

## EPSOM NORMAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday, 14 August 2008

Dear Learning Community Members,

The show is looking outstanding and reflects all the hard work by students, teachers and parents. We can't wait to see it in its entirety. If you haven't purchased your TICKETS you had better hurry as we wouldn't want you to miss out! We so appreciate all the time parents have volunteered to help out with this. We are still a bit short on classroom supervision - please see the separate note on our website or contact Adrienne Dodge in our school office.

It's been very exciting to watch the progress of our new classroom construction. This has now been painted, carpeted and the vinyl laid, with the new furniture starting to arrive. Our new teacher (Ms Marie Peterson) has been in already to meet her new students and is eager to begin full time on 25 August.

Kay has returned from the Normal Schools' Conference motivated by the rigorous debate and delighted to see that ENPS was up with the play, already building recent research findings into our organisation for learning. A major focus at the conference was the examination of teacher pre-service strategies in the development of teachers in training and the significant role Normal schools have to play in this.

This week we will be interviewing short listed candidates for our assistant's position in the school library. We had a huge number of applications and are looking forward to selecting the best candidate to join our talented staff. The library is a focal point of our Information landscape and this is a significant role.

Special thanks to school walkers and drivers! There has been

a great improvement in "crossing behaviour" over the last recent weeks with drivers and passengers using the safest place to cross. This is of course the crossing rather than directly across from the 2-minute "drop-off" zone. It would help enormously if drivers using the drop-off zone would pull as far ahead as possible so that others can pull in behind and allow multiple users to park. This reduces the risk of double parking and accidents.

Yours in Education,

**Therese Bakker**

**Shelley Quinlivan**

**Kay Wight**

### SCHOOL NOTICES

#### a) **SENIOR SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS**

Congratulations to all our Year 6 and Year 5 Senior School Speech Finalists who were:

*Year 6*

Milan Kendall, Hughie Nixon, Gena Pilmore, Haili Xie, Mac Waite, Kiru Manoharan.

*Year 5*

Courtney York, Joshua Fong, Matthew Storer, Jack Heslin, Simon Kenrick, Hannah Quigley.

The content and the delivery of the speeches this year were exceptional.

Milan Kendall is our winner of the Senior School Speech Final. Hughie Nixon and Jack Heslin were equal second. Milan will represent ENPS at the APPA Eden/Albert Zone Speech Competition. The date and time of the APPA Eden/Albert Zone Speech Competition final is Wednesday 20 August starting at 11.45am.

**Trisha Dennis, Speech Co-ordinator**

**Highlights of Week 5**  
**Three performances of the Middle & Senior**  
**Musical Production**

*Performances on*

*Monday 18/08*

*Tuesday 19/08*

*Thursday 21/08*

*7:00 pm in the school hall*

**“A CENTURY OF SOUND”**

**b) RUGBY RESULTS**

On Friday 8 August the Ricoh Rugby team played Viscount School on the Marae Rugby ground in Mangere. This was the first game in the knockout round so it was really important to win so we could carry on with the competition. The conditions were fairly muddy and very sloshy. The game began at 12.45pm and was exciting throughout, with both teams taking turns leading the game. Eventually at almost full time we managed to take a one-point lead, and despite desperate attempts by the opposition the final whistle blew and ENPS were the winners. The score was 27-26. Thanks to the parents who turned up to support us.

Our next challenge is to play one more round, and if we win we shall be in the finals at Eden Park in September. Fingers and toes crossed.

**Blake Wong and Ashwin Dhingra, Year 5, Room 0**

**c) KING GEORGE DRIVEWAY UP TO SCHOOL**

We would remind parents that this driveway is for *ENPS staff cars and pedestrians only*. On Tuesday morning a teacher had a near miss with the car of a parent driving up this driveway. As this space is narrow, please park your car outside the school grounds and walk up the drive to collect or deliver your child to the classroom. Thank you.

**OTHER NOTICES**

***PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL***

Epsom Normal Primary School is continuing again this term to participate in the Auckland City Council's CHAOS AT THE SCHOOL GATE programme. As many of you are already aware, the programme involves placing parking officers on patrol outside schools to observe non-compliant behaviours and issue tickets to those illegally parked.

The CHAOS AT THE SCHOOL GATE programme has been very successful and is helping to reduce the danger to children as well as improving the traffic flow around schools.

***On each occasion the school is on this programme, the ACC has requested that we publish this notice in our newsletter.***

**Lady Cobham Kindergarten** in Aberfoyle St, Epsom is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee on Saturday, 20 September from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Old boys and girls and their families are warmly invited to attend the 50th 'Hat' tea party at the kindergarten. Anyone wishing to share any memories and/or photos from their time there for a display on the day should contact Sue Duncan at [seduncan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seduncan@xtra.co.nz)

Mt Roskill Community Activities is having an *Indoor Kids Only Market* on Saturday 30 August, from 9:00am to 12 Noon at the Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings.

At this market, children and young people are the sellers while everyone can be buyers. This is a great opportunity for kids to earn some pocket money while having a great time. Stalls (including a table) are \$5 each and can be booked by ringing Theresa on (09)624-3281.

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