

EPSOM NORMAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday, 31 July 2008

Dear Learning Community Members,

The *staff only* day last Monday was a resounding success if comments like . . .

- “The best professional development ever!”
- “I had difficulty keeping quiet, I wanted to talk all the time”
- “I was exhausted after all that thinking. That is what the students must feel like each day. I was thinking so much I couldn’t sleep”
- “Knowing the big picture makes my work make more sense”

. . . are any measure of success!! We believe they are!

Questions posed for us that day were “What is our shared definition of learning?” and “How can we guide students as they are “learning to learn?”

Facilitators Pam Hook and Julie Mills from *Hooked on Learning* challenged our thinking, engaged us in group work, excited us about the new curriculum and the possibilities that it offers and made us laugh!

The next step is embedding and sustaining this new learning as we improve learning outcomes even further for our ENPS learners.

This week we had a visit from ten language teachers from China. They were shown around by a group of our Year 6

students. The visitors were impressed with the students’ composure, confidence and presentation skills.

Yours in Education,

Therese Bakker

Shelley Quinlivan

Kay Wight

SCHOOL NOTICES

Week 3 Events Monday 4 – Friday 8 August, 2008

Tuesday	The National Audiology Centre Hearing & Vision technicians will return, if necessary.
Thursday	7:00 pm BOT meeting in school staffroom, all welcome.
Friday	12:45 pm Rugby – ENPS v Viscount at Mangere.

Dear Parents,

Due to weather conditions and timetable changes with other schools, there will be alterations to the upcoming sports exchanges and events. Please look out on the website under Upcoming Events and also check the newsletter as these will be published as soon as dates are finalised.

Regards,

Innes Jephson, PE/ Sports Coordinator

a) MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

At last week’s Middle School Assembly Arohanui Awards went to Charlotte Hares, Year 4 in Room 6, for

being kind and helpful to classmates and to Mackenzie Matheny, Year 3 in Room 14, for being generous, sharing and caring.

Middle School Teachers

b) CODES FOR POSTAL ADDRESSES

From now on all addresses are to include a postal code. The post office advises that letters without codes will take much longer to be delivered so it is in everyone's interest to add this code when giving their address and posting mail.

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The Mt Roskill Community House is looking for a new Co-ordinator for their school holiday programme. The position is part time/flexible during term time but rather busy during the school holidays. This is a fabulous, fun job that would suit a mum who would prefer not to work full time but wants something to keep her busy. If you have good organization skills and enjoy working with children please apply to mrch_shp@hotmail.com or phone Rodd 021950382.