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TERM 2— 27th April—2009

Coming Up:

DON'T FORGET, School Starts at 9.15am on Tuesdays.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

We will be having a TOD on Tuesday 2nd of June. (It is the Tuesday after Queens Birthday weekend.)

Trivial Pursuit Evening

**Saturday 9 May
Red Beach School Hall**

Hall will open at 7 pm and the quiz will start at 7.30 sharp.

Tickets are \$10 per person and will be on sale in Term 2 at the lower office counter in the Resource room.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
between 8.30 & 9.30 and
2.30 & 3.30**

Don't delay in purchasing tickets as this is traditionally a very popular event. Buy individual tickets or make up a table of 10. Don't forget the theme this year is the letter "M". There will be a prize for the best dressed table and other fabulous spot prizes throughout the night!

**RBS Community Committee
– Making a difference**

Community Committee Disco

Friday 12th June

Parent Helpers needed on the night. More information to come nearer the date.

RBS 20th School Reunion

Make sure you keep **Friday 28th and/or Saturday 29th of August** free in your diary.

Friday night is a gathering of past students and teachers and Saturday night is a celebration Ball. The Community Committee will be organising this fundraising event which will be a night not to miss.



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and School Friends

Welcome back to Term Two. We do hope you and your children have had a fun and enjoyable holiday break.

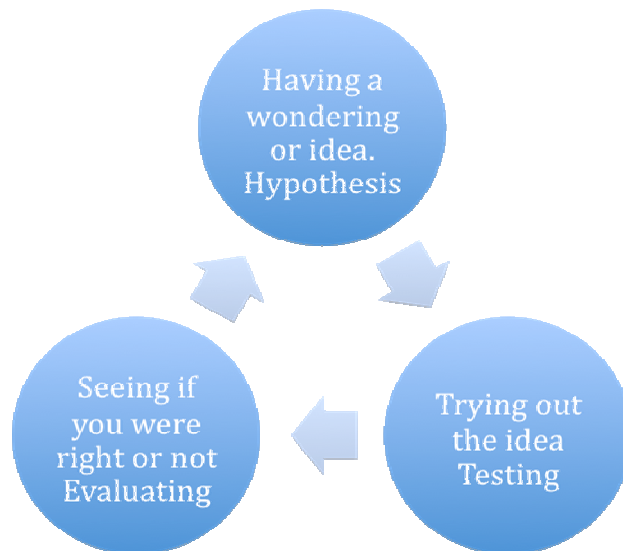
The teachers have been working hard to plan science experiences for their classes this term that create wonder and awe. A number of teachers attended a two day Science Conference at Auckland University in the holidays which emphasized the importance of encouraging students to think, talk and wonder. The following types of questions encourage children to talk, think and wonder. Have a go with these starters with your own children:

I wonder what this is? I wonder what this does?

I wonder how this works? What it is used for?

What would happen if ...?

We all remember doing science at school, filling in tables, following instructions, testing and often watching the teacher doing the experiment. The way in which science is approached in the new curriculum is quite different to our school experiences, it is about providing experiences, activities or scenarios that create a WOW factor or provoke interest and wonder. It is important that such experiences or what we sometimes term the 'hook' are interesting and show relevance to the real world. Today there is far more focus on students understanding the nature of science. Put simply science is about;



This is what scientists do.

For so many of us our experiences with science have led us to believe it's more complicated than that. Importantly we need to produce motivated and enthusiastic thinkers, wonderers, investigators and creators to solve the 21st century problems that are not even problems yet!

As part of our science focus this term we are going to be creating a Wonder and Awe centre in the school office. Come and visit the office foyer to have your own imagination ignited. We would like to encourage children to bring along objects or pictures to put on show to join in the WOW factor science can offer.

If you are a scientist or know of someone that may be able to support the school in our learning around science this term please make contact with your child's classroom teacher. We are keen to tap into experts in the field.

