



POINT VIEW SCHOOL
LEARNING TOGETHER

Newsletter

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TERM TWO, WEEK 8, 2014

DATES TO DIARY

24 Jun	Writers Quiz 9.30am
25 Jun	Hockey field day
27 Jun	Assembly - juniors Hockey saving day
01 Jul	Mufti day & sausage sizzle
02 Jul	Family and Friends 7.30pm Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 1pm - 7.30pm
03 Jul	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 1pm - 6pm
04 Jul	Assembly - whole school Wacky hair and hat day END OF TERM

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR IN THIS ISSUE:

- Parent/Student/Teacher conferences
- Soccer results
- Holiday Programs
- Calendar orders

TERM DATES 2014

Term 2

Monday 5 May to Friday 4 July

Term 3

Monday 21 July to Friday 26
September

Term 4

Monday 13 Oct to Thursday 18
December

IMPORTANT

Last orders - times and dates

When we have orders with cut off times, for example 'Friday 9am', we will only take late orders under very special circumstances such as your child being absent for a few days.

The reason for this is that we have a group of parents who sort these orders out on that day. They have given their time freely and often have taken time off work to do this. We are very grateful for these volunteers. Please make sure you read these dates so you don't have disappointed children.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL EPS SURVEY FEEDBACK

Last year our school completed a survey that involved staff, parents and students. The intention was to gather information about critical aspects of our school that would underpin our self-review and school improvement processes. After investigating available options, the tool we selected for this purpose was the Educational Positioning System (EPS), developed by CORE Education and Dr Julia Atkin. The staff and Board of Trustees have been studying the data gathered through the EPS and I will now start to share with parents the findings and how we will use them.

The EPS provided quantitative and qualitative data based around three dimensions and six elements within each dimension, all of which relate to effective school development. These dimensions are the '**philosophical framework**', which considers the degree of clarity and ownership of our school vision and beliefs. The second dimension, '**community and culture**', relates to the learning culture that underpins all our teaching practices, initiatives and developments. The third dimension, '**strategies and structures**', relates to how we put our school philosophy into practice.

The first item I will share from this survey is a 'wordle', pictured below. This is a tool for generating 'word clouds' from a selected text, giving greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the text. To produce this wordle, the EPS used all the words provided in response to the question "**Think about your experience of Point View School. What are the first three words or phrases that come to mind to describe our school?**" We were delighted to see that '**learning**' was the most dominant word and we felt that the other dominant words did truly reflect our philosophy, culture and practices.

Many thanks to all the parents who took the time to complete the survey. It will be an invaluable tool as we plan the ongoing development and improvement of our school.

Judy Parr



Barfoot and Thompson's Young Writers Competition

Twenty Point View students entered their 'Hero' stories into the recent Barfoot and Thompson's Young Writers Competition, along with 1,000 other students from around New Zealand.

Georgia Manning (Room 19, Year 6) has had her story 'Hippo Heroes' selected as one of only six that will be published in book form this year. This is a massive achievement. Well done, Georgia. You are a Point View star!



Welcome to our new students
Angela Huang, Suzanne Gogna, Nichole Jiang, Kailah Lawler and Katelyn Stevenson.

Adam Ross and the TravelWise Team

We are still trying our best to stop families at Point View from crossing the road in the wrong place. Last week the Travelwise student team met with our local MP Jami-Lee Ross. We talked about all the possible ideas to stop this. He was really helpful and we enjoyed meeting him.



CALENDAR ORDERS

Children's artwork can be viewed on our parent/student/teacher conference nights.

Calendars \$12, Diaries \$16,
 Card Packs \$12.

Orders CLOSE 3pm Monday 28 July.

PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY AT 1.00pm
 Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 July
 Please ensure your children are picked up on time.

NITS

Nits are making their presence felt at school again, please make sure you let the office know immediately if you discover your child has nits so that a notice can go home to classes to let all parents know they need to treat their children.

SOCCER & RUGBY RESULTS

Mixed interschool soccer won 3-1 against Owairoa
Girls inter school soccer drew 1-1 against Shelly Park
Girls soccer won 4-0 against Mellons Bay
Rugby interschool won 35-0 against Elm Park



Holiday Programmes

Fun1st - holiday programme at Point View School www.fun1st.co.nz or fun1st@gmail.com Phone 021 220 0420

Skids Willowbank - willowbank@skids.co.nz

Artz on Show - www.onshow.net.nz

Bubble Dome - www.bubbledome.co.nz Power Zone - (09) 538 1075

Bizzy Bodz - 277 7704, gemma@bizzybodz.co.nz www.bizzybodz.co.nz

Howick Recreation Centre - www.manukauleisure.co.nz

Paradice Ice Skating - 273 2999, botany@paradice.co.nz

Netball Programmes development@aucklandnetball.co.nz

Art and Creative opportunities. P 535 6467, classes@uxbridge.org.

TERM 3

Performance Net Wednesday classes 3.30 – 6.30pm Contact (02) 909 80433 - info@theperformance.net

Mandarin classes Tuesdays. Phone Anita Zhang 021 146 0822

Sportzup - phone Keri on 027 422 8496

Violin and singing lessons - Marvin phone 021 764 849

Martial Arts - Marie phone 027 497 0499

Chinese Programme - Winnie phone 027 717 183

Guitar Lessons - Phil - phone 021 775 581

Basketball - Michael - 027 445 0203

Wacky Hair/Hat Day - Friday 4 July

Come to school with an outrageous hat or hairstyle.

Organised by the School Council



On Friday 30th May, the last day of NZ Music Month, the Point View ukulele band and kapa haka group performed at the Botany Library at 10am. They performed superbly, especially "Islands", the Hook-Line-and-Singalong 2014 song with NZ sign language. PVS students were able to watch this live while sitting in their classroom thanks to the use of some new technology from parent Dion Edwards. The special red live streaming box enabled students, family and friends to watch from their classrooms, offices and homes. This technology is hopefully going to be used for future events like Grandparents Day to enable PVS to go worldwide! Thanks to the students for their dedication, to the teachers for their preparation of the groups, and Mr Edwards and Mr Rankin for their technology support.

