



## Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Term 03

Number 02

### Principal's Comment

We have had a lot of fun over the last two weeks and gained significant successes.

Fun and success are two key drivers for our school and a focus of the work done at board level as well as in the classroom.

You will be aware, through teacher feedback, of our major focus on literacy. It has been exciting to see the development of all our students, and in particular, the huge gains made by a group that have been targeted.

To give you some idea... one of the measures of progress we use is the STAR test ( for years 4-8 ), which measures student achievement in reading. Children get stanine scores of anywhere between 1 and 9. These are nationally referenced, so the lowest performing students throughout NZ will score 1 ( about 6%) and most (67%) score the average of 4,5,6, and the highest 6% a 9.

It is difficult to move from one stanine group to another and of course this has an effect on the comparisons to national data.

**We have had 25% of our students move one stanine level and a further 25% move two or more stanine levels since the beginning of the year.**

This is exceptional progress and factual evidence of the expertise and efforts of your teachers. Congratulations all!

I can be excused if seen shouting from the rooftops or doing quick jig around the office!

Another area of success has been the recent cross country events. Particular congratulations go to Brad (1<sup>st</sup>) Tayne (2<sup>nd</sup>) Emma 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie 4<sup>th</sup> Pieter and Emily 5<sup>th</sup> Caleb Bronwen and Kalani 6<sup>th</sup> Piers 7<sup>th</sup> , Billy and Lilli 8<sup>th</sup> and Lily Mae 9<sup>th</sup> in the Moutere Hills event. Many of these achieved top 10 places in the Motueka championship and we will once again take a team to the Nelson event in September.

And it's only August!

Have a great weekend.

Pip

### The Healing Species programme

We have been fortunate to have been invited to be part of a leading edge educational programme developed in the USA to build and extend "caring thinking".

Susan Rifici, the only NZ based trained presenter, will be working with our senior class on a Thursday afternoon for part of this and next term. This also supports our goal to provide a range of teachers and styles for our senior students, in preparation for their transition to secondary schooling.

I am sure Room 4 will share some of their experiences via their blog over time.

### Camp Fundraisers:

You probably know by now that the Harry Potter movie night raised \$309 for Room 4's camp in Wellington in October. We are delighted to tell you that the Quiz Night raised another \$565 towards this. Many thanks to those who got involved and supported what turned out to be a great night out- superb wines (courtesy of Blackenbrook), tasty food (thanks to Megan Stella and Yuki for providing such treats and to Noelle and Pip on the night ), a hilarious and though-provoking quiz (courtesy of Fraser) fantastic compere, (Fred), hardworking and encouraging floor staff (Jude and Pip) and a lively fun-making collection of teams – Thanks to all of you who were there.

### Happy Birthday to our August Birthday people ...

Henry Russon	3 <sup>rd</sup> August
Freddie Griffiths	8 <sup>th</sup> August
Tayne Lockwood	11 <sup>th</sup> August
Eric Grainger	11 <sup>th</sup> August
Jordan Bremner	13 <sup>th</sup> August
Mars Matranga	20 <sup>th</sup> August
Bailey Dodson-Cook	31 <sup>st</sup> August



**A very big welcome to School to Freddie Griffiths who has joined Mrs A and Room 1 this week. He joins his big sisters Bronwen and Rhiannon**

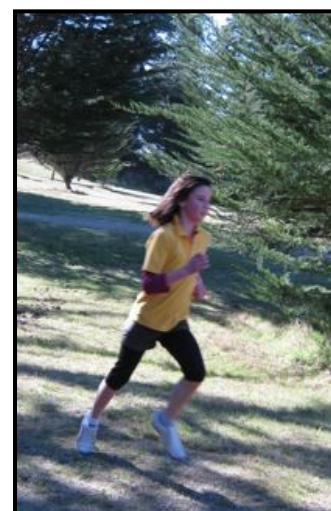


**...and to Java Davies who has joined Mr Campbell's group in Room 2.**

**Also, welcome back to Sal Randall and family who have been in the UK on holiday. We've missed you Sal and the After-School and Holiday programmes didn't feel the same without you.**

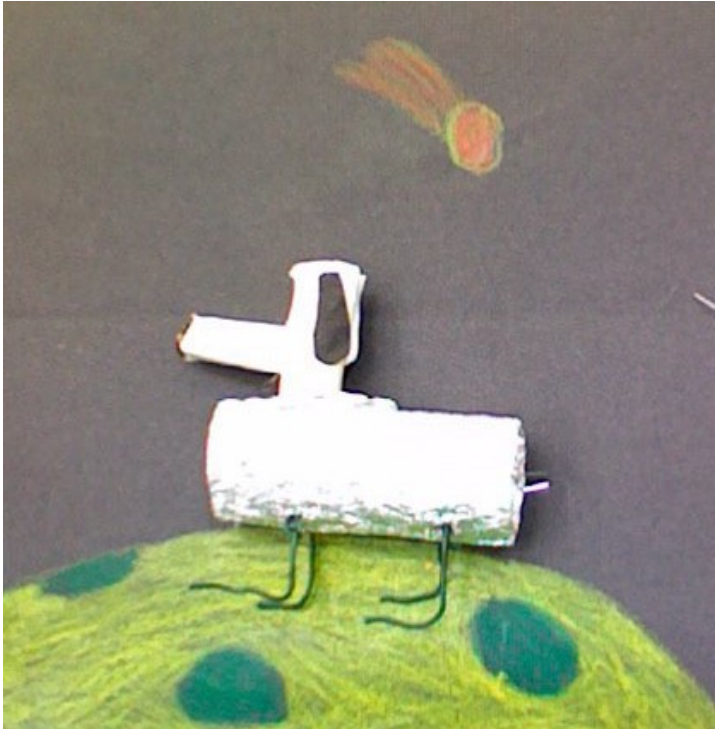
### **School Cross-Country placing results:**

