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## COMING UP

Thursday 29th April- Netball starts

Friday 30th April-

Albatross Assembly

Friday 30th April- Neon Disco see note below

## BITS & BOBS:

### Neon Disco - Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>

All students are invited to attend the first disco of the year. Years 1-3 from 6pm – 7.15pm, Years 4-6 from 7.45pm – 9pm. Tickets \$5. Snacks, drinks and flashy things will be available for sale. **Parent Helpers Needed.** We are looking for helpers to ensure there is enough supervision on the night. Dads we really need some help with security for the evening. Please go to [www.giveme5.school.nz](http://www.giveme5.school.nz) and sign up - tick *Disco*. Thank you to those parents who have already indicated they can help – you will be contacted later this week.

**Spanish lessons start this Friday for those who have paid. Anyone else wanting to join must have money & form into the office by Wednesday. Forms available at the office.**

### Can you help?

Each year the Community Committee run a variety of fundraising events that require prizes or items for auction. To make these events successful we rely on support from our school community and local businesses. This year all proceeds are going towards a new junior playground. Any support you can give is appreciated. **We are hoping for a variety of goods or services for these upcoming events :**

\*Small or lower value items for prizes at the Quiz night \*Male oriented items for the Fathers Day Raffle \*Medium to higher value items to auction at the Gala.

To donate items go to [www.giveme5.school.nz](http://www.giveme5.school.nz)



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### *Message from the Principal*

DEAR PARENTS AND SCHOOL FRIENDS,

Welcome back to Red Beach School for Term 2, 2010. It was great to see all of our students and staff back here yesterday looking refreshed and ready to go for the term.

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CLASSES THIS TERM?

This term our classes will be working on learning experiences that will build the children's understanding of the concept that "WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER". For some classes this means investigating the natural world and looking at how all living things work together and are interdependent. For others, it means investigating how all sorts of people live and work together and depend upon one another. This is called the conceptual approach to the curriculum and is very much part of the New Zealand Curriculum's approach to learning. While knowledge of facts and information is still important, it is much more important that each individual child can see the connection between knowledge and what it means as an overall concept. Through their class investigations and learning experiences, which may be about for example the bird life on TiriTiri Island, the children are deepening their understanding of the concepts that hopefully will make a difference to their own overall understanding for life. Ask your child what they are learning about this term and why they think it is important.

#### THANK YOU TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At last month's AGM for our very own Community Committee members, some of our long-serving parents stood down from the committee. They were Nicola Falloon, Carey King, Julie Gibson, Philippa Nicholls and Tracey Foley. On behalf of the school I would very much like to thank these amazing mums for all of the work and effort they have put in fundraising and supporting the school. We will be forever in your debt and truly thank you for your time.

#### SOAPBOX DERBY

Our Soapbox team took part in the National Finals down the very steep Kaipatiki Road in Glenfield on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April. This was an opportunity to race our soapbox against the fastest ones from around the North Island so competition was hot! It was a very exciting afternoon's racing with close finishing times. This year our drivers Finn Mount and Rowan Gjaltema did extremely well and finished just outside the top ten. A big thanks to all the pit crew, parents, teachers and supporters who came along on the day to cheer the team on.

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In recent times, we have implemented an electronic system for recording the children's attendance at school, according to requirements from the Ministry of Education. We are most impressed with how well the system will now be able to monitor trends over time.

When we record absences they are recorded according to a Ministry of Education coding system: Medical means sickness, doctors visits or hospital appointments.

Justified absence means that the student is away due to an unintentional absence, like for example a bus breakdown, road closure, or they are part in a national sporting event or family bereavement. *This is the only category of absence that is acceptable to the Ministry.*

An Unjustified absence means that the school has been notified of the absence but it is not a justifiable reason for taking the student out of school, according to the Ministry of Education. *This includes being on holiday either in New Zealand or overseas.* If parents leave a message on the answer phone that simply says the student is 'absent' we record this as Unjustified.

Late means that the student arrives after 9.00. If the student is recorded as late this is seen as a half-day absence by the Ministry.

