

# NEWSLETTER – 12 March 2010

**Kia Ora, Talofa, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, Ni Sa Bula, Assalam Alaikum, Ni hao, Namaste, Buon Giorno.**

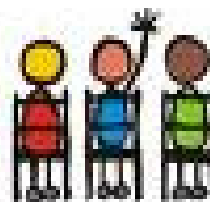


## Welcome!

Welcome to two new students! Tyrese Aerengamate and Joshua Semu who have both started at our school as new entrants. We know you will both have a great time at Miramar South School making new friends, and learning new things.

## Board of Trustee Elections

Board of Trustee elections will be held on 7 May 2010. We are lucky that our current Board have indicated they will all stand again. Have you considered putting your name forward for election? Nomination forms will be sent out next week to the home address that we have on file for you. It is really important that your contact details are up to date at the school, so please see Margaret in the office if there are any changes you need to make. Spare nomination forms will also be available from the school office. Nominations close at noon on 23 April.



## Meeting for Prospective Pasifika Trustees

The Ministry of Education are holding a fono for members of the Pacific Island community who are thinking of standing for Board of Trustee elections. The meeting in our area will be held at Rongotai College from 6-9 pm on Thursday 18 March. RSVP to Mata Gilbert on ph. 4638699.

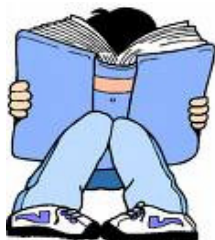
## Touch Rugby Results!

### 3 March Games

- ☛ Year 5/6 Miramar South Tumeke played Sacred Heart Steelers. Tumeke won 4-0 with Roderick Solo scoring all the tries. The player of the match was Taniela Pahulu for his excellent teamwork.
- ☛ Year 7/8 Miramar South Nga Toa played Sacred Heart Angels. Nga Toa drew 3 all. The player of the match was Vishnu Khun who scored three tries and was always a threat on attack.
- ☛ Year 7/8 Miramar South Manumalo played Wadestown. We suffered a loss but we played hard. Player of the match was Adnan Barkhad.

### 10 March Games

- ☛ Year 5/6 Miramar South Tumeke played Kilbirnie. Tumeke won 5-2. Player of the match was Phoenix James-Kapa for great teamwork.
- ☛ Year 7/8 Miramar South Nga Toa played Scotts. We suffered a loss. Player of the match was Alex Fidow.
- ☛ Year 7/8 Miramar South Manumalo played Sacred Heart. We suffered a small loss. Player of the match was Aden Stallard



## “Kickstart” – New Entrant Programme

Miss Boyes “Kickstart” programme in Room 2 is up and running successfully. This is a popular programme that introduces pre-schoolers to school life. You are welcome to bring along your four year old every *second Thursday* from 9am to 11am – the next opportunity is 18 March. Please mention this to other parents you know of with children due to start school soon. This is a great way for the children to dip a toe into the school day before they start as a new entrant.

# Report on Findings from Consultation Evenings



Feedback was great from the community consultation meetings held during 2009. Thank you to all those parents who came along to the evenings. We really appreciate your support and feedback. We gathered information about how we could better teach your children, and found out what was important to you as parents. A focus group made up of Board of Trustee members went through the returned questionnaires to summarise what you felt we were doing well, what we

could do better, and what you felt was important to help our students succeed.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a summary sheet of the surveys received and a copy of our Board of Trustees' commitments to you in response to the feedback received. We will continue to consult with you, our community for the benefit of our students.



## Activity Donation and Technology Fees

Please bring your Activity Donations and Technology Fees for 2010 to the office. We will issue you with a receipt. The Activity Donation is \$60 for one child, or \$100 for two or more children attending our school for the whole year. If you cannot make full payment at the beginning of the year, then part payment can be made throughout the school year. This donation goes directly to support student learning.



Year 7 and 8 students are required to pay \$20 Technology Fee per term for the use of equipment and materials at Mount Cook School, and transport to and from Mount Cook. Again, you can pay the full amount of \$80 for the year or \$20 per term. Thank you very much for your support.

## After School Plans

Please talk to your children *before* school so that they know what their after school plans are. We have an increasing number of students wanting to use the office phone to rearrange or check on their after school plans. Messages are often left at the office to pass on to children just before 3pm. This is a busy time of day for the school so we ask you to make your plans with your children before school. Of course urgent messages will be passed on to children, but day to day plans need to be made with your children before school please.

## What's Coming Up

17 March	Whole School Breakfast.
26 March	Duffy Hero Assembly 9.30am.
29 March	Whole School Trip to Island Bay Marine Centre.
31 March	Eastern Zone Miniball Tournament.
1 April	Last Day Term 1.
19 April	First Day Term 2.
23 April	Closing day for Board of Trustee Nominations (by 12 noon).
7 May	Board of Trustee Elections.



**Jeanette De La Mare**  
**PRINCIPAL**  
**MIRAMAR SOUTH SCHOOL**



### Community Notices

- We have a cellphone **text** your child's absences to. Text your child's full name, class and reason for absence to 0277-480100. If you need to speak to the school Secretary please phone the school office on 04-3886070. Please do not call the cellphone or try to leave voice messages. All absences are kept on record as part of the Ministry of Education policy. Children who are absent often are referred to Truancy Services and then if necessary to CYFS.
- All Star Cheerleaders is running free American Style Cheerleading classes in our area. Everyone is welcome no experience necessary. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or [www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz](http://www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz)
- Victoria University Coastal Ecology Lab - Open Day 13 March for Seaweed. 10am until 4pm. 396 The Esplanade, Island Bay.