5 Year Olds (1 Lap) :	Kaitlyn Bremner; Henry Russon; Cameron Dykes.
6&7 Girls (1 Lap):	Sam Collin; Jessie Fa'avae; Britney Robinson
6&7 Boys (1 Lap) :	Josh Sheridan/ Jordan Bremner (=1 <sup>st</sup> ); Sebastiaan Van Veen; Cody Pike
8&9 Girls (1.5 Laps)	Lyllia Hammond-McErlane; Rhiannon Griffiths; Jayna Tunncliffe
8&9 Boys (1.5 Laps)	Kalani Sheridan/Billy Wrigley (=1 <sup>st</sup> ); Piers Comins; Traego Moffatt
10&11 Girls (1.5 Laps)	Emma Peat / Emily Gordon (=1 <sup>st</sup> ); Bronwen Griffiths; Lilly-Mae Salmond
10&11 Boys (1.5 Laps)	Tayne Lockwood; Pieter Russon; Connor Bithell
12+ Boys (2.5 Laps)	Brad Tunncliffe; Caleb Salmond; Jamie Merriman



Jamie, Francis, Emma, Bella and Kaitlyn and Connor and Max all doing their bit at Cross-Country.

Room 2 had some fun at the start of term making their helpful robots ....



### JORDI'S ROBOT

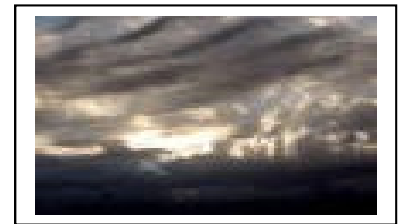
My robot's name is Snoopy and he is a space robot. He lives in North Pluto. He has a car that is a stretch out limousine that has a spa in the back and it has a bar.

then they looked at storms .....

### LILLIAN IN THE STORM

The radio said there was a freak storm coming. Dad, what's a freak storm I asked. Dad said it is bigger than normal. I was scared just a little bit. Mum was outside getting all the pets into shelter. I heard the sea crashing against the cliffs. My dog was sitting by the fire. The clouds were very black and grey. The lights were flickering on and off. It was the next morning...I had a bad nightmare about the thunderstorm. It was flooded everywhere in the town and at the beach. Yay, we don't have to go to school again!!!

and



**by Lillian Russon, Year 4**

Cellphones !!!!! - **PLEASE** – if you have changed your cellphone number in the last few months, let Margo have your new number. We can't call you in an emergency or advise of changes to sports fixtures etc. if we don't have your number. Many thanks to the people who have made the effort to keep us up to date. Any change of address would also be appreciated.

Sick of Nit problems coming home to haunt your family?

## **You are invited...**

to explore the many uses that *Le Rêve Essential Oils* can be used for to enhance your home and family life.



### **As part of room 4's fundraising efforts**

Hannah's mum Chrissie will present *Le Rêve Aromatherapy* products to Tasman Schools families and friends to explore their uses as complimentary treatments for illness and preventative Health care.

*Le Rêve* prides itself on having an impeccable International reputation for product assessment whilst maintaining a guarantee for supplying only the purest essential oils and products.

Aromatherapy is a time honoured Holistic healing for utilising the therapeutic properties of herbs, fruits, trees and flowers to restore health, beauty, balance and well being.

15% commission will be donated, as will the bonus / hostess gift pack created from your combined purchase value, to the Room 4 fundraising effort as part of Quiz nights auction.

### **WHEN:**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August @ 1.15 pm**

Tasman School Hall.

Please pass this invitation onto everyone you know who maybe interested in attending this event.

## Dates to Remember:

August 18 Christian	Room 1 & Room 2 Junior Music Hoolie at Tasman Bay
August 21	School Ski and Snow Day at Rainbow
August 25	BoT Meeting – Staff Room at 6.30pm
August 27	School Speech Finals
September 03	Motueka District Speech Competitions, Motueka South School
September 14	Nelson Primary Schools' Cross Country – Saxton Field
September 18	Nelson Intermediate Schools' Cross Country
September 25	End of School Term
October 12	Start of Term 4

## Parenting Through Separation? How can we do what's best for the children?



**Barnardos and Family Works provide free presentations to help you:**

- **Assist your child's journey through separation**
- **Increase your awareness of the impact of separation on your children**
- **Learn to negotiate shared care arrangements**

Held over one 3-hour morning this session is informal and friendly providing parents with useful and handy resources.

Participants receive tips and practical ideas on how to help their children during this difficult time.

These are parent only sessions and couples do not attend together.

**When: September Monday 7th 9.30-12.30**

**Where: Motueka Community House.**

**Registrations close 5pm previous day**

**Contact Kate at Barnardos 03 5390019 ex 33 or Sara at Family Works on 03 547 9350  
Ext 714**

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