

Term 1, No. 1, 2009: Tuesday February 3.

Ngā mihi o te wā kia koe me te whānau

Greetings to you and your family.

2009: Our Year to Shine! Welcome back to Musselburgh School for 2009. We hope you all had a relaxing break. This first newsletter contains a lot of general start-of-the-year information. Please make a note of the details that are pertinent to you and your child. We wish you all the very best for the 2009 school year.

We are here to help: The start of the year can be both an exciting and challenging time for everyone. A new class, a new teacher or even starting a new school can often have parents and children a bit worried or unsure of what to do or where to go. Our staff understand these concerns and is ready to help anyone who needs support at this busy time of year. I encourage all our families to look out for new faces and make them feel a part of our wonderful community of thinkers and learners.

Taking Pride in our School Uniform: It is tremendous to see the children taking pride in their school uniforms. The children look smart, proud and ready for a new year of active thinking and learning. We appreciate your efforts in encouraging all children to be clean, tidy and well presented at all times.

Meet the Teachers Night: Nau mai! Haere mai! Next Thursday February 10 at 6pm we will be holding our Back to School BBQ & Meet the Teacher Evening. The PTA will cook everyone a sausage at 6pm before we come together as a school community for the first time in the school hall at 6.30pm. Then children will take their parents to their classrooms where they will share their programme of learning and talk about their classroom organization for the year. We hope you will all join us for this back to school event.

Welcome to our new teachers: A special welcome to the new members of our teaching team: Ms Lesley Stevens, Miss Natasha Lammers and Mrs Barbara Blake.

Staff & Class Organisation 2009

Junior Pod

Rm 3 Yr 0-1 Miss Kathryn Wealleans & Mrs Barbara Blake

Rm 4 Yr 0-1 Mrs Debbie Smith (Deputy Principal)

Rm 7 Yr 2 Ms Lesley Stevens

Middle Pod

Rm 1 Yr 3-4 Miss Lauren Latimer

Rm 2 Yr 3-4 Mrs Kerry Dick

Senior Pod

Rm 5 Yr 5-6 Ms Lisa Switalla

Rm 6 Yr 5-6 Miss Emma Barker (Associate Principal)

Classroom Release Teachers

Junior / Middle Pod: Mrs Joy Chilcott / Mrs Barbara Blake

Senior Pod: Mrs Joy Chilcott / Miss Natasha Lammers

NB: All class teachers are released 10 hours per term.

University College of Education Teachers

Miss Rachel Nelson Room 1

Miss Jane Foster Room 2

Alice Chapman Room 4

Miss Jane Spencer Room 5

Miss Danique Richards Room 7

Administration

Mrs Karen Ratten: School Secretary

Support Staff

Mrs Sue Bennet: Special Needs Pupil Support

Mrs Nancy Turner: PMP / Special Needs Pupil Support

Mrs Raewyn Elliott: English-Second Language Support

Mrs Susan Clearwater: Special Needs Pupil Support

Mrs Debbie Woods: Library / Mussel-Care Supervisor

Mrs Christine Reynolds: Mussel-Care Supervisor

Mrs Sharon Cleaver: Language Support

UPDATE YOUR INFO: Help us to keep in touch with you

Have you changed your email address, cell phone, or emergency contacts? We need to ensure that our information regarding medication, emergency numbers and communications are correct. A notice will come home with your child. Please complete and return this to the School this week.

A very special welcome to our New Entrants: starting School this week for the first time Jaya Reardon, Levi Pauley, Nakita Rangī, Annie Sinclair, Beldon Webb. Welcome to Musselburgh School. We hope you will enjoy being part of our thinking and learning community.



Other New Pupils: Na mai! Haere mai! Welcome to the School's other new pupils Grayson Subritzky, Tanika McKenzie, Keyra Webb, Mathew Adamson-Gardiner, Nathan Cole, Temera Schwass, and Shakara Moss.

Character Education Through Cornerstone Values:

Our Value this half-term is:

Respect

This means being caring

Stationery Packs 2009

Stationery Packs are available now. All packs cost \$23. Packs can be purchased and collected from Nancy in the Reading Recovery Room opposite the Library. Hours are 8.30-9.15 & 2.45-3.15pm daily as required.

Packs pre-ordered in December were delivered to your child's new classroom today.

Assemblies: The first whole school assembly will be next Friday February 13 at 9.15am. All parents and friends of the School are welcome to attend.

8.30am Arrival times for children: Parents are requested to drop children at school no earlier than 8.20am. Children are to wait in the playground or sun shelter until the bell signals that all classrooms are open.