If we do not hear from parents why students are absent they are recorded as a ? If after five days, we have not received details of why a child was away, they are recorded as Truant.

Our electronic attendance system allows us to monitor attendance and patterns of absence closely. The Ministry of Education recommendation is that we communicate with parents of children who are at school for less than 90% of the time. Over a period of a year, 90% would constitute missing four weeks of school. You are able to check current attendance details via your caregiver login for Knowledge Net. Here you can see a simplified summary of Present and absent days.

If you have any questions regarding our attendance procedures, please contact Chris at [chrisb@redbeach.school](mailto:chrisb@redbeach.school)

## OUT OF ZONE APPLICATIONS

As you may have read in the Board of Trustees newsletter last term, our school is now closed for out of zone applicants for 2010. However we do need to know of pre-school children who are currently residing out of the zone but who have siblings attending our school. Please fill in the attached form (or pick up one from the office) and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

## OPENING OF ROOMS 6 AND 7

We are delighted that the upgrading of the interiors of Rooms 6 and 7 was completed over the holiday break and classes have now moved in. Room 6 will now be a Year 6 class, with Miss Jenny Healey and in Room 7, we welcome back Mrs Jane Aidney and Mrs Andrea Mackereth who will be teaching a New Entrant class.

## STAFF VACANCY

Here at Red Beach School, we are looking at employing a part-time gardener (for approximately 9 hours a week). If you enjoy gardening and would like to work here during school hours, please contact Leanne in the school office.



Lesley Tait  
Principal

## SPORTS TALK & TEAM RESULTS:

### COMING UP:

**Netball Season Starts - Thursday April 29th**  
**Swimming Lessons - Rooms 1,5,11,25,26,30**  
**Weeks 3 & 4**  
**Swimming Lessons - Rooms 8,12,13,15,16,18**  
**Weeks 5 & 6**  
**Interschool Soccer - Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Interschool Rugby League - Thursday June 10th**  
**Whole School Cross-Country - Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Interschool Rugby - Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>**

### NETBALL SKIRTS

Netball skirts will be issued this WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL in the school Library at lunch-time. All players must come along at this time to pick up their skirt. Netball fees must be paid before skirts are issued.

**\*\*Please note that registrations are now closed and we cannot take any further players\*\***

✔ If your child has had success in the sporting field, competing at regional (Auckland) or national (New Zealand) level, please forward their results to [sport@redbeach.school.nz](mailto:sport@redbeach.school.nz)

### SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 2, 3 and 4 swimming lessons – payment of \$40 is now due for this program. Please send to your child's teacher by this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Eftpos payments can be made at the office.



FOR ALL RED BEACH SCHOOL SPORTING ENQUIRIES PLEASE EMAIL

[sport@redbeach.school.nz](mailto:sport@redbeach.school.nz)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

### Netball for Year 1-3's

Kelly Sports in conjunction with Hibiscus Coast Netball are once again running a Fun Ferns Netball programme at the HBC Netball courts in Whangaparaoa starting Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010, 3.45pm-4.45pm and concluding June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010. Cost is \$60 per person. For more information or a registration form please contact Paul or Karen 427 9377 or e-mail [karen@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:karen@kellysports.co.nz)



### Kelly Sports Hockey programme

Due to the success of our hockey programme last year, Kelly Sports will again be running a programme during term 2 for year 1-6 children. Location: Whangaparaoa College Astro Turf, Starting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 3-45pm-4-45pm and concluding June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010. Cost \$65 per person. For more details or a registration form contact Paul or Karen on 427-9377 or e-mail [karen@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:karen@kellysports.co.nz)



### Reading with Phonics

The sound approach  
Private one-on-one reading, writing and spelling tuition.

We are now taking enrolments for Term 2. For all enquiries please contact 428 5054

16 Karepiro Dr, Stanmore Bay.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PARENT  
NOMINATIONS  
Nominations close this week.**

### TIE DYE! SUPPORTING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS FROM OREWA COLLEGE

An Orewa College group of students initiative is to provide a service to tie dye T-shirts for a cost of \$5 (you supply a white t-shirt). If you are interested, please pick up an order form from the office and support this student lead enterprise!

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