

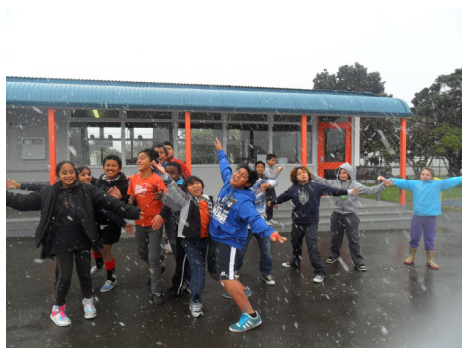
NEWSLETTER – 19 August 2011

Kia Ora tatou katoa, Talofa, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, Ni Sa Bula, Assalam Alaikum, Nihao, Namaste, Buon Giorno, Mingalaba, He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa!



From the Principal ...

Another couple of busy weeks at Miramar South School! We've had a good start to the term. The teachers work very hard to provide a wide range of learning opportunities for your children to participate in and it's great to see the children so motivated in the learning and the doing. The snow made school a little more exciting this week! This is the first time ever that I've seen snowballs being thrown in our playground!



We welcome Hirama Newman to Miramar South School. Hirama started today as a new entrant. We know you will have a great time learning and making lots of new friends.

I would like to congratulate and acknowledge the following students who were presented with Principal Awards at our last two assemblies. These children were presented these awards for being motivated learners.

Room 2	Room 3	Room 5	Broadway South	Broadway North
Jareece Leota Olivia Kelly	Sean Kelly Orlando Moananu	Samuel Ropati Jason Poihipi	Vishnun Khun Caprice Edmonds	El-Nino Peniamina Henare Hape

It's awesome to see that our boys are doing so well! This isn't always the case in other schools around Aotearoa.

The Iron Brian Roadshow came to Miramar South School last Friday to remind us about healthy eating and the importance of getting iron in your diet. This was an entertaining event that all the children really enjoyed. The show finished off really well because all the children were given a healthy burger!

"Maths+Games+Family=FUN!" Wednesday 24 August @ 7pm

I'd like to really encourage you to attend our "Maths+Games+Family=Fun!" evening next week. The staff have been working hard to make it a really fun night and we're totally keen to have every child and their family at this event. The added bonus will be that you will find out lots of new ways that you can support your child to learn maths. This event was postponed due to the terrible weather we had this week. Your whole family is welcome to come along 7-8.30pm in the School Hall. Bring a plate to share for supper. Spot prizes to be won, and a gift for every family who attends!



Thank You

Thank you to Lydia, Christie, Jay, Susie, and Deborah who came to make burgers for all the children last Friday as part of the Iron Brian Roadshow. Thank you also to Suzie, Theresa, Taupea, and Aniva for supporting the children at the Eastern Zone Soccer Tournament. We do appreciate your support as we see this as an important partnership between the whanau and the school.





School Policies and School Website

Our school policies are available for you to view on line. Some policies can be commented on by parents when they are due for review. A policy that is due for review in Term 3 is our "Students with Special Needs" policy. You can view this policy and make comments about it on the website. If you have internet access go to

<http://miramarsouth.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm> and enter our community username:

miramarsouth - and password: South. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed. Read the policy. Click the "Policy Review" button in the top right corner of the page. Select the review type "Parent". Enter your name (optional). Submit your ratings and comment. If you don't have internet access, you can obtain a copy of the policy and the review form at the school office. All our policies are reviewed and updated according to a timetable. You can see all this information on the website if you have access. We will let you know in the newsletters when policies come up for review. Don't forget we have a school website for you to visit. You can catch up with newsletters you may have missed, read about school events, see recent photos of activities held at the school and refer people to it if they are thinking of enrolling their children at our school. To visit the school website go to www.miramarsouth.school.nz



Moonlight Disco Committee

We are looking for parents to form a committee to help organise this evening disco event which will be held on 6 October. This was a great idea suggested up by some parents at one of our recent consultation evenings and we are really keen for this to be a parent / staff led event. Please let us know if you are able to help on the committee.

Contact Details

You may have heard that some schools in the area were closed early because of the weather. With this in mind, would we be able to contact you during the day in case of an emergency? Each day we find that some families have moved address, or changed telephone numbers without letting us know. It is YOUR responsibility to keep these details up to date. If your child is feeling unwell and we cannot contact you, they wait at school feeling miserable. In case of an accident, we have no way of letting you know what has happened. Please see Margaret in the school office or telephone 3886070 to check what details we have for you. You could email us your details on miramaroffice@paradise.net.nz



Breakfast Ideas

Research shows that breakfast eaters have more focus to learn, and more energy for sport. Eating a good breakfast can improve your child's school performance. Here are some yummy ideas for a before school feed:

- 👉 Weetbix and warm milk with banana chopped up on top.
- 👉 Baked beans on toast.
- 👉 Heat left-over mashed potato and spread on toast.
- 👉 Mashed banana on toast.
- 👉 A big bowl of porridge with milk and fruit.
- 👉 Peanut Butter or Marmite on toast.



If you have any great breakfast ideas or favourite recipes you want to share, please let us know and we can put your recipe in the newsletter. Remember you can order Weetbix, porridge, milk, bread and canned fruit through our Breakfast Cooperative. Have your child to bring home an order form on Monday, drop it in to the school on Tuesday morning, pickup and pay for your order on Thursday at 3pm.

What's Coming Up!

24 August	"Maths+Games+Family=Fun Maths Evening
31 August	Samoan Parent's Group Fono
9 September	School Cross Country
6 October	Moonlight Disco
7 October	Last Day of Term 3!



Kaku noa na.

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