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Principal's message...

Welcome to Term three. We have a lot of very exciting events happening this term, including Book Week and Arts Week. Both these events will offer the children many different experiences that will excite, enhance and delight!

Thanks to all the dads who turned up to the first ever meeting of the Fathers Activity Club last Thursday. Keep an eye out for the next date coming up later this term.

Work on our new library has slowed to a halt as we wait patiently for the concrete slab to dry. We are all desperate to get on with kitting out this fabulous new space so we can open it up for the children. However, we cannot lay the carpet until the moisture content drops below 75%. So, for now, we are playing a waiting game.

After many hours of work, we are close to having the format for National Standards reports ready to go out this term. I will be sending out more details about this next week. I will run a parent's meeting on **Thursday 19th August at 2pm and again at 7.30pm** for those interested.

We have also been working on the online version of Learning Reports and are at a stage where we really need some help from a web security expert. The system is up and running but needs auditing to ensure it is safe from hackers. If you are, or know of, a web security expert please contact me at paul.sibson@fendalton.school.nz. Thanks.

Our youngest children have settled into Room four really well and I would like to officially welcome Amanda Williamson to the school. It is great to have her join the Fendalton family as a staff member as well as a parent.

At the end of this term, Sheena D'Abreo will be leaving us for a year. Sheena has been granted leave by the Board to enable her to travel to China to support her family after the sad passing of her uncle earlier this year. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to welcoming her back in late 2011.

We are in the process of advertising the position of teacher for Room 17 and as soon as that process is complete, I will let the families in Sheena's room know.

Have a great weekend,

Paul

Fendalton School extends a warm welcome to: All the new families who have started this term.

Celebration Assembly 30th July 10am

Team 1 and Team 16 are hosting this week's assembly. We will be celebrating Team 1 being at school for 100 days! We will also give out the ICAS Computer Skills certificates.

Fendalton Successes

• **Congratulations** to the following children who achieved Distinction or High Distinction in the recent ICAS Computer Skills exam:

Distinction Year 6: Ben H, Isabella G, Ashley G, Jooyoung K, Olivia M, Sophie M, John C, Bridget C and Aoife H.

A special mention to the following children who received High Distinction in Year 5: Ben R and Hannah R.

• **Congratulations** to the following students who competed in the Christchurch Competitions Society during the holidays:

Jooyoung in Rm 10 was 3rd in the piano solo (10yrs and under 12yrs) and was very highly commended in the string instrument solo (violin).

Jeffrey in Rm 9 was very highly commended in the piano solo (own selection 10yrs and under 12yrs). He also was highly commended in piano solo (Novice).

Janifer in Rm 9 was commended in the piano solo (own selection 10yrs and under 12yrs). She also was highly commended in piano solo (Novice).

• **Congratulations** to Ryan and Stephanie in Rm 7 who have been selected to represent Canterbury in the Under 13 Ice-Hockey team for 2010. They will be playing in the National Tournament in Gore from the 6th to 8th August. Good luck!

Extension Writing

NZ Poetry Society Successes:

Every year the NZ Poetry Society runs its "International Poetry Competition." In the Haiku Division for Primary and Intermediate Schools there were 1032 haikus entered.

Bridget in Room 11 received a Distinction Award.

Oscar in Room 10 received a High Distinction.

Sophie in Room 9 received a High Distinction for one haiku, and was also placed 3rd in the whole Primary / Intermediate Division for a second Haiku.

Ashleigh in Room 10 with her haiku WON the whole primary / intermediate Division and not only that was judged best haiku over ALL the Divisions.

This is an outstanding achievement by these four writers. Congratulations to them and their tutor Kerrin Davidson. Their Haiku will be published in the Society's Anthology later this year.

Sue Williams GATES Coordinator

Dates to Diary:

July

- **30** - Rooms 1 and 16 on Celebration Assembly

August

- **02** - PTA meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
- **12** - PTA Quiz Night
- **13** - Rooms 10 and 15 on Celebration Assembly
- **18** - Class and individual photos
- **23** - BOT meeting 7pm in the Admin Room
- **27** - Rooms 6 and 20 on Celebration Assembly

Class and Individual Photos

Heritage Studios will be here on **Wednesday 18th August** to take our class and individual photos. Please ensure that your children are at school on time on this day as the timetable for photos is quite tight and it would be disappointing for children to miss out. It is also important that all children come to school in the correct winter uniform and are wearing regulation school shoes. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

Christchurch Schools' Music Festival

Preferential Ticket Orders: We invite you to support your child/children, our School and the Festival by ordering your Festival Tickets through our school now. For this year's Festival, Fendalton School will be performing at the Christchurch Town Hall Auditorium on **Friday October 15th at 7.30pm.**

Adult tickets: \$12.00 Children's tickets \$5.00

All orders must be returned to the school office by **Thursday 19th August.** To avoid disappointment **ORDER NOW** using the attached school order form.

