

NEWSLETTER – 25 March 2011

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



Welcome!



Hello to all our families. We welcome three new students to our school - Imani Tuala (Year 6), Aatif Osman Alnou (Year 8), and Aamir Osman Alnou (Year 3). We welcome you to our school and to our community. The cold weather coming fast! While it's warm during the days, the mornings and evenings are getting colder. Please make sure the children bring a warm jacket to school and feed them a good breakfast before sending them off in the mornings. Use our Breakfast Co-op to buy porridge, toast bread, canned fruit and other items to provide your children with a hot breakfast throughout the winter months!



Reporting to Parents

During April we will share with you the National Standards Expectations and how you can help your child work towards achieving the Standards. In May we will be holding Parent / Teacher / Child interviews which we call "three way conferencing". We will give you more information about this after the holidays. In June, Year 4 to Year 8 students will receive a mid-year report on how they are working to achieve the National Standard by the end of the year, and how you can help them. Year 1 to Year 3 children will now receive a written report within the month of their birthday and not in June, unless they have a June birthday. These changes are due to the introduction of National Standards.

Children's Writing

Below is a sample of children's writing. Room 2 has entered the wonderful world of jelly as part of their science studies ...



On Monday, I made jelly. It looked like crystals and then it dissolved. It tasted funny and when I ate it, it burnt my stomach. I want more jelly please Miss Boyes.

By Cherie Bishop (5 years old - Room 2)

On Monday, we made jelly. When we smelt the jelly my head almost blew off because it was so strong. It looked like a fizzy drink. When we drank the jelly it was good. I want to make jelly again.

By Jareece Leota (6 years old - Room 2)



Oh my gosh! I was so embarrassed! I was thinking I wished I had never done a play anymore. I was feeling nervous, shameful and really embarrassed. I was saying "Why didn't I tie up my shoe laces when I was six years old!" It was on a stage at Rongotai. I was so embarrassed because I fell off the stage in front of my whole church because I forgot to tie up my shoe laces. I was saying "That will never happen again!" I was thinking ouch that hurt! I felt ashamed, awful and most of all embarrassed.

By Sas'e Va'a (8 years old - Broadway South)

Lost Property

Please have a look in our lost property cupboard before the end of term for any of your child's missing clothing. We collect items found around the school grounds and put in the cupboard in the corridor in the main block (near the stairs to the library). Every so often the pile of unclaimed clothing is sent to the Salvation Army shop.





Sick Children

With the winter cold and flu season fast approaching, many children are feeling unwell. If your child is suffering from a cold or flu, please keep them at home and take good care of them. We need them to get better, and not pass their cold on to the other children. Remind them to wash their hands frequently, and teach them to blow their nose properly and cover their coughs! Please also remember to ring us to let us know. Don't keep them home if the weather is bad and they are *NOT* sick! They still need to come to school!

Our Term Dates for 2011

A reminder about our school's term dates for 2011:

<u>Term 1</u>	1 February to 15 April
<u>Term 2</u>	2 May to 15 July
<u>Term 3</u>	1 August July to 7 October
<u>Term 4</u>	25 October to 15 December



(Please note the children have Friday 3 and Monday 6 June of Queens Birthday off school, and Monday 24 October is the Labour Day holiday).

Breakfast Co-op

I know that you read about our Breakfast Co-op in every newsletter, but it is a great way to order food at lower cost. It's also a cost effective way to stock up on items for your emergency store at home if you're thinking about organising one! It's easy to use because your child brings the order to school and you can collect your goods when you pick up your child from school on a Thursday afternoon. You can purchase food for your family for much less than the supermarket charges – milk, bread, cereals, and canned foods. Prices have gone up slightly on a few items this year, but they are still cheaper through us. Please look at the order form that your child brings home each Monday. Orders need to be to the school office on Tuesday mornings by 10am, and goods must be picked up from the foyer between 2.45pm and 3.00pm. Pay when your child brings in the order, or pay on pickup. If you wish to set up a regular weekly order to save filling out weekly orders please let us know.



What's Coming Up

28 March	Duffy Theatre - in the hall at 1.30pm.
6 and 7 April	Year 6, 7 and 8 School Camp.
12 April	Duffy Assembly.
14 April	Last day of Term 1.
2 May	First day of Term 2.



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Community Notices

- Autumn Knack Market - handknits, bags, clothing, jewellery, toys, café, baking, live music - Berhampore School, Britomart Street, Berhampore on Saturday 26 March 9.30am to 1.30pm.