



ROYDVALE SCHOOL

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TERM DATES 2009

Term 4 - 12 Oct. - 16 Dec.

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.

The junior school have been making wide-brimmed sunhats and decorating them for our Silly Hat Parade.

Pictured are Josie Mills, Riley Thompson (hidden!) and Kate Hastings of Room 3 in the process.

PLEASE NOTE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, IMPORTANT NOTICES/SPORTS CANCELLATIONS ETC, WILL NOW BE DISPLAYED IN THE TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER ON THE FRONT PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE :

www.roydvale.school.nz

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, which were launched by the Minister of Education two weeks ago. The National Government has introduced these standards to reduce the so called 'achievement tail' - that is, the 20% of the nation's underachieving students. The standards are a common set of expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths using a variety of norm referenced testing that all NZ primary aged children from age 5 will be measured against. Teachers will decide whether a pupil is at, above, below or well below standards in Reading, Writing and Maths. Boards of Trustees will be required to report to the Ministry of Education by May 2012 on the numbers and proportions of pupils at, above, below or well below the standards.

At Roydvale we have been using Ministry of Education national 'benchmarks', which are very similar to the standards, to ascertain the achievement levels of children in Reading, Writing and Maths for the past four years. We have been tracking year groups as they pass through the school to determine the progress children are making, as well as ensuring our teaching and learning programmes are making a difference to the children's learning and achievement. This data also allows us to identify children who require tuition from our Learning Support Programme. You may remember that our end-of year reports, introduced last year, included an achievement grading on whether children were achieving above, at or below the expected level for their year group in a range of curriculum areas including Maths, Reading and Writing. As such I believe we are reasonably well organised to implement the National Standards.

On the surface it would appear that for us this is a lot of fuss about nothing.. However I have several concerns about the introduction of the standards both 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, 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 on 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'. In Wednesday's edition of 'The Press' Professor John Hattie from the University of Auckland. stated that the standards "*could be the most disastrous policy formulated if it turns our attention to narrowing, testing league tables and diverting attention to between-school rather than within-school differences.*"

My biggest concern is that National Testing and National Standards haven't led to statistically significant improvement in student achievement anywhere in the world. Recent media reports from the UK suggest that they are pulling back from national testing and national standards because of the damage caused to students' self esteem and happiness at school, the narrowing of the curriculum and the fact that there has been no reduction in the "tail" of underachievement.

There will be teething problems with the new standard. The challenge we will face is how to successfully incorporate them into our current programmes without undermining what we are currently delivering well and striving for.

Have a wonderful Show Weekend.

Paul

Paul Dolan
Principal

Team	Last Game			Next Game
	Opposition	Result	Player of the Day	
Touch Rugby Rippers	Russley Racers	2 - 1 Win	Cassidy Sprott	Tue. 17th Nov 6.05pm Royd. Racers:
Touch Rugby Racers	Ilam Blue	1 - 5 Loss	Connor Smith	Tue. 17th Nov 6.05pm Royd. Rippers:
Touch Rugby Rhinos	FOS Thunder	1 - 10 Loss	Maya Panckhurst	Tue. 17th Nov 5.30pm Harewood: Fld 9b
Touch Rugby Rabbitohs	CTK All Saints	5 - 3 Win	Vivienne Lee	Tue. 17th Nov 5.30pm CTK All Saints: Fld 1b
Touch Rugby Ravens	CTK Saints	2 - 1 Win	Hamish Kemp	Tue. 17th Nov 5.30pm CTK Saints: Fld 4a
Touch Rugby Robots	Cotswold Nippers	Junior results not recorded	Brendan Harris	Tue. 17th Nov 5.30pm Cots. Sparks: Fld 13b
Touch Rugby Roosters	Cotswold Sparks	Junior results not recorded	Josie Mills	Tue. 17th Nov 5.30pm Cots. Giants: Fld 13a
Touch Rugby Rainbows	Cotswold Giants	Junior results not recorded	Rory Campbell	Tue. 17th Nov 5.30pm Nunweek 1: Fld 6b
Tuesday Hockey Renegades	Fendalton	0 - 4 Loss	Calvin Kruger	Tue. 17th Nov: 4.00pm St. Margarets Gr.: Grd 1
Tuesday Hockey Riggers	Mighty Magics	0 - 8 Loss	Kate Fraser	Tue. 17th Nov: 4.00pm Small Blacks: Grd 2
Tuesday Hockey Racoons	Strikers	Junior results not recorded	Emma-Grace Bainbridge	Tue. 17th Nov: 4.30pm St Margarets Red Grd 2
Monday Hockey Rockets	Elmwood Q/ Sticks	3 - 2 Win	Gray Ryburn	Mon. 16th Nov: 5.30pm Westburn Leopard: Grd 2
Monday Hockey Rangers	Harwood Harriers	0 - 0 Draw	Libby Collett	Mon. 16th Nov: 3.30pm Cots. White/S: Grd 2
Monday Hockey Rovers	Elmwood	Junior results not recorded	Brooke Kingsbury	Mon. 16th Nov: 5.30pm Westburn Panthers: Grd 1
Monday Hockey Rattlers	Elmwood Sharks	Junior results not recorded	Madison Hargreaves	Mon. 16th Nov: 3.30pm Cots. Blue/S: Grd 1
Twilight Netball Team	OLA	2 - 17 Loss	Annabelle Scott	Wed. 11th Nov: 6.00pm Queenspark Gold: Crt 5
Cricket A Team	Fendalton	92 - 7 Loss	Kirsten Oliver	TBC
Cricket Gold Team	Fendalton	27 - 61 Loss	Whetu Marsh	TBC
Cricket Green Team	Harewood	18 - 30 Loss	Josh Stedman	TBC
Cricket Pink Team	Fendalton	31 - 46 Loss	Cassidy Sprott & Kimberley Clare	TBC
Cricket White Team	Fendalton	51 - 63 Loss	Joshua Ridgen	TBC
Cricket Black Team	Ilam	50 - 23 Win	Scott Forsyth	TBC

