

NEWSLETTER – 8 April 2011

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



Welcome!

We're fast approaching the end of Term 1! We've had a great senior camp, and we've hosted some trainee teachers, two of whom we farewell at the end this term. Goodbye to Zoe Studd who has been in Broadway North, and Hanna Vollebregt who has been in Room 2. We hope you enjoyed your time with us. It was a pleasure having you at our school!



Year 6, 7 and 8 Camp

The Year 6, 7 and 8 school camp held this week was a great success! The children have all reported back that they had a great time. Some children said that after they got home yesterday, they went *straight* to bed and slept until this morning! On Wednesday I spent the day at El Rancho with the children and was very impressed



at how some of the children were having a go at the activities, even though they were a little scared. The whole point of camp is to teach the children to try new things, become more independent, and develop confidence - I think we achieved these things. Thank you Miss Smith especially,



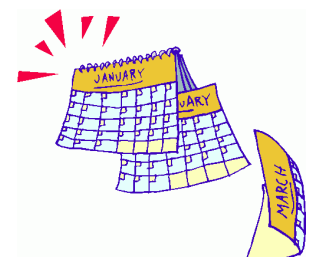
and to all those who helped us organise the children, fundraise for the camp and generally make it possible for the children to go. It's quite a feat to organise which is why we try to make sure as many children as possible can go. You'll enjoy some of the photos from the camp.



Last Week of Term 1

Don't forget that next week is the last week of Term 1. The last day of term is Friday 15 April and we finish at the usual time of 3.00pm. The first day back at school for Term 2 is Monday 2 May and we start the day at 8.50am! Term dates for the year are:

<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).

Room 2 - Science

Room 2 were looking at "physical and chemical changes" as part of their science topic this term. One of the experiments produced some remarkable results (and reactions from the children) as can be seen in the attached photo!

Getting Children to Bed Early

As parents and caregivers you will know how grumpy a child can be if they don't get enough sleep! Please make sure your child gets to bed early during the school term. As a general rule - school aged children need between ten and 12 hours sleep a night. After the recent earthquake felt



in Wellington a few weeks ago at 10.15pm, some children reported that they weren't woken up by the earthquake because they were still up anyway! Plenty of sleep means your child will be alert and better able to concentrate and learn while they are in class.



Technology Fees for Year 7 and 8 Students

Our Year 7 and 8 students are required to pay \$20 Technology Fee *per term* for the use of equipment, materials, and transport to and from Mount Cook School - a letter was sent home about this with the Year 7 and 8 students recently. 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 give Margaret in the office a call.



Keep Reading!

Parents, please encourage your children to keep reading over the holidays. Reading is one of those things that the more you do, the better you get! You can listen to your child read, read stories to them, or just suggest to your child to pick up a book and head to a quiet corner to read by themselves for an hour.



School Website

Check out our school's website over the holidays. You can catch up with newsletters you may have missed, read about the school, see recent photos. Please refer people you know who are thinking of enrolling their children at our school to the website. To visit the site go to www.miramarsouth.school.nz

What's Coming Up

12 April	Duffy Assembly.
14 April	Last day of Term 1.
2 May	First day of Term 2.



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Community Notices

- Aoga Amata has places available if you want to enrol your preschooler. Telephone 04-3883782.