

NEWSLETTER – 17 May 2010

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



Welcome!

Welcome to **Benjamin Anaki** (Room 5) who started at Miramar South School this term! We know you will have fun learning at our school. You will be busy catching up with old friends, and making lots of new friends.

Absentees and Contact Details

We have a cellphone to text your child's absence details to. We need to know your child's full name, room number and reason for absence. The number to text is 0277-480100. Please do not leave voice messages on this number, we can only receive texts. If you need to telephone your child's absence details in to the school, call the school office on 04-3886070. Please make sure your contact details are up to date. If you don't contact us to advise your child will be away, we will try to contact you using the numbers you have given us. When you are next in the school, please see Margaret and she can check we have the correct details on file. If your child becomes sick or injured while they are at school, we need to be able to contact you.



Student Achievement Target 1 2009 - Results

You will find attached to this newsletter Target 1 results for literacy and numeracy for six year old students. Outlined are the target, what steps we took to improve literacy and numeracy, the outcomes and decisions about where to head in 2010.



Activity and Technology Fees

Please bring your Activity Donations and Technology Fees for 2010 to the office. 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. Technology Fees are \$20 per term for the Year 7 and 8 students. A big thank you to those who have already made payments. This is much appreciated.

Breakfast Cooperative

Please make use of our Breakfast Coop each week during term time to buy food at heavily reduced prices! Order forms go home each Monday with your child and need to be back at the school office on Tuesday morning. Pick up and pay for orders on Thursday by 3.00pm. If you haven't used the Breakfast Coop yet, try using it this term. You'll see a difference in your food bill. Thank you to all of you who returned the survey sheets.



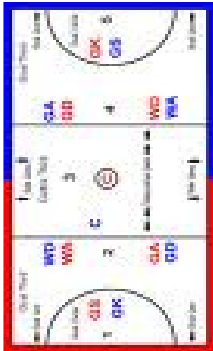
Cross Country

The Miramar South School Cross Country is on tomorrow, Tuesday 18 May (postponement day Wednesday 19 May). Start time 9.15am. You will receive a note about this event. Please come along to cheer on the children. They have been training for this and it would be great if you could come and support them all. The Eastern Zone Cross Country will follow on 26 May (postponement day 2 June) at Martin Luckie Park. Notices will be sent to selected participants after our school cross country. We will need parent supervisors to come along and help - we cannot attend without helpers. Please consider whether you can assist.



“Kickstart” – New Entrant Programme

We encourage you to bring your four year olds to Miss Boyes “Kickstart” programme in Room 2 this term. This is a fun programme to introduce your pre-schooler to our school. You are welcome to bring along your pre-schooler every *second Thursday* from 9am to 11am – the next opportunity is on Thursday 27 May. 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 see what school will be like when they start as a new entrant.



Eastern Zone Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 5 May we took three teams to Hataitai to compete in the Eastern Zone Netball Tournament. It was a beautiful day and all the children (and teachers) had a wonderful time. The Year 7/8 team fought hard and fair, and won one of their games. The Year 5/6 team, under the supervision of our ex-student Daniel Morrell, lost their first game, drew the second, and won the last two! The Year 4/5 team won four out of five games - well done! I noticed how good our children played during the day and hope that next year, they put their hands up to play in the Motu Kairangi Netball League on Saturdays. This league is now mixed and open to both girls and boys. Thank you to the parents who came along to help and support our teams.

Board of Trustee Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled (five), I hereby declare the following duly elected: John Evett, Karen Evett, Elaine Hill, Wayne Lowther, Sulu Sheck. The Staff Representative elected is Emma Boyes. Margaret Hudson, Returning Officer.



School Reports

These were sent home on Friday 14 or Monday 17 May. If you require further explanation of these reports, please telephone Margaret to arrange a time to see your child's teacher.



Queens Birthday Weekend

Just a note to remind you that our school is closed over Queens Birthday on Friday 4 and Monday 7 June. If your child arrives at school on either of these days, nobody will be here.

After School Miniball Team

Well done to our Miniball Team who represents our school each week. Great team spirit is shown and we are improving each week. We've had three losses so far but plans are afoot to win the rest! Players of the day are Hillary Semu (26 April game), Taniela Pahulu and Samasoni Haulagi (3 May game), and Stoney Brown and Viki Moananu (10 May game). Well done all of you and thank you for representing our school. Once again we thank those parents who come along to support our children. The children love it when they are cheered on from the sidelines.



What's Coming Up

18 May	School Cross Country (Postponement Date 19 May).
20 May	Whole School Trip - details sent home.
26 May	Eastern Zone Cross Country (Postponement Date 2 June).
4 June and 7 June	Queens Birthday holidays. DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS!



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