TOUCH SOS! We urgently need a Year 3 or 4 girl to fill in for Vivienne Lee who has left for the year. Please see Mr Yousuf as soon as possible if you can play for the rest of the season.

Touch Canterbury Reps: Congratulations to the following children who have made it in to a Canterbury Touch Rugby Team - **Milan Clarke & Tamsyn Campbell** (both U9 A Team), **Connor Smith, Riley Thompson, Maya Panckhurst, Courtney Godinet & Alexandra Dore** (U9s B Team). A big thank you to the parents who support and coach these children.

Athletics: Congratulations to the squad of Year 4/5/6 children who travelled to the QEII on Monday to represent Roydvale School at the zone championships - results will follow next week.

Senior Athletics Day Results:

	Discus	Shot Put	High Jump	Long Jump	Middle Distance
9 Year Girls	1. Tsubasa 2. Rebecca 3. Ashleigh B	1. Louise 2. Ashleigh B 3. Rebecca	1. Tsubasa 2. Louise 3. Grace T	1. Louise 2. Tsubasa 3. Georgia	1. Tsubasa 2. Amelia 3. Ashleigh B
9 Year Boys	1. James S-M 2. Felix D 3. Olly	1. Felix D 2. Olly 3. Joshua S	1. Eddy 2. Felix P 3. Chris	1. Felix P 2. Ben 3. Chris	1. Brandon 2. Tino 3. Felix D
10 Year Girls	1. Caitlin 2. Jordan Si 3. Kate	1. Sophia 2. Caitlin 3. Emily	1. Sophia 2. Olivia 3. Angie/Tarah	1. Olivia 2. Millie 3. Jordan R	1. Jordan R 2. Caitlin 3. Tarah
10 Year Boys	1. Liam 2. Xavier 3. Whetu	1. Joel 2. Shaun 3. Calvin	1. Jackson 2. Shaun 3. Joel	1. Shaun 2. Roy 3. Jackson	1. Shaun 2. Conor C 3. Roy
11 Year Girls	1. Kahlia 2. Cassidy 3. Elizabeth	1. Kahlia 2. Allie 3. Kirsten	1. Rebecca =2. Elizabeth, Cassidy, Zoe	1. Kahlia 2. Elizabeth 3. Allie	1. Zoe 2. Kahlia 3. Allie
11 Year Boys	1. Conner S 2. Hamish 3. Bailey	1. Hamish 2. Conner S 3. Bailey	1. Bailey 2. Conner S 3. Dylan	1. Bailey 2. Conner S 3. Dylan	1. Bailey 2. Dylan 3. Hamish

Summer Sport Training Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 12.45 - 1.30pm	*RIPPERS TOUCH *TWILIGHT NETBALL *ROCKETS HOCKEY *ROVERS HOCKEY	*RHINOS TOUCH *RACERS TOUCH *RABBITOHS TOUCH *RENEGADES HOCKEY	*ROOSTERS TOUCH	*RAVENS TOUCH *RIGGERS HOCKEY	*ROBOTS TOUCH
After school 3.00 - 3.45pm					
Before the game 5.00 - 5.30pm		*RAINBOWS TOUCH			

LOST

Melanie Lee from Room 11 has lost a new, named, size 10 cardigan. Please check to see if your daughter has brought this home by mistake.