ATTENDANCE

As mentioned in the last newsletter for term 1 we are moving to electronically recording attendance. We are using the following ministry codes to classify absentees:

- E = Explained Absence** (eg: holiday's are "explained" but not justified)
- J = Justified Absence** (eg: at a funeral, music exam etc.)
- L = Late for Class**
- M = Medical**, includes sick days and any related medical appointments
- O = Overseas**
- P = Present**
- ? = Not in Class—Unknown reason**

Importantly, if we do not have a reason for an absence it is classified by the Ministry as truant. We will be introducing text capability to inform parents if students are not present and we have not received a reason for the absence. We would like to reinforce how important it is to call the school office if your child is going to absent and record the name, room number and reason for your child's absence.

Important to note:

If you leave a message to say your child will be "Absent" - this does not give a justified explanation.

PLEASE STATE THE REASON FOR THEIR ABSENCE CLEARLY.

ANZAC PARADE Thanks to Josh and Keira-Jayne for representing us at the ANZAC parade on Saturday. They laid a wreath on behalf of Red Beach School.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Chanelle Cooper will be starting as our new school Librarian next week. Welcome Chanelle, it is great to have you as part of our staff.



Mother's Day Raffle

We have some amazing prizes to be won by 3 lucky Mums this Mother's Day. 10 tickets per family have been sent home today and we would really appreciate your support by selling these amongst friends and family. They won't be hard to sell with these great prizes...

1st Prize

\$200 Westfield vouchers - \$600 worth of Pampering Treatment at Waiwera Infinity Spa, 1 Luxurious Bath Robe & 1 Chicka Bella T shirt.

2nd Prize

A Beautiful Basket crammed full of great Hair Products, Make up and Bag. Valued at \$200

3rd Prize

The latest Entertainment Book (including vouchers for local restaurants and attractions) and a Bottle of Wine.

Prizes are on display at Reception



Sarah Martin
Acting Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

FLUTE / RECORDER

Qualified and experienced teacher.
Instrument hire available. Phone Gerry on 4244199 or 027 6190046.

Astara Dance School

Modern Jazz/Ballet
All ages. Wednesdays at Orewa North Primary School

Contact:

Katrina 426 2989 or
Lindi 021 252 4749

SPORTS TALK:

SWIMMING LESSONS:

Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons. Payment of \$40 is now due for this program. Please send to your child's teacher by this Wednesday 29th April, or alternatively, payments can be made at the office.



If your child has had success in the sporting field either Regionally or Nationally, please forward their results to sport@redbeach.school.nz for our upcoming Celebrations Assembly

Congratulations to the **Red Beach Racers** who won the year 5/6 Mixed in the Sharks Touch competition in a spectacular drop-off against Orewa North Eagles. At full time the game was tied 3-3. A drop-off commenced where each team dropped a player every 2 minutes. The teams were down to 3 players each when Ben Crawford ran the full length of the touch field from a penalty tap to give his team the win. **Congratulations to the whole team who played brilliantly. POD - Ben Crawford.**

YEAR 5/6 INTERSCHOOL RUGBY TEAM. If you filled in and returned your permission slip for this team to Mrs Mount last term then you will need to be at the Trials on Wednesday at Lunchtime. This will be the only trial and if you are not there you will not be part of the team. You must have a change of clothes and a mouthguard. No boots allowed.

INTERSCHOOL SOCCER

Trials will be held next week for our Interschool Girls & Boys soccer teams. Please listen to the daily notices for more information later in the week.

Anyone wishing to playing miniball on a Thursday Y 1 - 4, or basketball on a Tuesday Yr 5 & 6 please go to the school office and collect a notice. If you have any queries please contact Sandy Grant 4247926 or 0276094739.



SILVERDALE SEAHAWKS are currently looking for Junior players (11—12 Yrs) and Ripper Rugby (5-7 year olds). This is for boys and girls, fees are \$60.00. If you are interested please contact Clinton Dyer 021 848 176 4265605 email: silverdalerugbyrdo@xtral.co.nz



SWIMMING NOTICE:

There has been a date change to the Swim Program for the following classes due to our Teacher Only day – Room's 4, 13, 18, 25, 26, 30. Your first session will take place on Wednesday 3rd June followed by Thursday 4th and Friday 5th. The dates for your second week will remain the same.

TEAM RESULTS

Allstars beat Stella Maris. POD was Jack Galliven for awesome goal scoring.