End of the Day: The last 15 minutes of the day is an important time for children to listen for messages, newsletters and sports notices. Parents are kindly asked to wait outside classrooms until children are dismissed or invited in by their child's teacher.

Lunch Orders: Smart Food healthy school lunches are available daily for \$2.00 or \$3.00. Children make their order in Rm 6 before 9am. Rm 3 & 4 children can place their order in their classroom.

Hot Smart Lunches are available on Fridays. They cost \$3.

As a Health Promoting School we ask families to refrain from dropping off "lunch treats" such as McDonalds, Fish & Chips. Our drink of choice is water.

Sunhats: All children are to wear the official blue school hat or the old green sunhat in Terms 1 & 4 when playing outside. New sunhats are available from Postie Plus. From next Monday all children must be sunhats.

Road Patrol Parents: If you have 20 minutes to spare before or after school to supervise our Road Patrol team one or two times a week on the Culling St crossing, please let Miss Barker in Rm 6 know.

March Parent-Teacher Interviews: Interviews will be held in Week 6, on Tuesday March 10 from 2.15-7pm and again on Wednesday March 11 from 3.15pm. These meetings are held one month into the term to allow parents and teachers to meet formally and set learning goals for the year and to discuss any issues arising from the first five weeks of term. It is expected that all families will make contact at this time. **Please note** the School will close at 2pm on March 6.

Bible in Schools: Yr 4-6 children are able to attend religious instruction on Thursdays with Mrs Sally Campbell. If you wish your child to attend please let your child's please contact your child's class teacher.

Mussel-Care: Yesterday saw the third birthday of our after school care programme. We wish Christine, Debbie, their staff and all the children a very happy birthday! Mussel-Care is based in Room 8. Hours are 3pm to 5.30pm daily. Costs are \$5 for the first hour and then \$2.50 per half hour after 4pm. WINZ subsidies available. Congratulations to Mussel-Care too for their wonderful Holiday Programme. To book your place for the April holiday programme please contact Christine or Mrs Ratten in the School office.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA): The first meeting will be next Monday February 9 at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

School Sports Tops: Each child who joins a sports team, or represents the school will be issued with a Musselburgh School Sports Top. **Sports tops are to be used for sports**

only. Parents are asked to ensure they are not used as part of school uniform or for weekend casual wear. Valued at \$30, we want our tops to look smart and clean for each event and to last for the next few years. Pride in our school can be shown by taking pride in our sports tops.

Summer Sports Dates: Tee Ball starts February 14. Ms Stevens will be co-ordinating teams this year and rostered staff will attend Saturday games. We look forward to seeing all players and parents back on the diamond.

Indoor Soccer: 2009 Indoor Soccer kicks off on Wednesday February 11. Meetings for children will be held tomorrow and notices for parents will be sent home. Registration is \$3 per player.

Dates for your Diary

- **School Assembly:** Friday February 13, 9.15am.
- **PTA Meeting:** Monday February 11, 7pm Staffroom.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting:** Monday February 18, at 7pm. *All welcome!*
- **Meet the Teachers Evening:** Tuesday February 10 6pm. PTA BBQ will be included.
- **Bible in Schools** Every Thursday from February 12, 10am.
- **Indoor Soccer** begins Wednesday February 11 at the Edgar Sports Centre
- **T Ball Starts:** First games will be Saturday February 14. See notices for practice dates and times

2009 Musselburgh School Term Dates

Term 1	Monday 2 Feb	To	Thursday 9 April
Term 2	Monday 27 April	To	Friday 3 July
Term 3	Monday 20 July	To	Friday 25 September
Term 4	Monday 12 October	To	Tuesday 15 December

Important Notice: The School Newsletter is the official communication between the School and its community. It is sent home every fortnight. All information included is considered to be publicly shared when published in this form. It is also available via email (text only) and updated on the school's websites and wikispace.

Website: www.musselburgh.school.nz

Wikispace: <http://mussellinks.wikispaces.com>

If you wish to receive the e-newsletter please email office@musselburgh.school.nz.

All the best for the 2009 School Year.

Ngā mihi nui

With best wishes

Brent Caldwell
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Keyboard Tuition in piano, keyboard & theory. Enrolments now being taken for 2009. Adults or those wanting another try also welcome. Please phone 455-2429. Email mobiledmusic@ihug.co.nz

Speech & Drama Classes: The Carol Kruger children's theatre gives speech, drama, mime, improvisation examinations and has School Holiday pantomimes at the Globe Theatre. Ph Carol Kruger on 455-7804

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