Olly Snape in Room 9 lost a 'Kookaburra Punt' cricket bat at last week's game at Roydvale. It is wooden with a green handle. If you know where it may be please phone 358-8041.

ICT UPDATE

Animation Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the 'Roydvale School Animation Competition'. The quality of the entries was very high and it was very difficult for Mr. Dolan to pick the top three places. To view the top three movies, visited the school website and click on the link on the right hand side of the screen.

1st place - Melanie Lee (Room 11)

2nd place - Sean Greenslade (Room 13)

3rd place - Callum Stewart / Conor Clarke (Room 6)

Room 14 Listening Post Stories

Room 14 have been using a software programme called *Garageband* to create listening post stories for their buddy reading class. Visit the school website to listen to the stories.

FAMILIES

This week we welcome Kota Takane to our school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 November	Show Day - school closed
19 November	Junior Athletics
25 November	New Parent/Parent Helpers Morning Tea , 10.30 - 11.00 in the staffroom
25 November	Musical Showcase Assembly 1.30 pm
29 November	School Picnic at Spencer Park 10 am - 2 pm
1 December	Centrals Athletics at QEII all day
2 December	Wacky Wednesday Mufti Day - PTA Fair
3 December	Reports home
9 December	Senior Syndicate trip to Quail Island
9 December	Junior Syndicate Trip to Groynes
10 December	Middle Syndicate Picnic at Blue Skies
14 December	Carols Evening, tea 5 - 6pm, Carols 6 - 7 pm
15 December	Leaver's Assembly pm, Leaver's BBQ 3.00 -5.00 pm
16 December	School closes at <u>12.30 pm</u>

PTA NEWS

School Picnic at Spencer Park - make sure you return your yellow slips to the office so that we have an indication of numbers for this event.

WEEKLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded Weekly Achievement Awards :Josh Carlisle, Jacob Taylor-Cook, MacKenzie Dowman, Fletcher Odams, Sam Anderson, Charlotte Carrell, Jonty Smart, Bailey Perriam, TJ Osborne, Fergus Robertson and Jack Chapman.

ROTARY CLUB OF BISHOPDALE BURNSIDE 2009 JUNIOR SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulats to Shonagh Lowry, Madison Scott, Jordan Simon and Angie Deng who were chosen as finalists in this annual competition. They took part in the finals held at Breens Intermediate yesterdayresults?

CORRESPONDENCE THIS WEEK

10 November Room 9 - COCA visit

MrYousuf

12 Novemer Junior School Athletics

Class Teahcers

POOL ROSTER

We will once again require volunteers to help with the swimming pool if it is to remain open during the summer. Full training will be given. Please complete the tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter if you are able to help, even for one day a week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RENT - Historic holiday home for rent in Central Otago. Availble Show Weekend. Close to the Rail Trail in Ophir Village. Call into Room 3 and see Philippa Tyrrell for details or phone 351-8145.

HONEY - If you have any veggies, fruits or home produce and would like to barter for some fresh, organic floral honey, please see 'Bee Keeper Mr. Yousuf' in Room 9. No bartering for money or bought goods please.

LEARN TO TAP DANCE!! - Always wanted to learn how to dance? Here's your chance! Bedazzled Beatz offers students of ALL ages and ALL levels Original and American tap, with the option to sit yearly examinations and to enter competitions. This is the only dance school in Christchurch to offer the original tap syllabus, and at a VERY competitive rate. Most classes are held on Thursday evenings after school with the option of other days as well. All classes are held at Avonside Girls College dance hall.

Tap dancing is an uncommon yet great skill to have and is a fun and exciting way to keep fit whilst also encouraging rhythm, coordination, personality, and presentation skills from a young age. Not to mention a great way to meet new friends! So what are you waiting for? Enrolment is open now for Term 1 2010! Please check out www.bedazzledbeatz.com or txt/call Lucy on 021925829, or email lucy@ambrose.co.nz for more information.

PROGRESS LTD - offer assessments & tuition for: *dyslexia, *auditory processing, *unclear speech, *social communication difficulties, *stuttering, *written language & spelling.

Contact Gill on (03) 383 0981 or email progressnz@slingshot.co.nz for further information and prices.

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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 \$

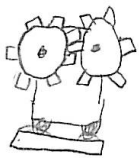


POOL HELPERS

Yes, I am able to help with the swimming pool during the summer holidays.

Name Phone

Samuel Brunton in room 14 has lost a peice
of lego that is very important to him if anyone has seen
any lego please see the office and hand it in. Thankyou. !!
this is a picture of it.



Sam.