

NEWSLETTER – 26 July 2010

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



Welcome!

Welcome back to school for Term 3! We have four new students to welcome to our school this term. Abdirisq Ali (Year 8), Abshir Ali (Year 6), Sean Kelly (Year 3) and Olivia Kelly (Year 2). Welcome to Miramar South School! We hope you will all have fun learning and making new friends at Miramar South School.

Library Upgrade

Ms Smith, with the help of volunteer Richard Maniapoto have been working on installing a new, state of the art computer system into our school library. The work is almost complete and we look forward to the new improved system being used by and for the children. A big thank you to both Kyran and Richard for the time and effort they have put into getting this up and running for our children.



Thank You

A big thank you to Professor Tony Blakely. Professor Blakely is Director, Health Inequalities Research Programme, Department of Public Health at the University of Otago. Professor Blakely received a \$350 Whitcoulls gift voucher recently which he has kindly donated to our school! We have purchased new library books for the school with the funds and a thank you has been sent directly to him. This was a very kind gesture and the children will benefit directly from this donation.

Late Students

The school day begins at 8.50am at Miramar South School. Please make sure your child is at school before this time. Class teachers are required to take the roll and give out daily information at the beginning of the school day. Classes are increasingly being interrupted by children coming late, requiring teachers to repeat morning notices and disrupting class activities other children are involved in. Your child needs to be at school and ready for class at bell time. Please make an effort to get your children to school on time. Half an hour late on a regular basis will add up to whole days missed in your child's education.



Smoothie Fundraiser - Cool Kids Health Squad

At lunchtime on Friday 30 July, for just \$1 your child can purchase a delicious, healthy fruit smoothie! The Cool Kids Health Squad will be making fruit smoothies to sell for \$1 as a fundraising activity. This is a student lead initiative to raise funds to purchase playground games and equipment. Please support this great idea. But wait, there's more... for just \$1 more your child can buy a *second* smoothie!

Maori Language Week - 26 July to 1 August

Miramar South School is celebrating Maori Language Week this week. Maori Language Week is a time for us to celebrate Maori Language in New Zealand. We hope to show our students how they can contribute to the growth of the Maori language. During the week we will be speaking Te Reo Maori, singing waiata, reading Maori stories, tasting traditional Maori food, playing games and creating art, and much more. Please talk to your children about what they have been doing at school during the week.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Aden Stallard for his achievement in hockey. After recent trials he has been picked for the Under 13s Wellington team to compete in Auckland during October for the Hatch Cup. Well done Aden.

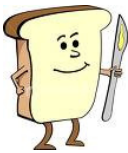


Somali Homework Centre

The Somali community have been running a homework centre based at Wellington High School from 4pm-7pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Telephone Hakim Yusuf, Somali Homework Centre Coordinator on 021-02730689 for more details.

Rippa Rugby Tournament

We are entering a team into the Rippa Rugby Tournament this year. The tournament is on Wednesday 4 August at the Polo Grounds - Ories Club from 9.45am until 2.30pm. The team is yet to be decided and notices will be going out closer to the date! You are welcome to come along to cheer and support the team.



Breakfast Cooperative

Please make the most of our Breakfast Cooperative in Term 3! With the cold weather well and truly here you will want to purchase supplies to make hot breakfasts. You can purchase porridge, Weetbix, bread, milk, and canned fruit. Please have a look at the order form that your child brings home each Monday. Orders need to be in on Tuesday mornings, and goods picked up from 2.45pm until 3.00pm on a Thursday. Pay when your child brings in the order, or pay on pickup. You can set up a regular order to save filling out weekly forms, just let us know.

“Kickstart” – New Entrant Programme

Remember the “Kickstart” New Entrant Programme running in our new entrant room. This programme introduces your pre-schooler to our school. The programme runs every *second Thursday* from 9am to 11am – the next opportunity is this Thursday 29 July. 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.



What’s Coming Up

26 July to 1 August	Maori Language Week.
30 July	Smoothie Fundraiser. Bring your \$1 to school that day!
2 August	Duffy Theatre.
4 August	Rippa Rugby Tournament - Year 5 and 6.
4 August	Exercise to Music Evening - information will be sent to you about this.
9 August	Duffy Assembly.



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Community Notices

- Maori Language Week - Roller Disco - Kilbirnie Recreation Centre, Friday 30 July 6.30-9.30pm. Gold coin donation entry.
- Maori Language Week - Show and Tell by Anne Thorp, Top NZ Chef and Author - Pipitea Marae, Saturday 31 July at 2.00pm. Cost free but bookings necessary 4994444. Eat and be entertained.
- Maori Language Week - Hoki Kai - Waterside Marketplace - Sunday 1 August 8.00am until 12 noon. Wellington waterfront - music, food and entertainment.
- Sunday Diving. For ages 7-11 - Wellington High Performance Aquatics - 2-3.30pm Sundays in Term 3 at Poneke Rugby Club Gym. \$10 per session.
- Piano lessons available. Telephone Hilary Colegrove in Hataitai on 3864666 or 027-2470213.