Fendalton School will receive 5% commission on total ticket sales. We try to ensure that your seats will be in a position to view our school's choir. Plan now for a great night out with the family to enjoy this year's Music Festival.

If you miss out on tickets with our school, tickets may be purchased through Ticketek from mid September 2010 at a cost of \$14.00 per adult and \$6.00 per child plus ticketek booking fee.

Cat Kincaid

Scholastic

Scholastic book club orders are due tomorrow, Friday 30th July.

Please place orders in the drop box in the office foyer.

Thanks

Lost

Blue UFO scooter accidentally left over night in the junior scooter stands during the last week of Term 2. Belongs to Harry N Room 5.

What we have been up to...



Powhiri

On the first Monday of the term we had a Powhiri to welcome new children and staff. The whole school met in the hall and the new children were called into the hall by a Karanga, which is a type of Maori call that girls do. The new children came into the hall and then Oscar spoke to them in Maori, and then we sang to them. Then Ben spoke for the guests in Maori and they sang to us.

After this some of us did a hongi, which is when you touch noses to close the ceremony. It was a great experience and we can't wait to welcome more people to our school.

Room 8

Book Week Coming Soon

Book Week is coming up during the week of the **16th - 20th August**. Look out for dress ups (the theme is Reading Around the World), competitions, visiting authors and a book sale. Keep an eye on the next newsletter for more information.



A selection of writing from Room 19

Fairy Land

Over the rainbow
Who knows, only you know
Where it's cold but always sunny
Where fairies collect honey.

Where are the bees?
They're in the trees
Near where the bunny
Is eating all the honey.

by Na-myung

Through the Keyhole

I see myself in a world that is always changing. It may not look different, but it is to me. Elves are stamping their feet everywhere.

Through the keyhole I see something magical. Little girls turn into fun inspiring witches flying through the sky. Everyone says puppies and kittens are the cutest things ever.

In my world through the keyhole it may not seem that way. Skeletons sprint out of grave yards. The puppies slowly turn into bats with red fierce eyes. Soon I see myself walking through the door. This is where I belong.

My world through the keyhole.

by Bella

Cats

Cats are cute
Cats are caring
Cats are sweet and scary
They can be stripy and dotty
Cats are funny and crazy
Cats can be lots of colours
They are very cuddly
They are very fast
Cats can be fat and thin
Cats eat scruffy
Cats are very good climbers
Cats have potted ears.

by Emma

Sports News

Canterbury Cross Country Championships

The Canterbury Cross Country Championships were held at Halswell Quarry on Saturday in very slippery conditions. Some of our Fendalton children did very well. Zak (Christchurch Avon) won the 8 years boys' title with Nick (Christchurch Avon) taking the bronze medal in the same grade. Nathan (University) was third in the 10 years boys' race just ahead of Alex (Christchurch Avon). Ben (University) was 2nd in the 11 years boys' race. Ben, Alex and Nathan are members of the Primary Sports Canterbury Cross Country team.

Girls' Chess Tournament

Well done to our Girls' Chess team that won the Year 1-6 A Grade Inter-School Chess Competition at Selwyn House yesterday. The team, pictured, from left to right, of Felicity VDP, Isabella G (Captain), Juliete S and Jessica R who won the competition on a countback from Lincoln School.



Primary School Ski Races

Primary School Ski Races at Mt. Cheeseman, Sunday 22 August. If your child is interested in racing in these races, please get a notice from Room 8A. This year the organisers have restricted schools to only 12 entries, so the first entries returned to Darlene in the office will be entered from our school. We will take more than 12 as often the day is postponed and some children cannot make the new date.

Hatch Cup Hockey Representative

A huge congratulations to Moss from Room 11 who has been selected in the Canterbury Hatch Cup Hockey team. This team is usually made up of Year 8 and some Year 7 students. Moss is the first Year 6 to be selected for four years, so this is an awesome honour. Emily (Room 10), has been selected in the Canterbury Primary Development Girls' team. Louis (Room 11), Toby (Room 7), Henry (Room 22) and Edward (Room 9) have been selected in the Canterbury Primary Development Boys' Training Squad. Well done to our Hockey Players!

West Zone Winter Tournament

The Year 5/6 children will be playing in the West Zone Winter Tournament at South Hagley Park from 12.15-2.15pm on Monday. Children are to wear PE uniform and bring any gear needed for their Winter Sport.

A Holiday Story

In Room 9 we took on the challenge of describing one moment of our holiday in exactly 100 words. Here is Emily's story.

Waiting in line was torture. I heard screams, silence. Gates creaked open. Dozens of us slipped in like scared mice. Sitting down, armrests trapped me. There was no way out.

Luna Park, Australia, this was where I was at this exact moment. Armrests squeezing me, sucking out my fear. My cousins were staring at me like I was insane but I was determined.

Jolt, this was it, twisting, turning, flipping and falling like shooting stars. My nerves evaporated into the cloudy sky. Decades passed. We weren't moving anymore. I was paralysed. I knew it was the ride of my life.