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Week 3, Term 1

GOVERNORS BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you - to everyone for everything.

I have really enjoyed my first few weeks here and much of it is thanks to the support and encouragement I have had from the entire school community.

There's a lot going on at the moment with the Surf n Turf every Wednesday, a meet the teacher evening combined with the community road safety discussion on Monday night and then "We love the Principal" day the following week, with gifts and cards and what not. OK, so I may have made the last one up, but your interest and attendance at the others is appreciated. Thanks to those who have given their time to help us with our fundraising efforts by helping out at the Surf n Turf. If you are able to help and have not yet put your name on the board please ring Rebecca and let her know when you are available.

On Monday night the community road safety discussion will be at 6:00pm in the Library. At 6:30pm, Moira and Sarah will talk to their classes and at 7:00pm Val and Karen will talk to their classes. If anyone needs to be at 2 classes at once due to a clash, please feel free to visit the teacher after their session has finished to either talk with them then or arrange a time to meet. I will talk in the library at 7:30pm, this will be a brief overview of my first few weeks here and the vision I have for the school. The main reason for my talk is to give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

The classrooms are all very busy and for updates on the day to day life of the school you can read my blog at www.principal-simon.blogspot.co.nz This link can also be found on the school website.

With every year the budget grows tighter and we rely more on school donations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have paid school donations in the past and encourage everyone who is able, to do so in 2012 please. It really does make a difference to our budget.

In assembly today we talked about win-win situations. Your child may want to make a 'wish poster' when they get home and it would be great if you could assist them in this sometime over the next few days. It is just a page with a line down the middle, on one side your child writes or puts pictures of the things they want and on the other they put the things their parents want. Then together you see how you can work together to make both your wishes come true.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday night

Regards
Simon

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The PTA is looking forward to another year of fun activities for our children to enjoy as well as raising funds for additional resources and equipment for use within the school. Our AGM will be held on the 2nd March in the school library at 3.15pm. The purpose of this being to welcome new members and elect positions of office. Everyone is welcome to attend whether you can contribute a little or a lot during the year or even if you just want to see what is involved. Please do come along.



The next event we are participating in is the Allandale Fete on Sunday 11th March where we will run a sausage sizzle, bake and sweet stall and produce stall. We will be asking parents to donate baking, home made sweets and sauces, any type of produce and also to volunteer for the roster to help out on the day if possible. There will be white boards out at school in the coming weeks for you to be able to place your name down. Any queries contact Jenny Jones on 3299227. Thanks for your help it is usually a really fun day.



After School Care

After School Care started with Bridget this week and the children were involved in a range of activities from drawing to making pancakes. Places are available for this service and if you wish to use it please contact the school. Now that this is in place there is an expectation that children will be collected from the playground by 3:30pm please. Anyone not with a parent or caregiver at that time will be taken to the library for the after school care programme. This ensures everyone is accounted for and safe.

Updating Contact Details

As advised in the first newsletter for the year, all newsletters will now be emailed out each fortnight. Please fill in the contact details form which can be found on the website to ensure that I have the correct details for each family. Also if you have not yet returned your child's permission slip for Educational, Sporting Trips and Photo /Video please do this as soon as possible. If you need another form either see me in the office or I can email one to you. Thank you from Rebecca.

Uniform

Please note that school uniform is **compulsory** for Years 5 and below and optional for Years 6 and above. We are seeing a few children incorporating non uniform items with the uniform, please ensure your children have the correct items on everyday. Items can be ordered from Rebecca. We also do have a small amount of second hand items available.

Lunch Orders

This week we will be ordering lunches from the Governors Bay Hotel. The forms are available on the website or in the school office. Orders need to be returned to the box outside the office on Friday morning before 9.00am. Forms must be attached to the outside of an envelope and have the correct money inside.



Every alternate Friday there will be savouries available to purchase from \$1.50 each. This will again be raising funds for Kereru classroom. On these days just place your child's name and the number of savouries they would like with the money attached in an envelope and place in the box outside Kereru.

5 + a day and Sunkist Stickers



Thanks to all the families that have brought in Sunkist stickers for our chart. As advised previously Sunkist have a fantastic set of 8 ipad 2's for one lucky school to win. We just need to collect the stickers off any Sunkist citrus fruit, stick them on the Sunkist sticker chart (in Koromako) and we will add them all up when the promotion closes on April 2nd 2012.

The winner will be drawn from the schools that have the highest number of stickers per student, so our small school is still in with a chance. Lets get collecting!

Zones Swimming

Karen Paul will be taking a group of children to the Zone swimming sports on Tuesday 6th March. As the weather has not been co-operating lately she is having children swimming in the lunch hour to determine which children will be eligible to participate.

