. Special thanks to their teachers, Stephen Gordon, Anne Parker and Jenny Smith for the preparation they put into the Year 6 Farewell held last week. Also thanks to the students for preparing the murals that reflect our school programmes and activities for 2011.

... all of the students (see next page) who performed at the **Talent Quest** concert held on Friday, we enjoyed your items and are very impressed with the wide range of talent displayed.

... our **wonderful PTA**: Fiona Fox, Pru Jansen, Srecko Ulrich, Yvette Ulrich, Annamarie Dixon, Kim Jones, Judy Ferguson, Cathy O'Hanlon and all the Friends of the PTA who have assisted with fund raising events this year. We are pleased to announce that this group have raised at least \$20,000 for our school in 2011, this is an amazing effort! A big **thank you** to everyone involved and everyone in the school community who has supported each fund raiser.

Kind regards

Jennie Stewart
(Principal)

End of Year Message

To everyone in our school community, thank you for your support over the year.

We hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe, relaxing holiday.

We look forward to seeing you back at school on Thursday 2 February.

Talent Quest Concert Performers

Instrumentalists: Hannah Yang and Rosa Kim – flute duet; Bill Song - piano; Juwon Jung - piano; Georgia Knowles - piano
Singers: Sian Stuart-St Clair, Kasey Lui, Joy Park, Juwon Jung, Annie Lee, Tina Ma, Christine Sim; Soloist - Adam Singer; Nina Lis and Millie Jiang
Singing and Instrumental: Risheeka Chhiba, Kasey Lui, Molly Turpin
Skit: Georgia Knowles, Molly Turpin, Risheeka Chhiba, Jude Dragh
Skit/Dance: Emma Buckley, Mark Buckley and Hannah Buckley
Skit: Alan Chen, Georgia Knowles, Jude Dragh, Kasey Lui
Dancers: Georgia Cotter and Jazmin Anderson; Mariah Rennie-Younger; Elisha Haythornthwaite and Lexi Angus; Deakyn Rickard, Keanu Fisher, David Ball, Mark Ventura, Alan Chen and Angus Avery

Auckland City Mission Can Collection

On Wednesday children can bring a can to school to be donated to the Auckland City Mission, who will distribute them to those in need at Christmas. These can be left in the foyer.

Important Water Safety Message

Over the summer holidays many families will be enjoying all the fun and facilities at local swimming pools. Water Safety NZ would like to remind families about the Pool Alone policy that public pools in New Zealand are required to adhere to: children under 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or over. Actively supervised means watching your child at all times - able to provide immediate assistance. Lifeguards are an important safety feature but they are not intended to replace the close supervision of parents or caregivers. Tragically many drowning deaths occur in the few seconds that parents are distracted. The role of a lifeguard is to ensure people are safe in the water - they are not babysitters.

Dare to Explore

This is a summer programme being run by Auckland libraries (including Northcote and Birkenhead). It aims to help children maintain and improve their literacy skills during the holidays and is for children aged from 5 - 13 years. It can be done whether at home, or on holiday and it can be online. Registration opens on 12th December and the programme runs until 27th January. There is no limit to how many children can register. At the time of registration each child will receive a Passport, a Calendar of Activities and a guidebook for the adventure which includes the first set of challenges. There are twelve challenges to choose from but they only need to complete four to receive a stamp in their Passport. Visit www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz to register.

Uniform Sales

You can buy any uniform items on Mondays to Thursdays - please call at the office to arrange this. No sales are available on Fridays. Parents who would like to buy second hand uniform items can look at the book in the office at the stock that is available and then contact the seller directly. Parents with uniform items still in good condition are welcome to leave the details in the second hand uniform book at the office. Please note: the uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February (mornings) for those who wish to buy uniform items for 2012.

Lost and Found Property

- Three sunhats are missing, all named, one belonging to Joseph Jin in Room 6, another to Hayden Khan in Room 1 and one to Kyungchan Youn in Room 18.
- Also missing is a named polar fleece belonging to Jessica Hayward.
- Joanna Guildford in Room 8 has lost her watch, which has pink and purple flowers on it.

Community Notices

- Christmas at MOTAT from 1 - 24 December. Visitors can purchase a gift for charity from the MOTAT shop in return for free admission to Motat. All donated gifts will be given to the Auckland City Mission. MOTAT will light up its Victorian village each Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 8 pm - 11 pm. Also from now until 6 February Scitech's incredible travelling exhibition "Playing with Light" offers more than 20 exciting interactive and scientific displays to explore all the wonders of light.
- After school art classes are offered at Birkenhead Community Centre on Tuesdays or Thursdays at Highbury House, Birkenhead. Six week courses cost \$88. Phone 483 6703 for further information or to enrol for Term 1 next year.
- NZ Football is running a holiday programme at Takapuna Grammar School from 16 - 27 January, 9 am - 1 pm, for children aged 5-12 years. For more info visit nzfootballacademy@gmail.com or phone Chris Bryson on 021 067 6700.
- North Harbour Tennis Club in Forrest Hill is running tennis programmes for children from 16th - 20th January (5 - 8 yrs from 9 am - 10 am, 7-10 years from 10 am - 11 am and 9-11 years from 11 am - 12 noon). Phone 410 8804 for further information or visit www.tennislife.co.nz
- Group keyboard lessons are held at Sunnybrae Normal School on Friday mornings at 8 am. Lessons are 45 minutes. Keyboards and headphones are provided. Cost is \$150 per term, which includes the tutor and tape/CD. For further information phone 478 8919.
- North Harbour Badminton is running a holiday programme for children aged 7 - 17 years from 24th - 27th January. Phone 410 6941 or email melissa@badmintonnh.co.nz