

**Please check out the dates/events that are displayed on our website under calendar
There is also an electronic copy of this newsletter if others wish to view it.**

Well it has been another changeable week with the weather! Summer one day and Autumn the next. Luckily this has not had an effect on the day to day happenings at school and all of the classes are a hive of activity.

Today marks the anniversary of a significant event in our local history. We have deliberately marked it here at school in a low key fashion with a minutes silence at 12.51pm. We felt that if families wanted to remember the day in their own way then that was their individual right. Our thoughts are certainly with all of those who have been affected by any of the earthquakes we have experienced over the past 18 months.

General Notices

Bank Details

Last year we had a large number of people/families who found that making payments to the school for their school donations, activity fees, trips, sports team, subs, etc, easier to do online rather than sending/bringing money into school. If you would like to continue this, or start using this option then please use the following account details:

School account number: 03-0674-0109694-000
Particulars/Reference: Your name etc (eg. Fletcher Camp fees)

We certainly appreciate prompt payment of any accounts. Thanks!

Rubbish Free Days

Due to the large amount of rubbish that our school lunches generate we are looking at trialling a **Rubbish Free Lunch Week** to see if we can all consider the way we wrap, package, and store our food here at school to make it more friendly on our consistently overflowing rubbish bins.

The Rubbish Free Lunch Week will be Week 7. Details for the week will be published in the next 2 newsletters.

Touch Rugby

The draw for tonight's touch rugby competition is:

Team	Time	Ground
Year 4&5 – Scramblers	5.10pm	10A
Year 4&5 – Scooters	5.10pm	10B
Year 6&7 – Superstars	5.10pm	3
Year 6&7 - Slingshots	5.10pm	1
Year 6&7 - Serpents	5.45pm	2
Year 8 – Sprinters	5.45pm	3
Year 8 - Stingers	5.45pm	No Game

Note: The final game of touch is on Wednesday 14 March

Friday Night Basketball

These are the times for the games on Friday 24 February:

Please be at the venue 30 minutes before your game.

Team Name	Captain for Week	Venue	Time
Superstars	Daniel Gale	Ohoka School Hall	4.00pm
Splinters	Michael Holdem	Mega Gym 1	4.45pm
Shooters	Kazuma Kobori	Southbrook School	5.30pm
Stealers	Olivia Edwards	Southbrook School	6.15pm
Smashers	Sam Knaggs	Southbrook School	7.00pm
Slammers	Nathan Green	Mega Gym 1	7.00pm
Stars	Eva Gough	Southbrook School	7.45pm

Twilight Football

The draw for the round of the Twilight Football Competition on Monday 27 February is:

Grade	Team Names	Time	Field
Yr 0/1/2	Southbrook Scorers	4.45pm	J1A
Yr 3/4/5	Southbrook Steppers	4.00pm	J4
Yr 3/4/5	Southbrook Steamers	4.45pm	J5
Yr 3/4/5	Southbrook Splinters	5.30pm	J5
Yr 6/7/8	Southbrook Stormers	4.00pm	I1

School Triathlon

Our Middle and Senior School triathlon will be taking place on Tuesday March 6 from 11am-12.30pm. The event takes place in and around our school. The children have walked over the course and are rearing to go.

School Assembly

Our next full school assembly is this Friday (24th Feb) in the hall starting at 11am. Please feel free to come along.

Swimming Sports

Our Middle and Senior Swimming Sports will be held on Tuesday 28th Feb at Dudley Pool. The event will start at 10am.

Swimming Pool

As many of you will have noticed the swimming pool pump and filters have been struggling to keep up with the many users who enjoy our pool facility throughout the weeks of summer (we only seem to have had a few!!). We changed the filters and gave the pump some TLC but it still seemed to be drawing air. On Monday Darryl discovered a small split in a small hose on the intake side of things. Upon replacing this, the pump seemed 'happier' and like all of us hopefully will work better because of this.

Year 7&8 Cricket

Our Year 7&8 cricket teams both had their first round games in the NZ primary school cricket competition over the past week. The boys travelled to Ashgrove Park to take on Ashgrove School where they came up a few runs short and the girls also could not get enough wickets against Ohoka School on Monday.

2011 ICAS (University of New South Wales) Competition

This annual assessment/competition is available again to those who wish to participate.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 4 – 13 students 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.

The details of each paper is:

ICAS Subject	Year Levels	Entries Closing	Test Date	Entry Fee per student
Computer Skills	Years 4-11	24 April 2012	22 May 2012	NZD 7.50
Science	Years 4-13	8 May 2012	6 June 2012	NZD 7.50
Spelling	Years 4-8	22 May 2012	19 June 2012	NZD 9.50
Writing	Years 4-13	21 May 2012	18-22 June 2012	NZD 17.50
English	Years 4-13	5 July 2012	31 July 2012	NZD 7.50
Mathematics	Years 4-13	19 July 2012	14 August 2012	NZD 7.50

Please complete the form below with the details for the tests you would like your child to complete.

Dear Shane

_____ in _____ (Room) would like to complete the following test/s.

Computer Skills English Mathematics Science Spelling Writing

Please find enclosed \$ _____

Signed: _____

Administration

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on Thursday 23rd February (tomorrow) in our staffroom. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm.

Quote for the week:

Week 4: Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it. Lou Holtz

*Have a great week.
Shane*

Dates: Some up-coming events:

Thurs 23 Feb	Middle School Swimming Carnival (Dudley Pool)
Thurs 23 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm in our Staffroom
Tues 28 Feb	Middle and Senior Swimming Sports – (Dudley Pool) 10am
Tues 6 Mar	Middle and Senior School Triathlon
Tues 13 / Thurs 15 Mar	Term 1 Learning Conferences
Fri 30 Mar	Mufti Day
Thurs 5 April	Last day of Term 1

PTA NEWS

Southbrook School Cook books

They have good family recipes in them that are tried and true. Please see Kerry at the office to purchase (\$15.00).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Uniform - Second hand

8 yrs shorts x 1
10yrs long sleeve polo shirt x 1 (hardly worn)
Short sleeve polo shirt x 2
12yrs short sleeve polo shirt x 4 (1 has slight tear near buttons, 1 has small stain in front)
Sports shirt x 1
Shorts x 3
\$25 the lot
Thank you
Sally Quinn 3129569 or 0274763660

South Island Primary Basketball Tournament Trial Dates - Sunday 26th Feb

McAlpines Mitre 10 Mega Sports Centre

- 1.00pm - Boys
- 2.30pm – Girls

North Canterbury Musical Society is proud to be presenting - Willy Russell's - BLOOD BROTHERS

at the Chervier Centre, Rangiora from 15th March to 31st March 2012.

Tickets are on sale now for performances as follows:

Thursday 11th March – Saturday 31st March

Thursday – Saturday evenings 7.30 p.m.

Saturday Matinees 2.00 p.m.

Adults \$25.00

Students/Seniors \$20.00

Group discounts available (Book 10 tickets for the same performance and get the 11th ticket free)

Tickets available:

- Online at www.ncms.co.nz
- Or from John Harrington Showcase Jewellers, Rangiora

Archery at Mandeville Sports Ground

Archery at Mandeville Sports Ground is taking new enrolments for their Wednesday 4-5pm coaching session. So if you have a keen archer, contact us via email: Petra@aimtru.com or phone: 0226543862 to book your place. Suitable for ages 6+.