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Principal's message...

We will soon start the process of class placements for next year. Blue forms are available from the office or your class teacher if you would like to provide additional information to be considered. Forms are to be returned to your child's class teacher by **Thursday 12th November**. Any comments written should refer to your child's needs. It is not appropriate to request particular teachers or to create a wish list! We have not yet decided where teachers will be placed in the school and there will be some changes from this year. As I am sure you appreciate, the placement of children is an important process which the staff spend a long time thinking and talking about. There are many factors that are taken into account. Please do not build up any expectations regarding the class placement of your child.

Congratulations to the Middle Team on their fabulous performance at the Ngaio Marsh Theatre two weeks ago. Everyone who attended one of the two performances was blown away by the talent of our children. Huge thanks goes to all the teachers who put the performance together and worked so hard to make it such a memorable event for the children. There is certainly no danger of anyone stealing the *sparkle* from our children!

This week we completed another highly successful athletics sports day, despite the weather trying it's best to ruin it for us! The children had a ball and worked really hard on achieving their personal goals. Paul Norton ran the whole show with his usual efficiency, dedication and *sparkle*, so thanks again Paul.

This week we have been interviewing teachers for positions in 2010. All the applicants were asked to teach a lesson to a group of middle school children whilst the interview panel looked on. This was a hugely valuable exercise, and alongside a more formal interview, helped us to make our decisions. Congratulations to the following teachers who have been appointed to teaching positions at Fendalton in 2010. Paul Page, Kat Smith, Angela Wells, Deborah Davids, Kirsten Brown and Kate Husband. I am looking forward to working with them all next year as they bring their own *sparkle* to our school.

Thanks
Paul

BOT Report

We would like to welcome Toby Stokes to the Board as the new Staff Trustee. Toby is currently teaching in Room 21 as well as an Associate Principal.

Property

The tendering process for the Library is well on the way, with a shortlist of six companies being invited to tender. Plans continue for the upgrade of the senior block and the upgrading of the sewers is also underway.

It's almost summer, so the pool has been painted and has been filled. We are liaising with the PTA to ensure we have a great family night to open the pool later in the term.

Financial

This continues to require constant monitoring, and this year has been challenging. However, we are feeling more confident that we will finish 2009 on, or close to Budget.

School Pool

The school pool will be opening on **Monday 9th November**. Don't miss out on a pool key this summer! Keys go on sale at the school office next week. There will be a limited number of keys available this season. Get in quick and secure yours now! Keys are \$130 with \$20 refunded when you return your key.

Fendalton School extends a warm welcome to: Ji-Won in Rm 7 and So-Won in Rm 12.

Celebration Assembly

This Friday, Teams 1 and 16 will be hosting the whole school assembly. The theme of the assembly is Communicator and we will be showing how communication has developed over the ages as well as sharing a song. The assembly will also include presentation of the certificates to children who achieved a Distinction or High Distinction in the ICAS English tests.

Wanted

The library would love some old tablecloths to use for backdrops for library displays.

If you have any to donate please drop them into the library.

Many thanks, Desna

Junior Athletics Run, Jump, Throw Event

Thursday 3rd December 11:00am -12:30pm (approx),
PP Monday 7th December

The Junior School wishes to invite you to our athletics morning. The morning will be a fun event in which the children are able to show the athletics skills they have developed over the term. Come along and watch, lend a hand or join in!

Children will be moving from station to station in their class groups. Each station will be approximately 10 minutes long and then the groups will rotate to another activity. The activities are based on the skills of running, jumping and throwing. At the conclusion of the rotation of activities, the children will move to the 60m track for the grand finale relay event.

After the event finishes, feel free to stay and have lunch with your child at school. If your child is tired, you may wish to take them home after the event.

Please ensure your children have appropriate sports gear (school sports uniform), sunscreen applied that morning, a hat and water bottle for the day.

Many thanks, Junior School Teachers

Colour Wheel Reading Book Amnesty

Under the cushions? Under the sofa? Under the bed? Towards the end of this term, we will be stocktaking the Junior Reading books and would like any books that you find at home to be brought back to school. Even if your child is no longer in the Juniors we would like you to have a look around at home for any books stashed away that may belong to us. These are expensive resources and we would appreciate your help in reducing this financial loss. From tomorrow onwards, there will be a box outside Room 4 each day, for you to return books to.

Many thanks in advance,
The Junior Team

Dates to Diary:

November

- **06** Rms 1 and 16 on Celebration Assembly
- **12** West Zone Athletics Sports at Ilam 9am - 3pm
- **13** Show Day - School closed
- **16** BOT meeting in Admin at 7pm
- **20** Rms 8 and 20 on Celebration Assembly

December

- **03** Run, Jump, Throw 11am - 12.30pm
- **04** Rms 4 and 17 on Celebration Assembly
- **04** Read, feed, speed 11.30am - 1pm
- **07** BOT meeting 7pm in Admin Rm
- **11** Rms 2 and 18 on Staff Leaving Assembly
- **16** Leavers' Assembly 1.30 - 2.30pm
- **17** End of year assembly
- **17** Last day for 2009

FOS Athletic Sports 2009

Thank you to all of the parents, families and friends who came to our Athletic Sports last Thursday evening and during the day on Tuesday this week.

Although the night was cool, we had fine weather and the children all competed with great spirit. Full results from the night can be found on the home page of the website.

Our Overall Champions for 2009 were:

Bayley Anderson - Junior Girls

Logan Stapylton-Smith - Junior Boys

Felicity van der Pol - Senior Girls

Alex Harford and Sam Hall - Senior Boys

Every year we look for feedback on the sports. Please let Paul Norton know if you have any suggestions by emailing him at paul.norton@fendalton.school.nz or leave a note at the office.

Mini Music Concerts

The children are putting on the end of year Mini-Music Evenings that will be held during the week beginning Monday 16th November in the tiered seating area in the Village starting at 5.00pm. Each concert will take approximately one hour.

Children please wear school uniform.

Wednesday 18th November

Bernie Slades' violin students

Danielle Wood's piano students

Pei-Ying Pan's piano students

Frank Yapp's cello students

Matt Mous' Drum students

Thursday 19th November

Tjasa Dykes' flute students

Susan McKeich's recorder students

Mark Hobson's clarinet & saxophone students

Andy Marra & David Tank's guitar students

Kirsty Brownlie's piano students

Julie Pettitt's violin students

Mark Hodgkinson's trumpet students