



# Newsletter



*We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.*

**Sir Winston Churchill**

*British politician (1874 - 1965)*

## Notes Due:



Parent Afternoon Tea RSVP - 7/12/09  
Monies Owing - 9/12/09

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the year draws to a close I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. This will be our final detailed newsletter for the year as our next newsletter day falls on our last day of school.

I don't know where the year has gone, it seems like only a month or so ago that we were starting the 2009 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Otford community for their support throughout the year. I was made to feel very welcome by both staff and parents and will reflect on my first year at Otford Public School with fondness. I would like to thank all the parents who have helped us throughout the year – all the canteen volunteers, chauffeurs, sports coaches, cake bakers, fundraisers, classroom helpers and P&C members. Without your assistance we would not be able provide our students with the current level of support or opportunities.

## DRAMA NIGHT - REMINDER

Our school drama night will be held on **Monday 7 December**. The children will need to arrive at 6:30pm, ready for a 7:00pm start. It would be appreciated if each family could bring a plate to share for supper.

## PRESENTATION NIGHT-Thursday 10 December

There will be a different program for Presentation Night this year. As our Drama Night will be held on Monday, the duration of the evening's events will be reduced. There will be some short speeches but this is really an evening to acknowledge the achievements of students in a range of subject areas. More awards will be presented to students from all classes so I urge everyone to come along. We would like everyone to arrive at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.

## END OF TERM REMINDER

The last day of Term 4 for students is **Wednesday 16 December**. **Thursday 17 December** will be a staff development day.

## TERM 1, 2010

The first day of Term 1 in 2010 is **Thursday 28 January** for all students from Years 1 to 6. Kindergarten students will have their first day at "Big School" on **Friday 29 January** and undertake the Best Start Assessments on **Tuesday 2 February and Wednesday 3 February**. For the first four weeks of Term 1 the Kindergarten students will finish at 2:00pm.

## 2010 CLASSES

Planning has begun for 2010 and proposed class structures have been discussed. Due to the number of anticipated enrolments next year the classes will be: K/1/2, 2/3/4 and 4/5/6. Interviews have already taken place with parents of students who may be affected by the change in structure. However, classes will not be finalised until after we have commenced the 2010 school year and we have a confirmation of class numbers.

## END OF YEAR CLEAN-UP

The children will bring books and work home this week and next. It would be helpful if each child could bring a plastic bag to school so that they can carry their belongings home easily.





### FINALISATION OF ACCOUNTS

There are still a number of outstanding accounts remaining. Finalisation of these accounts will need to be made by **Wednesday 9 December**. We may not be able to provide the Gymsports program next year due the deficient. Unfortunately, the school has had to support Gymsports from funds that had been identified for other subject areas.

### LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of items in the lost property basket in the front office. Please check the basket by the end of term if your child has mislaid anything as all left over clothing will be sent to a charity organisation.

### BER

We anticipate that the BER project will commence over the holidays or early next year. However due to budget constraints I was notified last week that the project will be de scoped. Unfortunately the canteen will no longer be part of the project but we will be getting a special programs room and outdoor learning area.

### REPORTS & INTERVIEWS

Teachers are currently undertaking assessments and writing end of year reports. Reports will be sent home next **Friday 11 December**.

Teachers will be contacting some parents prior to the end of the year for interviews, if you are not contacted but would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school to organise a mutually convenient time.



SOME STUDENTS REHEARSING FOR THE DRAMA NIGHT

### LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return all books by **Friday 11 December**, thanks.



OUR SCHOOL LEADERS FOR TERM 4  
JESSICA, HAYDEN AND LUCIE

### Parent Afternoon Tea Tuesday 15 December



1.30pm – 3.00pm  
4/5/6 classroom

We would like to thank all of you for your help throughout the year. Hope to see you there!

**Name** .....  
(Please return to the office by Monday 7 December)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HELENSBURGH JUNIOR FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLUB REGISTRATION DATES

SATURDAY 6TH FEB 2010  
WEDNESDAY 10TH FEB 2010  
SATURDAY 13TH FEB 2010

ROOBALL \$ 100.00  
GRADED \$ 110.00

PLEASE GET IN EARLY AS AFTER THESE DATES THE  
FEE'S WILL RISE BY 10%

### Real Christmas Trees for Sale

The Helensburgh Girl Guides are selling Christmas  
Trees again this year. (Come early, last year we sold  
out by Saturday afternoon!)

Fri 11/12/09 (2.00-8.00pm)

Sat 12/12/07 & Sun 13/12/07

(8.30am – 4.30pm)

Helensburgh Guide Hall,

4 Chippendale Place, Helensburgh.

The prices are \$34 for a standard tree and \$39 for a  
premium.

Christmas Hamper to be won – Raffle tickets for  
sale \$1 each for 3 for \$2. All proceeds to  
Helensburgh Girl Guides.

### Christmas Pantomime in Stanwell Park

Come one, come all! Come see the 2009 Christmas  
Pantomime "The Mermaid's Tale" at the CWA Hall  
in Stanwell Park.

The Shows are December 12 & 19 7:30pm, and  
December 13, 19 and 20 - 3pm.

Ticket prices are \$15 - Adult, \$10 -  
Child/Concession and \$45 for a family.

Please ring 4294 4060 to book your tickets.

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES

Have you ever considered introducing your own  
children to an older international sibling?

World Education Program is looking for Volunteer  
Host Families for International Students arriving in  
July 2010.

If you would like more information on becoming a  
Host Family, please contact:

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