

Darfield Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 5 August 2010
Term 3 Number 3



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Next Thursday our two Literacy Quiz Teams will be participating in the annual Christchurch South Schools' Literacy Quiz. Mrs Creamer and Mrs Cornish have been working hard with their teams preparing for the quiz. Each team has had to read 11 books, and they will be given 120 questions to answer on the night. We wish the following teams all the best for a successful quiz.

Mrs Creamer's Team: Tori Bayliss, Laura Cullen Caleb Banks, Brianna Steele, Caitlin Rayne, Logan Quigley.

Mrs Cornish's Team: Molly Smith, Elyse Kerr, Will Greenslade, Daniel Rabbidge, Caitlin Paul, Cassidy Judd.

This week all families were given a WOWOW Survey to complete from Carolyn Bennison, Schools Travelwise Co-ordinator. The survey information will be used to get some statistics on the effectiveness of the programme and if has made a difference to the number of children who walk or wheel to school. Thank you to the parents who have returned the surveys, tomorrow is the last day for returns and remember all surveys will go into the draw for a family meal voucher at the Bealey Speights Ale House.

2010 National Survey of Primary and Intermediate Schools -since 1989 the National Council for Educational Research (NZCER) has conducted national surveys for primary schools to track what is happening in education. Darfield Primary School has been selected to be part of the 2010 national survey.

You may be one of the random sample of parents who gets a survey about your child's schooling. If you do, please fill it in! It's a great opportunity for us to get a useful picture of parent views about this school, as well as contributing to the national picture.

Tomorrow parents will be randomly selected and the surveys will be sent home with your child. All the appropriate information will be inside the envelope. NZCER has asked that surveys are returned by 18 August. Thank you for supporting this survey.

Unfortunately the first Y5-6 ski trip had to be cancelled because the Porters Ski Field was closed. Next week we hope for a better result as we have two trips planned, Y5-6 on Monday to Porters and Y3-4 on Wednesday to Mt Hutt. Fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us.

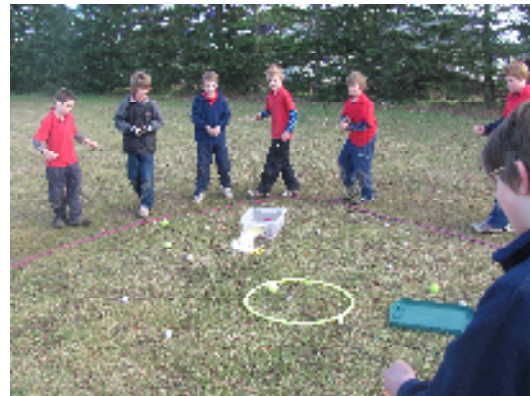
A special thank you to Graeme Knowles, Graeme was able to come in at short notice and cut and fit some whiteboards to the gaps that had been created with the installation of the new Activboards. Thanks Graeme you did a great job.

Congratulations to the Year 6 students for the manner in which they conducted themselves at the Leaders Day last Thursday at the Domain. Horizons Unlimited who organised and ran the Leadership Day were very complementary about our students - everyone had a great day, well done.

Markham McMullen

Principal

Year 6 Leadership Day



School Photo Orders

Tomorrow is the last day for school photo orders. If you wish to order any of the photo options please fill out the order form, enclose the money, seal and hand in at the office.



Principal Awards

The following children received Principal Awards at school assembly held Tuesday 3 August:

Room 1: Shannon Bayliss

Room 2: Molly Mannering

Room 3: Logan Cartman

Room 4: George McIntosh

Room 5: Danielle Bates

Room 8: Ben Williams

Room 9: Virginia Ingle

Room 10: Grace Smith

Room 11: Gabriel Burnett

Room 12: Ryan Wilkinson

Cracker Cards

Junior: Niamh Guy Rm 5, Presley Dhue Rm 3, Mitchell Calcott Rm 3, Claire Langlands Rm 5

Senior: Shayden Monk Rm 9, Caleb Banks Rm 11, Kylie Schnell Rm 12, Eloise Dance Rm 11

What a fabulous response we had from our families with the donations of food last week.

Thank you so much.



We were delighted to be able to deliver the baskets of food to the Blackberry Patch.

Christine Dennis reported that they were overwhelmed by the donation and very thankful that the community had thought of them. They currently have 4 long term foster care children from one family.

We have received a card and letters from them. The card reads:

*To the children and families of
Darfield Primary School*

*Thank you so very much for the lovely
surprise and very lovely gifts of so
many different yummy foods. All of
which will be so appreciated.*

*Thank you very much and God bless
you one and all.*

From all at the Blackberry Patch

Calendar of Events

Term Three

Monday 9 August	Ski Day Porters Yr 5/6
Wednesday 11 August	Yr 3/4 Ski Day Mt Hutt
Thursday 12 August	Literacy Quiz
Friday 13 August	Sausage Sizzle and School Disco
Monday 16 August	Ski Day Porters Yr 5/6
Monday 23 August	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	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

Choir

Christchurch Rehearsal is now
Wednesday 18 August not Monday
16th

Choir children: Please be at school
by 8.40am on this morning.
Remember \$10 for McDonald's
lunch.
Children will travel with the High
School students by bus,
accompanied by Ms Hayes (DHS)
and Mrs McMullen and Mrs Pickard
from our school.

*'Sunshine is delicious, rain is
refreshing, wind braces up, snow
is exhilarating; there is no such
thing as bad weather, only
different kinds of good
weather.'*

John Ruskin



How disappointing that our first ski trip to Porters on
Monday was cancelled because of string winds.



We are now hoping for
good weather next week
for the Yrs 5&6 skiing at
Porters on Monday and the
Yrs 4&5 ski trip to Mt
Hutt on Wednesday.

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PTA Disco

A school disco will be held on Friday 13th August—
Fancy Dress.

There will be prizes for
'Best Dressed'.

6.30-8.30pm

\$2 entry or \$5 per family



Missing

A Flip Trick Red Bike
belonging to Travis
Barron has gone missing.
Please return to the
school office if found.

Kirwee School Pool's
MEGA

QUIZ
NIGHT
Saturday 14th August

Run and organised by The Friends of Kirwee School

KIRWEE COMMUNITY HALL

7:30 PM

\$20 / person. Teams of 4 - 6

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MEGA PRIZES / Raffles / Games

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