

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010

### IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Cross Country pp 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Inter-School Cross Country pp 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Queens Birthday - Public Holiday

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

End of Term 2 @ 3.00pm



### PINK RIBBON PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Paremata School hall was transformed this morning as the PTA worked their magic for the Pancake Breakfast. Tables decorated with pink runners to remind us that we were fundraising to support Breast Cancer Awareness, spoons and forks wrapped in pink napkins; pink flowers and great food made it a very special occasion. It was

great to see so many of our school families enjoying the delicious food and each others' company.

A huge thank you to our PTA who have worked tirelessly to make this event successful, both socially and financially. We took in a total of \$1,741 - \$800 for the Breast Cancer Foundation and \$941 for the school, an increase of over \$200 from last year's Breakfast. Cupcakes proved very popular; we made \$258 from sales so again we'd like to say a big thank you to all the parents who kindly baked these.

What a fantastic effort from our school community - well done guys!



### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - PLEASE RETURN UNSOLD BOOKS TO OFFICE ASAP

Thanks to all those wonderful people who have been selling these books. All unsold books should have been returned to the office by now. Reminders will be going out soon to families who still need to return their books. Spare books are still available for sale from the office.

### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May (pp Wednesday or Thursday next week) we will be running the school cross country. The races will start with year 8 boys, then girls, then year 7 boys and so on down and will be starting at 9.20am. We still require some parent help so please contact Jamie Merrick - Room 14 or the office if you can help.

### TERM 2 FEES - School bank number is 12 3254 0048796 00.

- Thanks you to all of you who have paid your school fees. Term 2 payments are now due and invoices have been sent out. If you have any queries about your fees, please contact Marie or Michelle in the office 2331339.
- The balance of the Year 7&8 camp fees and technology fees are now due,

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

If you wish to purchase from the current book club selection, please send your order and money to the office no later than **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. If paying by cheque, please write them out to Scholastic NZ Ltd and remember to include your name and room number on the order form.

NEXT PTA MEETING - WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY @7.30PM IN STAFFROOM

### Old Bras Required

Whitby/Mana Girl Guides are collecting old bras which will be sent to the Dargaville Guides who are attempting to beat the longest bra line, currently held by Australia, in support of Breast Cancer. Please bring along any old bras you may have and put them in the box provided in the office foyer

### PAREMATA SCHOOL GALA - SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

#### Craft stall

Hi Theresa here, I have taken on craft at this year's gala and I need ideas. I have lots of material, so get your thinking caps on! [cready@orcon.net.nz](mailto:cready@orcon.net.nz)

SCIENCE FAIR BOARDS - Available to purchase from the school office for \$10.00.

### GUITAR TUITION IS NOW OVERDUE

Invoices have been sent home with the guitar students. If you would like to pay direct credit please email [kyliew@kyliewelchmusic.com](mailto:kyliew@kyliewelchmusic.com) for bank details.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND MINI GALA - 29th May 2pm - 5pm

There will be a Car Show and mini gala on the grass outside North Porirua Baptist Church on Discovery Drive, Whitby on Saturday 29th May from 2-5pm. There will be at least 15 - 20 classic and modern cars on view. There will also be cars available to be taken for rides around the Whitby area. There will be a 'virtual' racing car game challenge. For the kids there is a 'dress your bike' competition with a .50c entry fee, dunk the driver, face painting, candy floss, lucky dip and sausage sizzle. There is also tea/coffee and baking.

If you have a classic car that you'll like to show on the day or for any other queries please contact Kylie on 2359506 or email [kylie.welch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kylie.welch@xtra.co.nz).

### SOMETHING NEW FOR TALL POPPIES AND HIGH FLYERS...!

This is new for Bright Sparks needing something a little bit different. We are now able to take our popular Achieving Potential Seminars directly into schools with the Uni-on-Wheels programme. The pilot programme starts in Term III in Pukekohe and Henderson where our specialist tutors will be paying weekly visits to both Puni and Summerland Schools. This initiative is organised by Holiday Seminars Charitable Trust, a non-profit making registered charity. Check it out at [www.universityonwheels.org](http://www.universityonwheels.org)

Over the last 7 days the solar panels on the roof of room 11 (supplied by Genesis Energy) have generated 22 kWh of electricity and saved 0.004 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. Check out the Schoolgen link on our website for more information.