

DEAR PARENTS & FRIENDS

Happy Birthday to the students who have either just had their birthday in the last two weeks of this term or during the holidays, the Lord willing. There are many children in the world who live in poverty, or a caught up in a war zone, or who have been separated from family, or who are ill, or a combination of these, and who only worry if they can get a meal a day. Millions of school age children do not have the privilege of education. And yet the Lord has given us so much. Let us be extra thankful on our birthdays!

END OF TERM 1 and NOTICES FOR TERM 2

This is the last planned newsletter of the term. Next Friday, April 15th is the final day of the term, the Lord willing.

All students should have an assessment folder or a report progress towards NCEA to take home. School photo envelopes are given to families with this newsletter.

We hope that the Lord may spare us to see everyone back in good health, refreshed, and ready to learn, on Monday May 2nd. Winter uniform applies from this date, which means that students should have shoes and not sandals. Also the new P.E. uniform is compulsory for Y6 upwards.

Some dates of interest in Term 2 include the following:

- nominations open for BOT elections on May 6th. (Fri, week 1)
- the parent/teacher interviews on May 10th (Tues, week 2). **Forms are enclosed with this newsletter. Please return it by Wed, April 13th, to assist the office staff in making a timetable.**
- the senior trip to Auckland and Bay of Plenty in week 3. **Information for parents should be ready by the end of the term.**
- Open Day later in the term on June 8th.

AVIATION TRIP

This school remains one of the few in New Zealand to be accredited to be a provider of aviation credits which can count towards NCEA, the main school qualification.



Two Y12 students, are pictured, silhouetted, in the control tower at Wellington airport with aviation teacher, Mr Optland. Although forbidden to take pictures themselves from within the control tower for security reasons, this picture was taken by one of the air traffic controllers.

The next picture shows one of the students behind the controls while guiding the plane through the air.



An experienced flight instructor is seated to the right of him.



While he was guiding the plane, Mr Optland and the other student were able to see some spectacular views such as the airport and harbour area above, and the Makara wind farm, at right, and an enlargement



below.

FUN AND GAMES ON APRIL 1st.

This picture shows the door to the principal's office on the morning of April 1st. In the past we have deliberately not mentioned "April Fool's Day" in the newsletter to avoid giving future classes copy-cat ideas. Although some actions on the day were little more than silly misbehaviour, and were treated as such, there were also some clever pranks made in good taste. *The students were warned that unless a prank had*



clearance from a staff member, they could be subject to the same discipline as on any other day of the year.

While the principal had a sticky problem to deal with, there was a slippery problem in the corridor. When the children arrived at school they were met with an "eel pond" in the corridor, as seen at right, and in the enlargement, below.



In a battle of the icons, the American flag which many parents would have seen flying from the flagpole when they dropped children off in the morning, was "confiscated and guarded" by the kiwi in the Principal's office. *We just voted on whether or not the change the NZ flag, and some smart person seems to think that we should have the stars and stripes!*



Good humour is not at the expense of others and brightens up the day while giving us something to remember. It was pleasing to see much of this, while silly, poorly thought out behaviour was kept to a minimum.

THE REPLACEMENT BUS *May be in service as early as next week!*

The new bus is due to be ready this week, and may be at school by the time you read this newsletter, the Lord willing. These pictures were taken as it neared completion in the workshop at Palmerston North.



We had to replace the existing bus due to the age limits set by the Ministry Of Education. We know that it only takes one accident and the Lord can take it away. Yet we hope and pray this this new bus will be a blessing for years to come, and that it will be respected accordingly. Parents will be informed of any pending change to the bus route. We may leave some signwriting until school holidays, and drivers will need a few days to become familiar with it before it is used every day.



The current bus has lost a lot of condition on the inside in recent years. To assist the School Proprietors we insist that all users are very careful in the treatment of this new interior so that it lasts for many years.

LIBRARY NEWS from Grandma



Before telling you about the new books this week, there is just a reminder that all books taken out this week or next week may be kept until after the holidays.

Junior Fiction: A new Secret Seven book by Enid Blyton tells us of the seven children's **Adventure on the Way Home.**

One of the so-called 'lost stories' that was found among Dr Theodore Seuss Geisel's possessions after his death was **What Pet Should I Get?** The author is better known as Dr Seuss.

Michael Morpurgo is one of the popular authors in our library. This new book is called **The Castle in the Field.**

The proof reader who read this book says that it is a 'cool book'! The title is **Pup Patrol – Outback Rescue** and the authors are Darrel and Sally Odgery..

Primary Fiction: Amelia Bedelia is at it again. This book says in the blurb at the back, 'Look out! Here comes Amelia Bedelia, and she's got the wind in her sails'. **Sets Sail** is by Herman Parish.

Primary Non-fiction: Two books that are indirectly related to the New Zealand bush are, firstly a book about drawing, entitled **Draw New Zealand Birds** number 741. The other is called **In the Bush, Explore and Discover New Zealand's Native Forests.** This one is number 581.

Armistice day, the New Zealand Story, What it is and Why it Matters is a book containing information, and photos, also about the influence epidemic that followed the armistice in 1918.

A book with a lot of information about **100 Events that made History**, is number 030.

Simple text and full colour illustrations describe the true story of **Staff Sergeant Reckless, the Korean War Horse**, number 940.

Greetings, P Bertram

REQUEST FOR ZINC: The science room is running out of zinc. Do any parents have some lying around? Please let Mr Bottrill know.