



ROYDVALE SCHOOL

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TERM DATES 2010

Term 1 - 2 Feb.
- 1 April

Term 2 - 19
April - 2 July

Term 3 - 19
July - 24 Sept.

Term 4 - 11
Oct. - 16 Dec.

Pictured are the newly elected representatives of the Roydvale School Council. From left to right, back to front: Tsubasa Nisbet, Caitlin Hargreaves, Olivia Jenkins-Browne, Isaac Dunn, Oliver Snape and Ashleigh Bull.

Fostering a Future Generation

OUR VISION

OUR CHILDREN WILL BECOME:

- confident, active contributors
- motivated and independent learners
- skilful and knowledgeable thinkers
- who have a spirit of generosity



AT ROYDVALE SCHOOL WE VALUE:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Perseverance
- Learning

Dear Parents

There has been a lot of material in the media about the National Standards for New Zealand schools. For many people the issue is very confusing when you hear the government's view, espousing the virtues of National Standards and how it will 'fix' the problems of underachievement in the New Zealand education system, and conversely the education sector's view that National Standards will have a detrimental effect on children's education. The issue has become even more clouded when the government started to attack the integrity of principals, teachers and anyone else that disagreed with the policy of National Standards. Anne Tolley, the Minister of Education, stated that she would sack school boards if they failed to implement National Standards. When groups of parents, elected by their communities, are threatened with being sacked because they do not believe a government policy will benefit the children they have responsibility for, there is something seriously wrong.

The introduction of the standards has been rushed and the relationship between Anne Tolley, the Minister of Education, and the education sector could be at best described as 'strained'. However there are some positives in that the standards will be helpful in clearly defining what is expected at each year level for Maths, Reading and Writing.

While there are some positives I have greater concerns from a Roydvale and wider educational perspective. We will be challenged not to lose sight of our school vision. Our vision of developing "confident, active contributors, motivated, independent learners, skilful and knowledgeable thinkers who have a spirit of generosity" is about developing the 'whole' child not just their ability in Maths, Reading and Writing. While these subjects are important, and are our major focus from Year 1-6, we also want to develop children's creative, sporting and inquiring aptitudes. We still want to teach and have a focus on rich topics in Social Studies, Technology, Science, Music, Art, Physical Education and Health. However the government has already decided that support for schools in these areas will not be available in 2010.

I have grave concerns about the impact of league tables, not so much on where Roydvale is placed, but because they give minimal statistical information that will be sensationalised by the media and create an unfairness between decile locations. All five-year-old children in New Zealand do not arrive at school with the same skills and abilities, therefore 'apples can not be compared with apples'.

My biggest concern is that National Testing and National Standards haven't led to statistically significant improvement in student achievement anywhere in the world. Yet the reason the government is saying they are introducing National Standards is to reduce the achievement 'tail'. Details on what resources will be provided to achieve this are lacking.

Accompanying today's newsletter is a booklet that contains an open letter to the Minister of Education from a group of educational academics based in Universities in Otago, Hamilton and Auckland expressing their concerns about the standards, a survey from the New Zealand Principal's Federation and a petition by a group of concerned parents regarding the standards.

It would be easy as parents, with your busy lives, not to take the time to read the letter or fill in the survey or petition, however I urge you to do some of these, as the standard, if introduced in their current format, will have an impact on your child's education.

I cannot see the government backing down over the standards, as an opinion piece on page A13 of Tuesdays 'Press' stated "*to back down or lose face in the public eye is untenable, as it would be perceived as a victory for the teachers, the unions and common sense.*" The challenge we will face is how to successfully incorporate the standards into our current programmes without undermining what we are currently delivering well and striving for.

