



NEWSLETTER - 2 JULY 2009

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

Happy Holidays!

A reminder of the term dates! Term 2 ends this Friday 3 July and Term 3 begins on Monday 20 July. We hope everyone has a restful and happy break. Hopefully all the colds and ailments that come with winter can be cleared up over the break and we can start Term 3 with happy, healthy children!

Roll Growth



Our roll has grown and it is necessary to make some classroom and teacher changes after the holidays. This is great news as it means we get more money and more staffing from the Ministry of Education.

Thank you for what you do to spread the good news about our school in the community. The management team have made the changes in the least disruptive manner possible.

We are fortunate that our staff is very stable so most children know all of our teachers very well. There will be no changes to Broadway North. All the children who are in our other rooms will be in with fewer pupils.

Because our staff have all completed the same professional development, any changes of classroom or teacher should be an easy transition for our children. The children remain in the same year group.



Deck Replacement

We have recently had funding approved and plans drawn up for a replacement deck on the northern side of the main block. The building work will begin after the holidays and will take several weeks. We have safety measures in place to ensure the smooth and safe running of the school while the work takes place. The builders' vehicles will be on site before 7.45am - and any moving of vehicles will be overseen by the contractor. A two metre fence will surround the work area. The sliding doors will be locked and exit signs covered. Temporary exit signs and access to and from the building will be through the doors at the eastern and western ends of the block.

Roots of Empathy

Roots of Empathy is a programme that we have had running in Room 3 this year. This is a programme that has shown dramatic effects in reducing levels of aggression and violence among school children while improving social / emotional skills and increasing empathy. It gives the children a clear understanding of the needs of a baby and what it means to be a good parent. Here are some of the comments about the programme from several of the Room 3 children ...



- ☞ Monty is the Roots of Empathy baby, he is quiet and chubby. Some Thursdays Sue comes by herself and we talk about babies and how Monty acts. (Lemau)
- ☞ Sue is the Roots of Empathy teacher, she tells us what you do when babies cry. Next in Roots of Empathy I would like to learn about what kind of food you give them. (Boaz)
- ☞ Roots of Empathy is all about babies and how to treat babies. I learnt that when babies are born that their heads are soft. (Nazib)
- ☞ Roots of Empathy is all about babies feelings and how to treat your baby, and also you learn how to take care of your own children in the future. Sarah is the Roots of Empathy Mum, she takes care of Monty most of the time apart from when Monty's Dad does. (Leilani)



Homework Diaries

Term 3/4 homework diaries are available for purchase at the school office. The cost of each diary is \$3.50.

Sporting Results

Miniball Results	Game Date	Results	Player of the Day
Year 5/6 Miramar South School Volts	22 June	Miramar South Won against Worsler Bay School	The whole team!
Year 3/4 Miramar South School Bolts	24 June	Miramar South Loss against Seatoun School	

Family Health Day

Pacific Health Service supported by SECPHO, CCDHB-HEHA, Strathmore Park Health Services, Strathmore Park Community Base, and Pacific Smoking Cessation Programme are having a **Family Health Day** at Miramar South School. Based in the school hall on Friday 10 July 2009 from 9.00am until 3.00pm There will be lots of activities including health screenings, hip hop crews, Supergrans diabetes, nutrition, ACC, WINZ, HNZ, kids programmes and games... Everyone is welcome - entry is free.

Where do we come from?

- Common greetings in my country are "Ayubowan" and "Vannakkam".
 - The foot should not be pointed at something or someone.
 - We beckon with the palm down and pointing with the index finger is impolite.
- 118 refugees from my country were accepted by New Zealand between 1992 and 2004.

Answer? The culture is _____ My name is _____



Cut out this section and return it to the 'Culture Quiz' box before our next assembly to be in the draw to win a prize.



Breakfast Co-op

Don't forget to use 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. Pickup and pay for orders on Thursday at 3.00pm. If you haven't used the Breakfast Coop yet, try it in Term 3. You'll see a difference in your food bill.

What's Coming Up

3 July	End of Term Disco
3 July	End of Term 2
20 July	Beginning of Term 3
8-9 August	Big Night In - KidsCan Telethon
12 August	Garden Storyteller
16 August	Iron Brian



The Staff

MIRAMAR SOUTH SCHOOL



Community Notices

- Pride Lands After School Care have places for children. Based at Strathmore Community School. Have vans to shuttle children from school to their programme. Telephone Moses Ariama on 9072225 or moses@pridelands.org.nz. Website is www.pridelands.org.nz
- Easy Shopping - Easy Fundraising at www.yourfastshop.co.nz 90 stores for you to shop at which provides fundraising for our school. You can shop on line to purchase DVDs, fashion, holidays, iPods, books, magazines, toys, gifts and groceries. Just select our school when you shop or browse.
- Barnardos - Early Childhood Services 0-5 years. Looking for places? Phone Bridgid Wilkinson 04-3855685 or 027-2402658.
- We have a cellphone you can **text** your child's absences to. Just text your child's first name, last 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 policies. Children who are absent too often are referred to Truancy Services and then if necessary to CYFS.