

NEWSLETTER – 2 September 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 ...

It's nice that spring has finally arrived. The days are definitely becoming warmer. A lot has been happening over the last couple of weeks. Our Samoan parents group met for the first time this week. Don't worry if you didn't make the first meeting, the group will be meeting each month with the next meeting scheduled for 14 September so please feel free to come along and meet the other parents. They will be discussing among other things, fundraising ideas for the school and cultural group activities.

We've also held the first Moonlight Disco Committee meeting! Thank you to Miria Paraire, Katrina McNaughton, and Ana Fidow - it's great to have these parents taking on the challenge of organising our *first* ever moonlight disco for the children. Planning is well underway and there are some great ideas popping up. The children will have a great time.



Thank you to all those families to come along to the "Maths+Games+Family=FUN!" night last Wednesday evening. It was great to see such a big turnout. It was pleasing to see the whole family solving the maths challenges! We hope that you parents had fun playing maths games with your children and learning new strategies to help them learn their maths at home. Please make use of the equipment packs that each family received on the night. It was so successful we plan to do it again next year!

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

Room 2	Room 3	Room 5	Broadway South	Broadway North
Amy McNaughton Sarah Thang	Bernadine Solo Esther Ropati	Steven Va'a Samasoni Haulagi	Laina Semu Priscilla Solo	Sui Tha lang Thang Susan Iopo



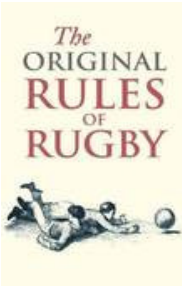
Welcome!

Since our last newsletter, we've welcomed *three* new students to Miramar South School! Agnes Faatau (Year 7) who started on 22 August, Alicia Kitraksa (Year 1) and AJ Kitraksa (Year 3). Alicia and AJ started with us on 29 August. We have seen you all make lots of good friends already!

Duffy Assembly / Father's Day Award

Congratulations to Jay Aerengamate who was awarded the Father's Day Award at our recent Duffy Assembly. Jay received this award for being a great Dad. He has been helping out at various school events, and helping his son Tyrese with his reading. Well done Jay! Please read the events calendar at the end of the newsletter to see when the Duffy assemblies are to be held. We want parents and pre-schoolers to come along to these assemblies!





Tackle Rugby Tournament

We took two teams to the Wellington Tackle Rugby Competition on Wednesday 30 August - a Year 7/8 team and a Year 5/6 team. The 7/8 team convincingly won their pool, and their semi-final game, only to lose in the final! The Year 5/6 team came first equal in their pool, but lost out due to the number of tries counted to attribute the win. Great games all round. Thank you to the children who represented Miramar South School. It's nice to hear from community members about how well our students behave on school outings. Thank you also to the parents who came to help and support our teams on the day.

Reminder - School Policies and School Website

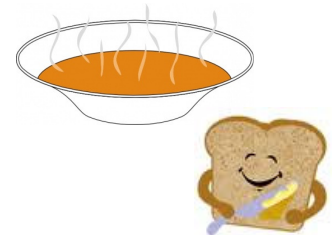
Our school policies are available for you to view on line. Some policies can be commented on by parents when they are due for review. A policy that is being reviewed in Term 3 is our "Students with Special Needs" policy. You can view this and make comments about it on the website. If you have internet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



Also a reminder about our school website that you can visit. You can catch up with newsletters you may have missed, read about school events, see recent photos of activities held at the school. Please refer people to the website if they are thinking of enrolling their children at our school. To visit the school website go to www.miramarsouth.school.nz

A Recipe to Try!

Miss Boyes' Pumpkin Soup! Pumpkins are cheap in the colder months, onions and garlic are always available, and lentils are cheap, good for you *and* they bulk up the amount of soup produced!



- † One large butternut pumpkin (the green skinned one) - peeled and chopped.
- † Two large onions - peeled and chopped.
- † A bulb of garlic - peeled and chopped. ("Heaps of garlic!" Miss Boyes said. This makes it sweet and tasty.)
- † One and a half cups of dried lentils.
- † Throw all into a large pot.
- † Fill the pot with water and bring to the boil (it may be quicker to fill with boiling water from your kettle!).
- † One chicken stock cube / two perhaps depending on the size of the pot - crumble into the water.
- † Salt and Pepper to taste (add at the end).
- † Bring to a boil, then simmer until the lentils are soft.
- † Whizz or mash to make a chunky or smooth soup.
- † Dish up for lunch or dinner with toast or bread and butter. Freeze any leftovers for a quick meal.

You can turn this soup into a full on vegetable soup by adding chopped celery, parsley, and any other vegetables that you may have wilting in the fridge, add some curry powder! Sometimes you can buy cheap bacon bone pieces to add if you wish. You can also tweak the amount of lentils you use, or try using a packet of dried King Chicken Soup mix to make it a thicker yummy soup!

What's Coming Up!

9 September	School Cross Country. 11.00am to 12.30pm.
14 September	Samoan Group Fono - 5.00pm in Room 2.
20 September	Zoo trip.
6 October	Moonlight Disco.
7 October	Last Day of Term 3!



Kaku noa na.

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