Have a lovely weekend

Paul

Paul Dolan
Principal

Sports News

Team	Games played Mon 8th/Tue 9th			Tess
	Opposition	Result	Player of the Day	
Touch Rugby Rippers	FOS Meteors	1 - 5 Loss	Shaun Holden	Tue. 23rd Feb - 6.05pm Cots. Touchdowns: Fld 7
Touch Rugby Racers	FOS Rockets	1 - 10 Loss	George Meehan	Tue. 23rd Feb - 6.05pm CTK Warriors: Fld 8
Touch Rugby Rhinos	BBC	9 - 1 Win	Tamsyn Campbell	Tue. 23rd Feb - 5.30pm Small Blacks: Fld 11b
Touch Rugby Rabbitohs	Cotswold Sharks	9 - 5 Win	Sean Greenslade	Tue. 23rd Feb - 5.30pm Elmwood Cheetahs: Fld 4a
Touch Rugby Ravens	Torpedoes 2	1 - 5 Loss	Ella Sprott	Tue. 23rd Feb - 5.30pm Isleworth Tigers: Fld 1b
Touch Rugby Robots	FOS Storm	Junior results not recorded	Harry Meehan	Tue. 23rd Feb - 5.30pm FOS Tornados: Fld 14a
Touch Rugby Roosters	FOS Hurricanes	Junior results not recorded	Will Luxton	Tue. 23rd Feb - 5.30pm FOS Cyclones: Fld 14b
Touch Rugby Rainbows	FOS Tornados	Junior results not recorded	Marco Samasoni & Max Mulvihill	Tue. 23rd Feb - 5.30pm Paparoa Spags: Fld 15a
Hockey Renegades	Harewood Hawks			Mon 22nd Feb - 4.00pm Royd. Rangers: Grd 2
Hockey Rockets	Harewood Hounds	6 - 0 Win	Will King	Mon 22nd Feb - 5.00pm STAC Thistles: Grd 1
Hockey Riggers	Elmwood Sharks			Mon 22nd Feb - 4.30pm Cots. Whitesticks: Grd 2
Hockey Rangers	Harewood Harriers	1 - 1 Draw	Dylan ?	Mon 22nd Feb - 4.00pm Royd. Renegades: Grd 2
Hockey Rovers	Roydvale Invitational	Junior results not recorded	The Whole Team	Mon 22nd Feb - 4.30pm Harewood Hounds: Grd 1
Hockey Rattlers	Elmwood Quicksticks	Junior results not recorded	Riley Thompson	Mon 22nd Feb - 3.30pm Cotswold Sensation: Grd 2
Hockey Racoons	Elmwood Flicks	Junior results not recorded		Mon 22nd Feb - 5.30pm Cots. Ministicks: Grd 1
Y5/6 Girls Gold Cricket Team	Wairakei	24-15 Loss	Maya Panckhurst Tessa Dunn	Friday 19 Feb Paparoa Street

Summer Touch: Summer Touch started again on Tuesday 9th February at Nunweek Park. Good luck for your last few games of the season!

Summer Hockey: The second half of Summer Hockey started on Monday 8th February at Nunweek Park. Good luck for your games in 2010!

Senior Swimming Sports and Triathlon: The children in Years 5 and 6 have a busy Week 4 (Mon 22nd - Fri 26th February), with swimming sports at Jellie Park on the morning of Monday 22nd February and triathlon on the **morning** of Thursday 24th February (not afternoon as previously listed). An information booklet for both of these events will be sent out tomorrow.

Ocean Swim Series: The Sovereign Ocean Kids is an event for children aged 10 years old and under who can competently swim 200m. The event is nationwide and takes place in Christchurch on 27th February 2010. Go to www.oceankids.co.nz for more information and entry details.

Meridian Kids Bike Jam: Getting kids more active is a major goal of SPARC and the Jams is a community based event that gets kids moving on bikes. The event is nationwide and takes place in Christchurch on 21st March 2010. Go to www.kidsbikejams.co.nz for more information and entry details.

McDonalds Duathlon: This event takes place in Christchurch on 21st March 2010 and involves run & cycle stages for individual entrants aged 7 to 16 years old. Go to www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz for more information and entry details.

