

NEWSLETTER – 29 OCTOBER 2009

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



Welcome!

Hello all! We have had a busy fortnight, with lots more happening in the coming weeks. Please check the events calendar on the next page for important dates. Occasionally dates are changed for one reason or another but we will always keep you up to date!



Miniball Tournament

Well done to all the children who competed in the Eastern Zone Miniball Tournament yesterday in Newtown. It was a long day and the children had fun competing in their games. I'm always proud to hear that our children are always well behaved when representing Miramar South School. Our Year 5/6 team got into the quarter finals and the Year 4 team came 5th! Thanks to Miss Taylor who was the tournament organiser and Miss Cooper who supervised our teams. Thank you also to the parents who came along to support our children.

School Photos

We have rescheduled our photo day. The new date is Tuesday 10 November. Named order forms were sent home this week. Please read the forms carefully. Return your order with the correct money to the school office as soon as possible. Please put the correct money in with your order as we cannot give change at the school.



Important Testing

We have some important testing coming up in the next few weeks. Please ensure your children attend school as much as possible so that they don't miss out on this testing. The results help us to help your children so it is vital they are here to participate.

Activity Donation / Year 7 and 8 Technology Fees

Another reminder about Donations and Fees. Activity Donations will be gratefully accepted for the 2009 year! The amount 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, then part payment can be made throughout the year. This donation goes directly to support your child's learning. You can claim part of this donation back from the Tax Department each year. Margaret will receipt you at the office when you bring in your Donation.



Year 7 and 8 students are required to pay \$20 Technology Fee per term for the use of equipment and materials, and transport to and from Mount Cook School. Again, you can pay the full amount of \$80 for the year or \$20 per term. Some projects completed cannot be brought home unless the full fee is paid, so if you are unsure about whether you have paid or not, please check with Margaret in the office.

Fundraising Opportunity – Help Needed

Wellington Airport is having a 50 year birthday celebration on Sunday 1 November. They have suggested we open up the school grounds to provide parking for a gold coin donation. We think this is a great way to raise much needed funds for the school. Staff will be on the gates to collect the donations, but we need the help of parents for traffic control once the cars are on the school grounds. Hopefully directing cars where to park, and show them where to exit.

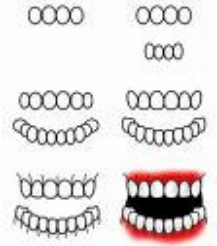




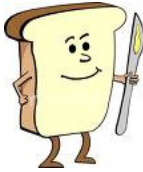
Fulton Hogan will be directing traffic in through a gate on the Kauri Street side of the school. Cars will be coming and going between 9am and 3pm. If you can assist for all or some of the day please let us know. This is a great opportunity for the school and we may as well take it!

Dental Clinic – Telephone Number

Remember the school dental clinics are no longer listed in the White Pages! To contact the dental clinic you need to telephone the School Dental Service on 04-5709292 and they can put you through to the right place.



Breakfast Co-op



Please make use of our Breakfast Co-op. We provide good quality food products for you to purchase for your family – milk, bread, cereals, and canned foods. 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 just after 3.00pm on a Thursday. 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

3 November	Athletics and Picnic Day at the school.
5 November	Athletics and Picnic Day Postponement Date.
10 November	School Photos.
11 November	Eastern Zone Athletics.
14 November	South Coast Cleanup. Details coming home soon.
17 November	CSI Open Evening – Ms Smith's Room - 7pm
18 November	Eastern Zone Athletics Postponement Date.
4 December	Beach Education Day.
9 December	Year 7 and 8 Formal.
16 December	Prizegiving.
17 December	End of Term 4.

Jeanette De La Mare

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Community Notices

- Aldridge Optometrists in Kilbirnie advise 50% off all frames in store for couple of months.
- Hell Pizza colouring competition. Colouring sheets can be picked up from school reception if you wish your child to enter. Drop entries back into Hell Pizza outlets and your child will be given a free snack pizza. The school will also go into a draw to win pizza for the child's class!!! They also have activities on Halloween (31st) free snack pizza for dressed up children on the day, pumpkin carving etc.
- Rainbow Gala – Holy Cross School, Athens Street, Miramar. Sunday 8 November 11.00am start. Food, toys, activities, stalls, raffles, magician etc.
- Miramar Seatoun Strathmore Anglican Parish Spring Gala – Saturday 7 November 11.00am start. St George's Church, Ferry Street, Seatoun. Dress as favourite book character. Prizes for dressups, face painting, food, live music, stalls etc.
- Salvation Army, NZ, Fiji and Tonga Territory are having a fun family day as an alternative to Halloween. 5pm-7pm Salvation Army Miramar, 63 Miramar Avenue. Gold coin entry. Come in costume - no scary ones please. Prizes. Friday 30 October.
- 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.