

**POINT VIEW SCHOOL FAMILY AND FRIENDS
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - 4 OCTOBER 2011**

Family and Friends activities

Thanks again for all your work on the chocolate fundraiser and congratulations on the outstanding results. Thanks also for the very successful sausage sizzle last week.

Sports

Our gymnastics team has had some outstanding successes in the recent local competition and in the Auckland 'Champion of Champions' competition. You will have seen details in our newsletters. We were delighted about the number of placements for teams and individuals. Thanks to teachers who coached, Lynne Laburn, Marie Wimmers and Neil Wakefield, and to all the parents who coached and transported the teams.

Our football (soccer) team has won the local Howick Pakuranga competition after many weeks of lunchtime games. The final, against Mellons Bay School, was held last Friday. Many teachers and parents were there to cheer the team on and our cheer leading group helped provide a real 'finals' atmosphere. Congratulations to the team and to coach, Neil Wakefield, for this significant win.

Our cross country was held last week and all children put a great deal of effort into this event. We used the Botany College field this time and were well supported by Botany sports students. Thanks to Lisa Firth for her organisation and to parents for their help on the day and their flexibility around our date changes.

Curriculum

All syndicates have been working on formal oral language presentations this term and this work culminated in the speech competitions for Year 4-6 students and the poetry reading competitions for Years 0-3 students. The winner of our Y5,6 competition, Austen Stutt, went on to win the local competition and represented the area at the Auckland competition at Ponsonby Primary School last week.

Senior School electives have been running this term with a wide range of options - gardening, ICT animation, short film, photography, cooking, knitting, drama, German, puppets, orienteering, clay sculpture, graphic design and two sports options. This is an outstanding programme for our senior students. Thanks to the parents who assisted.

Staffing News

This week we farewell Bronwyn Barber, who is relocating up north. We also farewell Kerry Mooney (Hickson) and Rachel Guy, who are off on parental leave at the end of the term.

Ministry Audits

Last week we had two important Ministry of Education audits. The first was a 'Resourcing Audit and Review of Attendance Management'. The second was an ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) verification. The ESOL verifier spoke very highly of the support provided for ESOL students, both in the specialist withdrawal programme and in the classrooms. These ESOL programmes are fully funded by the Ministry, with funds allocated on an individual needs basis.

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