SILENT AUCTION

We now have some fantastic items for the silent auction which include :

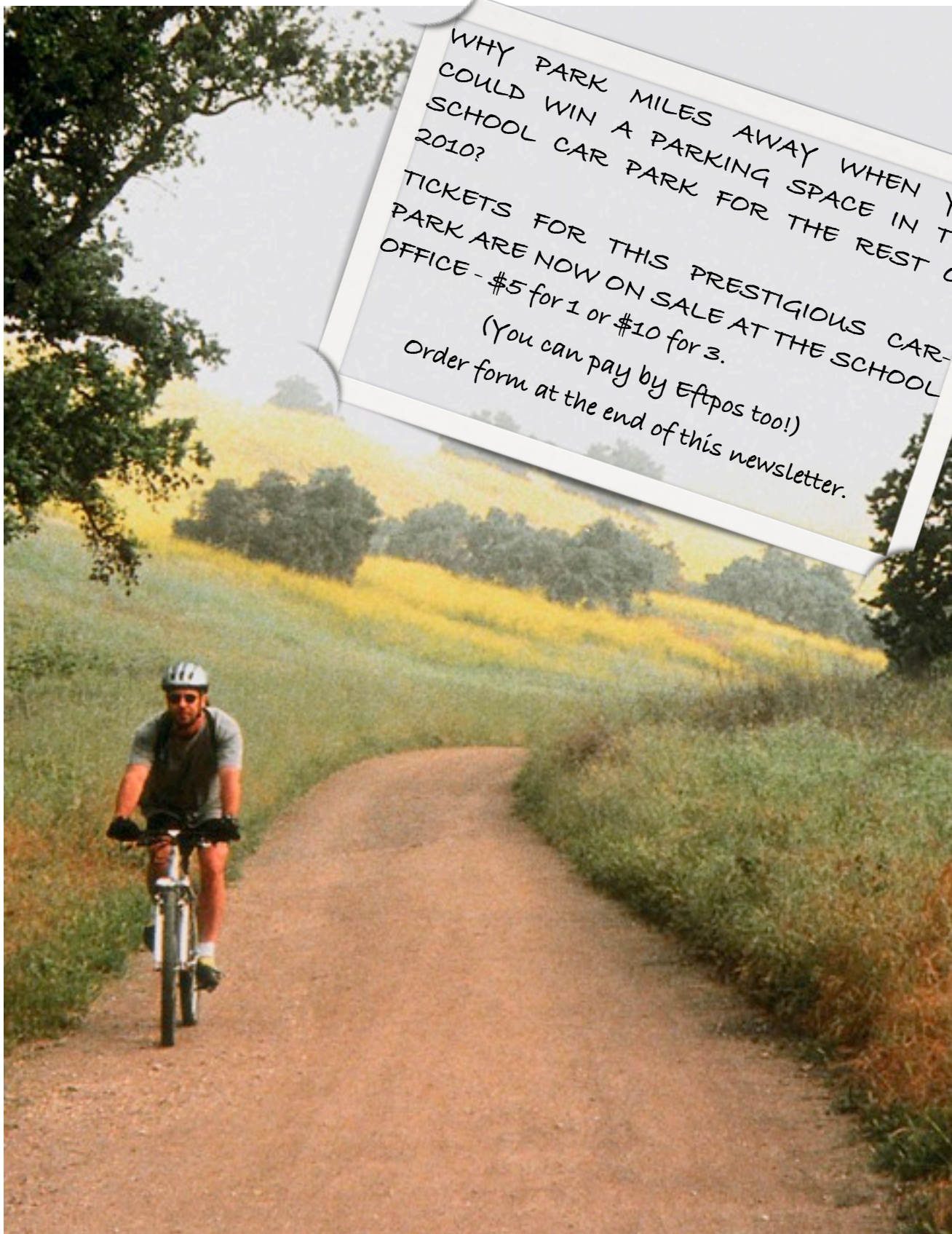
- ★ an hour's house clean carried out by the 'A' Team (Mr Dolan, Mrs Morley & Mrs Bartlett), a \$30 Andrea's Flower voucher and baking from the the Roydvale Staff.
 - ★barrista coffee course and book
 - ★cafe vouchers
 - ★digital Photo Frame
 - ★MP3 player
 - ★Court Theatre double tickets, meal voucher and taxi voucher
 - ★Women's pamper packs
 - ★Untouched World clothing voucher
 - ★3 nights at the Perriam family bach at Otematata
 - ★2 nights at the Pocock family btch near French Farm
 - ★2 nights at the Tyrrell family bach at Ophir
 - ★2 nights at the Motueka Motel
 - ★course of swimming lessons for pre-schooler, child or adult
 - ★sushi making class for 6 people
 - ★original contemporary art work by Judith Smith
 - ★\$50 Whitcoulls book voucher
 - ★ride in a vintage car and coffee at Sweethearts
 - ★signed rugby ball
 - ★Colourisma voucher
 - ★baby basket
 - ★gardening pot
 - ★Relish mirror
 - ★Manscape voucher
 - ★girl's long sleeved ice breaker top age 5/6 cerise pink
 - ★WOF and car products
 - ★2 packs of NZ Nutritional vitamins and health supplements value \$295 each
 - ★BBQ pack \$40 meat voucher, spices and Kiwi Cuisine Spice mills
- and more.....