Swimming Togs

A reminder that all children should bring their togs and a towel to school each day no matter what the weather looks like in the morning.

Pie Fundraiser for Piwakawaka Camp

A huge thank you to all the children and parents that helped fundraise for Piwakawaka camp by selling pies, pizzas, biscuits etc. We have managed to raise enough money to make a difference to each child's camps cost. Thanks for your support.

Community Notices

Kayak Fun at Corsair Bay— Enjoy paddling in the bay or give coastering a go and discover the rocky shoreline with the assistance of a knowledgeable guide. Saturday and Sundays, 11am to 5pm until 4th March at Corsair Bay, Lyttelton, weather permitting. Activities are most suitable for 8 years and over and cost \$2.50 per activity. Lifejackets are provided. Numbers are limited and are on a first come, first served basis. This programme is brought to you by Christchurch City Council and Adventure Specialties. For more information, please phone Christchurch City Council on 941 8999, or 0800 800 169. Visit www.metroinfo.co.nz for buses to and from Corsair Bay, Lyttelton.

The Co-Operative Bank CHILDREN'S DAY—Sunday 4TH March 2012 – 11am - 4pm—Come along and celebrate Children's Day a FREE community event. Pack a picnic lunch and bring along family and friends. Over 40 fun filled activities that are all FREE. So come along and join in on the excitement at the Groynes Park on Johns Road. Buses will be organised to depart from different locations to bring families to the event. For more information contact 941 5409 or check the Be There website <http://bethere.co.nz/>

Learn 2 swim @ Livings Springs pool— Fridays 1pm onwards. Preschool groups 18mths - 3yrs (caregiver may be required in the water) 20min group lesson for \$12 per child.

Preschool groups 3 - 5yrs (limit 5 per group) 20min group lesson for \$12 per child.

One on one lessons for all ages. 15min private lesson for \$25. Lesson can be shared with one other.

Times to suit by arrangement. Contact Buffy on 03-344-3244 or 027-322-201, justbuffs@hotmail.com
SNZ Qualified Swim Instructor with 6 years experience.

Lyttelton Youth Centre runs a girls and boys programme for children aged between 10 and 13 years of age. Girls Group programme will be starting on Thursday 9th February. This group runs every Thursday night from 7-9pm. Boys Group will resume on Monday 20th February. Running each Monday, from 7-9pm, for boys aged 11 - 13 years. Please email youthcentre@lyttelton.net.nz for more information.

Diamond Harbour Rugby - Support your local team. Contact dhrugby@gmail.com for further info.

Allandale Domains Board will be having a working bee at Allandale Hall Playground on Sunday 19th February at 10am, so bring along your gardening tools. It would be nice to have the Playground up and running for the community to use. Any enquires contact Nikki Rhodes 3299332 or 0272274561

Violin tuition is available at the school from Ian Bolton, Dip. Mus. Ian plays regularly with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra and teaches extensively. He can arrange hire of an instrument at a reasonable cost. Phone Ian on 981 7260.

Kids Ocean Swim Series - Being held at Akaroa on Sunday 19 February for more information visit <http://oceanswim.co.nz/events/ocean-kids>.

Christchurch Garden City Trust presents: Festival of Flowers—Friday 17th February—Sunday 4th March 2012. This year's Festival of Flowers presents an exciting selection of events and attractions, many located around the stunning Christchurch Botanic Gardens, but others take in floral and related attractions across the city including a spectacular garden tour. Visit www.bether.co.nz for more information.

Educational Assessment Australia

2012 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Dear Parent

Welcome to the 2012 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2012.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 4 to 13 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. ICAS are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants

Distinction to the next 10% of entrants

Credit to the next 25% of entrants

Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each subject is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. The medals are presented at either a UNSW Medal Ceremony or at a school assembly. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a UNSW medal.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

- Science – 6 June 2012 (NZD7.50)
- English – 31 July 2012 (NZD7.50)
- Mathematics – 14 August 2012 (NZD7.50)

Please return the permission slip and entry fee by Thursday March 1st.

For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au or contact Customer Service on 0800 778 010 or by email at info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely
Dr Rob Forage
Chief Executive Officer
UNSW Global

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2012 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) PERMISSION SLIP

Please return **THIS** section to Rebecca in the office.

I give permission for my child _____ of _____
Child's name Class

to participate in the following 2012 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

- Science – 6 June 2012 (NZD7.50)
- English – 31 July 2012 (NZD7.50)
- Mathematics – 14 August 2012 (NZD7.50)

Please find enclosed _____ entry fee.
Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian