



### **Kia Ora te Whanau**

Here we are at the end of another term. While the weather this term has been exceptionally kind, there has been a good deal of sickness with both children and staff. The term has been "full on" with swimming lessons, Polyfest, the Gym Sports festival, the senior speech competition, the ski trip and Singout all adding interest and excitement to the school programme. I hope you get a chance to relax and enjoy the company of your children over the holidays.

### **Union Meeting**

Thank you all for your assistance on 7 September during the teachers' union meeting. It was a great help. The actions of teachers and supporters helped changed the government's plan to increase class sizes in 2012 so hopefully concerted action by both NZEI and PPTA will have an impact with the latest plan to introduce 'global funding'.

### **Swimming lessons**

Thanks also for all those people who have helped with swimming over the last five weeks. We have certainly appreciated your assistance with coaching and with helping children to change after their lessons. We are very grateful for the ongoing involvement of the Invercargill Licensing Trust with their very generous financial support of the swimming programme.

### **Fire drill and lockdown**

We hold at least one fire drill each term and this term's fire drill will be held on Thursday morning. Once we have children outside we are also going to practise our lockdown drill by getting children to simulate the playground situation then return to the classroom when the "lockdown" bell goes. This won't be a full lockdown drill as we want to build up to the full drill in stages.

### **Sunhats for next term**

A reminder that all children need to have a brimmed sunhat for next term. School sunhats are on sale from the school office or from NZUniforms, Airport Avenue.



### **What's happening...**

Four gymnastics teams represented the school at the Gym Sports Festival at the weekend. All teams did very well in receiving A gradings. Thanks to teachers Sharon Soper, Lucy Howe, Jan Bartlett, Rachel Fosbender and parent Ashley Mackay for coaching the teams.... Singout is on tomorrow night. A good number of our children are going to the rehearsal tomorrow morning to support our choir. A big thank you to Natalie Kerr for preparing the children for this event.



### **Mufti Day**

We are having a Mufti Day this Friday, organized by the House captains. Gold coin donations please. Proceeds go to CanTeen.

### **Thought for the day**

*The secret of getting ahead is getting started - Mark Twain.*

Regards, Robin



## REMINDERS

- **Pita Pit Orders—Monday** (remember these are now ordered online)
- **Subway Orders—Wednesday** (Order by 9:00am)
- **Sausage Sizzle—Friday—\$2.00 each**
  
- **20 Sep** - PTA Cuppa/Catch up 2:00pm
- **21 Sep**—ILT Sing Out
- **23 Sep**—Mufti Day
- **23 Sep**—Last Day of Term 3
- **10 Oct**—First Day of Term 4
- **12 Oct**—PTA Committee Meeting
- **13 Oct**—Learn to Ride Cycling Programme begins—Rooms 3, 4 and 8
- **25 Oct**—Governance Meeting

Keep visiting the website for regular school updates

## PTA NOTEBOOK

At our most recent PTA meeting of 7 September, we welcomed Tony Behl and his Father in Law, Dr Kamal onto our team, thank you both for the friendship and help you have offered the School.



We are always looking for people to help, in particular, with Friday sausages from 11:30am-1:00pm. We need people as regulars and also others to fill in as needed. And of course always feel free to come to a PTA meeting as see what ideas are being talked about.

Community Cuppa catch up, thanks to all of you who were able to come today, our next one will be advertised nearer the time.

### Mark your calendars—**Working Bee**

Saturday 1 October (middle weekend of the holidays) 10:00am start at the hall, with a stop for a BBQ lunch. We need helpers to put draft stoppers on the hall doors. Paint game lines around the school, (weather permitting) and also some general tidying up in the hall. Please let Judi or I know if you are able to help in some way. It is a great way to get to know some of the other parents and caregivers around the school, and helps to make it a better place for the Community.



Friendship seat corrections, please accept my apology for wrong names and incorrect spelling, Anna Gaitt and Roger!

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 12 October at 7:30pm** at the staffroom, we hope to see you there.

From the PTA team, we all wish you a safe and happy holiday.

On behalf of the Friends of Salford PTA  
Adele Beck

### Upcoming dates

**Wednesday 12th October**

**PTA Meeting—7:30pm—Staff room.**

## CHROMEBOOKS PUT TO GOOD USE...



Special thanks to **the Southern Trust , the Salford School PTA** and the School for providing the Chromebooks for classroom use. These have provided a new dimension in Technology for both teacher and student in the Senior area of the School.