We are still collecting items and a detailed list will be sent home so you can decide what you would like to bid on !

We are still looking for items for the auction if you can donate anything or provide a service, please let the office know. We would also like a few gardening items, any baby items and anything to do with tea such as a tea pot, mugs, biscuits, etc. These can also be dropped off at the office.

MUFTI DAY - CHOCOLATE DONATIONS

The Fair Committee would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who sent chocolate for the mufti day. We had a fantastic response and can safely say it was the best so far!



WHY PARK MILES AWAY WHEN YOU
COULD WIN A PARKING SPACE IN THE
SCHOOL CAR PARK FOR THE REST OF
2010?
TICKETS FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS CAR-
PARK ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE - \$5 for 1 or \$10 for 3.
(You can pay by Eftpos too!)
Order form at the end of this newsletter.

ROYDVALE SCHOOL FAIR 2010
CAR PARK RAFFLE

TEACHER'S DESKS FOR SALE

We have a few older, sturdy, wooden teacher's desks for sale at \$20 each. Please come and see Brendon if you are interested.

ROAD PATROL HELPERS

We still require another couple of volunteers to help with road patrol once or twice a term. Full training will be given. If you can help even for one morning, please phone Nickki on 358 7979 or 027 223 7979.

SCHOOL BANKING

Please note the collection day for School Banking has changed from Wednesday to Friday. If you would like your child to open a school bank account, forms are available from the school office.

CORRESPONDENCE THIS WEEK

12 Feb	Whole School - Personalised Name Sticker Orders	Office
16 Feb	R7 - Victoria Park Trip	Mrs McGowan
16 Feb	R4 - Victoria Park Trip	Miss Playle
16 Feb	Whole School - Athletics Info for those enrolled	Mrs Cleghorn
17 Feb	Whole School - Kiwi Sport Holiday Programme	Sport Canterbury

PERSONALISED NAME STICKERS

The order forms for these stickers were sent home on Monday. These represent very good value for money at \$5.99 for 100 small ones or 60 larger ones, and are great for naming your child's pencils, etc. If you would like to see actual stickers, please call into the office where you can see the two different sizes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 Feb	Art Lessons Senior Syndicate
22 Feb	Senior Syndicate Swimming Sports at Jellie Park
23 Feb	School Closes at 2 pm
24 Feb	Junior Syndicate Victoria Park Trip
24 Feb	Rooms 11 and 12 Ferrymead Trip
25 Feb	Rooms 13 and 14 Ferrymead Trip
25 Feb	Junior Syndicate Victoria Park Trip
25 Feb	Senior Triathlon
1-5 March	Y5/6 Camp Mt Hutt
4 March	Middle Syndicate Triathlon
4 March	Junior Syndicate Triathlon
7 March	SCHOOL FAIR - BE THERE!
8 March	North West Zone Swimming Sports at QEII (am)
11 March	Wonky Donkey Show (TBC)
17 March	School Closes at 12.30 pm
17 March	Y5/6 Centrals Triathlon at QEII
18 March	Wonky Donkey Show (TBC)
25 March	Y5/6 Centrals Swimming Sports at QEII
25 March	Middle Syndicate Community Assembly
1 April	Last Day of Term 1
2 April	Good Friday SCHOOL CLOSED

SOS SCREW TOP JARS

We need small, screw top jars to keep small amounts of dye in for art lessons.

