



Principal's Pen

With lots of winter sports events happening, both through schools and clubs, it was very timely that the New Zealand Herald printed a list of Ten Commandments for sideline supporters in yesterday's paper. Just recently there have been a spate of ugly incidents at school sport's games; secondary schools, not primary schools. And, as you will have read, it is 'good' schools that have had issues. A common thread seems to have been the involvement of bystanders, either through verbal harassment or physical intimidation. Whilst this may not seem relevant at primary level, believe me, we have heard parents make comments that have made us cringe. The Auckland Rugby Union club rugby manager has developed the campaign specifically targeted at Under 13 junior club rugby, but the commandments apply to all sporting codes and ages.

The Ten Commandments are:
Thou shalt not:

- Yell out instructions
- Yell at me in public
- Yell at the coach
- Put down my team mates
- Put down the other team
- Put down the officials
- Lose your cool
- Lecture me about my mistakes after the game
- Forget how to laugh and have fun
- Forget that it is just a game

We want our children to really enjoy their sports and if all parents, big brothers and sisters, grandparents watching took heed of the commandments children's enjoyment and self esteem would be enhanced.

Coming Up Next Week

Monday Year 7 on city adventure
Tuesday HPV vaccination
Years 7, 8 boys' rugby
Board of Trustees meeting
Wednesday Music Education Centre
performance
Friday Assembly Room 14

Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting

Constable Julie Dickinson did a superb presentation about the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme on Tuesday night. Unfortunately only 8 parents attended the session (there were 16 teachers there, outnumbering parents 2:1!) but those who were there were given an in depth look at the programme. One of the parents who attended emailed me the next day with this to say: *The KOS programme, initiated by the NZ Police and delivered to children by their class teachers, is a valuable and effective method of having children look constructively at the issues they and their peers face. But the old "it takes a village" adage also applies - without the knowledge and support of families children cannot gain the full benefit of what they're learning, lessening the potential for the programme to have lasting effect.*

We will continue to offer parent information sessions, as it is parents like her that we do it for.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 June at 6.30 in the boardroom. Parents and caregivers are invited.

Assembly

Thanks to Miriam Gwyn and Room 5 for their informative Assembly item about the planets. It was a great way to present the information through tying it up with a reality TV show involving aliens.

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Principal's Award at today's Assembly: Tali Blumgart, Megan Bol, Ben Smith, Caitlin Ward, Kaustubh Chavan, Aimee McFetridge, Sean Paterson, Tonia Ling, Yi Lin, Rhys Weitekamp, Alyssa Hatton, Brooke Clark, Ishah Lewis, Vitor Pinheiro, Alexandra Southall, Amy-Renee Simmons, Louise Swain, Beatrix Hardie-Lyne, Dhruv Serai, Marsha Kulashko, Ann Kochinadathu Samuel, Maisie Macnab, Sarah Brown, Georgia Church, Olivia Rodger, Melissa Uren, Fergus Harland, Jemma Cherguit, Yannick Utech, Isabella Nigro, Archie Elliott, Benjamin Pawson.

Next Friday's Assembly is at noon, led by Room 14. Parents and caregivers of all children are invited.

Years 0, 1 Visit from Fire Fighters

On Wednesday the firefighters came to school to talk about keeping ourselves safe and what to do in a fire. We like the firefighters because they put out fires and get people out of houses when they are on fire.

*By Kiran Singh and Arwyn Stevens
Rm 16*



Wanted: Empty Ice Cream Containers

We are happy to collect these at the school office. Thank you.

Cultural Festival

We are holding our biennial Cultural Festival in the last week of term 3. We need lots of lovely parents to lead various ethnic groups. A notice will be sent home next week which will outline the expectations and time frame for the Festival and ask for expressions of interest. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate your own culture and be part of our great school.

PTA News

Quiz Night Saturday 28th August

Save this date! Tickets will be on sale early next term!

We are looking for donations of items to be auctioned on the night. Contact Justine on 528 4082 or Justine@pjsolutions.co.nz.

Fantastic Lipsticks Sale at School

\$10 lipsticks!
Nutrimetics lipsticks normally \$33.50 each. Save \$23.50. For every lipstick sold \$2.00 goes to St Thomas's for the Technology Fund. Colour samples and order forms available at the office for the month of June only. Phone Nic Marsh 027 5373760 for more info.

Athon Update

Thank you to everyone who has returned their card and money—we have had a brilliant response and our total as of yesterday was \$12959. We will continue to collect cards and money next week so please return yours as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

A big thank you to our sponsors listed on the back page. Please support their generosity.

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Herald on
Sunday

Longest Bra Chain

Girl Guiding NZ's world record attempt and we need your help!

All bras in any condition gratefully received.

Drop off at school office or St Heliers library.

All bras in good condition will be sent to women in third world countries.

For more information go to brachain.co.nz.

"To achieve greatness, a man must start with solid foundations."

Here's your chance to own one of Sir Ed's.

Support the fundraising for Sir Edmund Hillary Leadership Centre.

Come and buy a brick or two from the house Sir Ed built, this **Saturday, June 12, 10am-4pm** at Vellenoweth Green, Tamaki Drive, St Heliers.
Rotary Club of Auckland East Inc

Friday 11th June 2010

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8

Room 4 have been researching aspects of Forensic Science

Paper Trail...

Handwriting can be identified by examining the shape of singular letters, identifying if the slant is in a certain direction, looking at the size and how they are connected with the next letter.

By Najla



D.N.A.

D.N.A. stands for **deoxyribonucleic acid**. D.N.A. can be hair, blood, snot, spit, eye lashes, and finger nails. All living matter contains D.N.A.-it is the chemical blueprint of life. By Thomas

Blood types

In 1875 it was first realised that people have different blood types, but was not until 1901 that an Austrian biologist called Karl Landsteiner was able to develop the important blood grouping system.

By Bryttany



Fingerprints



By Cody

Each person's fingers are covered in skin.

When you touch a surface you leave a print.

Each person has a unique fingerprint, it can be a whorl, loop or arch.