

Darfield Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 29 July 2010
Term 3 Number 2



Kia ora koutou

On Tuesday at a special assembly, Lynn Andrews from Scholastic presented a cheque to the value of \$1500 to our school. This was from their Really Really Big \$30,000 Book Club Giveaway and we were one of the winners, in fact the only school in the South Island. This is wonderful news for our school as it also acknowledges the loyal support Darfield Primary has given to Scholastic over the years. The school will be able to select \$1500 worth of products from Scholastic catalogues.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the following members of our community who have donated their time to the school and helped with recent projects.

Jack Carter felled the trees out the back of Room 9 and boiler house, Rupert Wright came in with his digger and removed the tree stumps and old timber frame, and Paddy McKay for organising the garden plots, pea straw and compost. A BIG THANK YOU from everyone at Darfield Primary!

Next Monday the first Y5-6 Ski Trip heads to Porters for what will be an exciting day on the snow. Please make sure you have read all the information associated with the trip as we want you suitably outfitted and prepared for mountain conditions. Good luck and I wish you all a fun upright time.



Today 4 ActivBoards were installed in Rooms 1, 4, 9, and 10. These boards will capture the imagination of teachers and students allowing for an interactive, collaborative, multimedia experience. Lessons can be brought to life in a world of bright colour, full movement and hands on interaction. Special thank you to the Board of Trustees for making this happen, your vision for a 21st Century Learner is greatly appreciated.

Some exciting news - What Now are coming to Darfield for their Slam Challenge on Wednesday 8th September. This will take place at the Domain and all Malvern Schools have been invited to attend. Due to the nature of the activities only students aged between 8-12 can participate in the challenges but everyone else is able to be part of the crowd.



At this stage it is likely that we will all attend and we have to nominate one teacher to participate in Pack ya Pants so we are on the look out for a volunteer!



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Congratulations to the Junior Jump Team for qualifying for the Nationals that will be held in Taupo later in the year, and commiserations to the Senior Team, even though they missed selection they can hold their heads high as they did put forward a quality performance.



Thank you to all parents and caregivers who responded to our Community Questionnaire. All the feedback has been collated onto large sheets and these are on display in the hall for all to view. This information will now drive our new vision.



Congratulations go to Yvonne de Burger, you have been selected as the lucky winner of the \$50 meat raffle from Malvern Butchery.

Earlier in the week Sam Broughton came and presented prizes to the Room 4 students because they had submitted entries in the 'design a flag for Darfield' competition. A number of their designs have helped shaped the final design. Well done Room 4, it is great to see your creative talents being put to good use.

Ka kite anō

Markham McMullen

Principal



School Photo Orders

If you choose to purchase a class photo or one of the photo packages please detach the order form, complete and enclose the money (cheque, cash or Visa) in the envelope and return to school by Friday 6 August. If paying by cheque, please ensure the cheque is made out to 'PhotoLife Studios Ltd'.

Group photos (Road Patrol, Choir, Kapa Haka, Student Council, Literacy Quiz, Jump Jam) are displayed in the foyer. If you would like to order any one or more of these, please collect an order envelope from the office and order in the same way as the class and individual photos.

There are a few important things to note:

- Please complete **ONE** envelope for **EACH** child's order.
- **Do not** enclose one envelope inside another. The order will be missed.
- You may pay for more than one child's photograph with the same payment but **each child must have their own envelope completed.**



Any questions please contact the office.

School Veggie Patch

Darfield Primary School has registered for the McCAIN School Veggie Patches programme and is urging local community, businesses and families to show their support by collecting barcodes. Every barcode from McCain frozen vegetable or McCain Purely Potato packs purchased will provide points that Darfield Primary can redeem for gardening tools, seeds and equipment such as wheelbarrows, water tanks and compost bins for their school veggie patch.

This is a great opportunity for Darfield Primary School students to be involved in an educational programme that aims to teach children about the benefits of healthy eating in a fun, outdoor environment.

McCain School Veggie Patches will allow our school to play an active role in engaging children in an interactive and entertaining way to learn more about the foods they eat, and the world around them.

'Involving children in the process of growing, harvesting, cooking and even buying vegetables is a great way to get them excited about eating veggies. The McCain School Veggie Patches programme equips students with invaluable knowledge and hands-on experience that will continue to grow with them well into the future.' - Nicki Anderson, Marketing Director, McCain Foods Australia and New Zealand.

To show your support and earn points for our school, simply collect barcodes from any pack of McCAIN frozen vegetables or McCAIN Purely Potato and drop them into the box in the office, or send in a stamped envelope with the name, town and postcode (7510) with Darfield Primary

| School's name to:

McCains School Veggie Patches

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Calendar of Events

Term Three

Friday 30 July	Sausage Sizzle
Monday 2 August	1st Ski Day Porters Yr 5/6
Tuesday 3 August	Australasian English Test
Monday 9 August	2nd Ski Day Porters Yr 5/6
Wednesday 11 August	Yr 3/4 Ski Day Mt Hutt
Friday 12 August	Literacy Quiz
Friday 13 August	Sausage Sizzle and School Disco
Monday 16 August	3rd Ski Day Porters Yr 5/6
Monday 23 August	4th Ski Day Porters Yr 5/6
Tuesday 24 August	Malvern Winter Tournament pp 26th: note change of date
Friday 27 August	Sausage Sizzle
Monday 30 August	5th Ski Day Porters Yr 5/6
Thursday 9 September	Canterbury Schools Winter Tournament
Friday 24 September	Last Day of Term


Term Four

Monday 11 October	First Day Term Four
Friday 15 October	Sausage Sizzle/Mufti Day for CanTeen
Saturday 16 October	Quiz Night & Auction
Monday 18 October	Pet Day pp 22nd
Monday 25 October	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 26 October	School Athletics pp 28th
Tuesday 2 November	Malvern Athletics
Wed 3—Fri 5 November	Yr 5 Camp at Woodend
Friday 12 November	Canterbury Show Day Holiday
Tuesday 30 November	Canterbury Schools Athletics
Wed 1—Fri 3 Dec	Yr 6 Camp at Wainui
Wednesday 8 December	Junior/Senior Prizegiving



Whakanuia Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Thank you to all the families who have contributed to our preparing and sharing food focus during Māori Language Week with the theme of 'Te Mahi Kai' - the Language of Food. You have been generous with your donations of food which we will be delivering to the Blackberry Patch where they provide short and long term foster care for children. We are still accepting donations of non-perishable food items and they can be placed in the basket in the foyer.



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Rowlands 318 4020 or Kim Millar 318 8885

PTA Disco

A school disco will be held on Fri-
day 13th August—Fancy Dress.
There will be prizes for 'Best
Dressed'.

6.30-8.30pm
\$2 entry or \$5 per family



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Performances:

Friday 23 July 7.30pm
Saturday 24 July 6.00pm
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Thursday 29th July 7.30pm
Friday 30 July 7.30pm
Saturday 31 July 6.00pm

Friday 23 Opening Night (includes supper) \$25 Adult \$15 Child

All other performances—\$15 Adult, \$6 Child

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