LUNCHES

A reminder that you are able to order bakery lunches and sushi through the school. Please see the last page of this newsletter for more details.

Y4, 5 & 6 SCIENCE CLUB

We are trialling a school science club during weeks 6 - 9, Term 1 for children in Years 4, 5 & 6. This will be held after school on Wednesdays from 3.15 - 4.15 pm. If your child is interested in joining, please complete the tear-off slip and return to the office by next Thursday. Please note numbers are limited to twenty and there will be a small charge to cover consumables.

FRENCH LESSONS

Mdme Marsh still has vacancies for French lessons. If your child is in Y3 or above and they would like to join please ring Megan on 322 9902 to confirm enrolment. Please do not send your child to lessons before you have spoken to Megan.

ACTIVITY FEES

A reminder that activity fees are due by tomorrow. If you have any queries, please see Catherine in the office.

MATHLETICS

Mathletics went live this week. Those children who have paid their 2010 subscription through their Term 1 activity fees were given their usernames and passwords on Tuesday. There are still a few children who have registered, but have not paid, Mrs Cleghorn has your usernames and passwords to be collected after the office has received your payment.. If these are not working can you please let Mrs Cleghorn know in Room 12, so she can arrange for them to be altered. *Please do not go to the office about this as neither Catherine or Shelly are able to assist with this.* For those families who are on dial-up internet access, the children doing Mathletics will be given a time slot to use the classroom computers in the mornings. It is not too late to join Mathletics, if you would like to have a trial, Mathletics are offering free access from now until the 3rd of March. See Mrs Cleghorn if you are interested.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL 50TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION - Burnside High School is celebrating its 50th Jubilee over Easter 2010 (1-4 April 2010). A programme of events has been planned to celebrate the Jubilee and past students and staff are invited to be part of what is sure to be a memorable weekend. To register for this event and for further information visit: jubilee.burnside.school.nz Be sure not to miss out. Mark it on the calendar and start contacting old school friends and classmates now.

LOCAL DANCE CLASSES AVAILABLE - Jacqui Tielman School of Dance. Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop and Pre-Dance. Classes at Avonhead and Hornby. For more details please ring 324 2227 or 021 630 910.

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TUESDAY BAKERY LUNCH ORDER

Please complete and place order form and cash in a sealed envelope. Put in the post-box in the school office by the end of school on Monday. Lunches will be delivered to your child's classroom prior to lunchtime on Tuesday.

I would like to place the following order:

- Lunch Pack - ham and cheese roll, raspberry biscuit, cheese & bacon savoury, small tetra pack juice. Cost \$3.90 per pack.
- Salad Roll - Cost \$2.30 each.

Name Room Total enclosed \$



THURSDAY SUSHI LUNCH ORDER

Name Room

- Mixed Small Pack \$3.30 Small packs contain 4 pieces of Sushi
- Tuna Small \$3.30
- Vege Small \$3.30
- Teriyaki Chicken Small \$3.30
- Salmon Small \$3.80
- Mixed Large \$6.30 Large packs contain 8 pieces of Sushi
- Tuna Large \$6.30
- Vege Large \$6.30
- Teriyaki Chicken Large \$6.30
- Salmon Large \$7.30
- Chicken Rice Ball \$2.60
- Tuna Rice Ball \$2.60
- Salmon Rice Ball \$2.60 Total enclosed \$



ROYDVALE SCHOOL CAR PARK RAFFLE

I would like to order the following raffle tickets:

- 1 ticket for \$5
- 3 tickets for \$10

Amount enclosed:

Name Child's Name Room Number



ROYDVALE SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

My child Year Room would like to join the Science Club.

Name Phone