

## EPSOM NORMAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday, 28 August 2008

Dear Learning Community Members,

We hope you are enjoying the first rain free periods (so far) in quite some time!

This week we have welcomed two new staff members. Firstly, Marie Peterson in the stylish Room 28; what a learning environment for our newest students to begin their learning journey at Epsom Normal Primary School! Thank you to all the parents who joined in the celebration to mark the opening of the new classroom.

Suzanne Power has joined the Information Literacy Team and will be based in the library on Mondays (full day) and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from Midday till 3:00 pm. Suzanne comes with library experience and knowledge and enthusiasm for books and learning. Please pop into the library and welcome Suzanne.

Three of our teachers (who are also new parents) receive our best wishes as they choose to continue their parenting role full time. Emma O'Byrne and her family have returned to their extended family in Ireland, Michelle Webster is relocating to Blenheim and Sarah Shepherd is close by and will continue to be part of the school community. Three permanent positions for 2009 are currently being advertised. We are keen to retain our talented staff and keep the momentum and our focus on the continual improvement of learning and teaching.

As part of their learning some students in Year 3 have been improving the school environment. Read "The Pigeon Report" following on in the newsletter or on the website, to find out just what the students' cunning plan is. Do you know why pigeons do not come to school in the holidays? Have you checked your child's lunchbox recently? This is an example

of students' problem solving solutions to local issues and is an authentic opportunity to learn and practise all of these Key Competencies in the new Curriculum:

- Thinking
- Using language, symbols and texts
- Managing Self
- Relating to others
- Participating and contributing.

The school is fortunate to have a growing number of volunteers supporting the learning at Epsom. The volunteers are loosely based in the Resource Area near the library and as well as shelving, repairing and sourcing resources, a number are working in classrooms supporting children in the core learning areas. The cultural diversity of this group enables the adults in the school to more closely reflect the diversity of the school. There have been some delicious morning teas too, as we are treated to delicacies from a variety of countries.

*A request:* please keep sick children at home. This will help prevent germs from spreading. The office staff has been fully occupied sending home children who should never have been sent to school, and looking after those whose parents could not be contacted. Please make sure that the office has your up-to-date contact telephone numbers. When you ring in with your sick child all you have to do is push "1" to leave a message on the absence line.

Yours in Education,

**Therese Bakker**

**Shelley Quinlivan**

**Kay Wight**

CONGRATULATIONS !!

Well done to Hazel Yu for achieving "Distinction" in her Trinity Guildhall Violin Grade held earlier this month. Congratulations to Hazel for this excellent result.

Innes Jephson, Year 5 teacher, Room 8

## SCHOOL NOTICES

**Week 7 Events**  
**Monday 1 to Friday 5 September 2008**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Exchange with St Michaels
<b>Wednesday</b>	Puberty talks for Year 6s with Heather Cage
<b>Thursday</b>	Puberty talks continue

**a) BRONZED MILAN KENDALL**

Milan Kendall of Room 2 (Year 5) represented ENPS at the APPA Eden/Albert Zone Speech Competition on Wednesday, 20 August. He confidently competed along with eleven other students and came third overall.

The celebrity judges were Robert Rakete and Carolyn Robinson. It was an exciting and entertaining event enjoyed by the competitors and the audience alike.

**Trisha Dennis, Speech Co-ordinator**

**b) BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION PAYMENTS**

Invoices for Term 3 have been sent to parents who use this facility for their children. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible – thank you.

**Kristin Wood, Office Manager**

**c) EXCHANGE WITH ST MICHAEL'S**

This event is on Tuesday, 2 September at 1:30pm. Most sports will be held near the school with Soccer traveling to St Michael's School for their games.

**Innes Jephson, Sports Co-ordinator**

## Zone Cross Country

A big WELL DONE to all students who represented ENPS at the Zone Cross Country on Tuesday 26 August at Shore Road Rugby Fields. After some tough training sessions (and a muddy course) they put in a great effort and ran hard to achieve some good results. Each race had over 100 children participating.

Year 5 Boys		Year 5 Girls	
Max Hoonhout	77 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica MacKenzie	Reserve
Marshall Wells	57 <sup>th</sup>	Sanara Swarnadhipathi	31 <sup>st</sup>
Sam Adams	54 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Yu	Reserve
Christopher Colbert	47 <sup>th</sup>	Tamsin Harvey	42 <sup>nd</sup>
Blake Wong	79 <sup>th</sup>	Devon Lowyim	34 <sup>th</sup>
Sean Cassidy	38 <sup>th</sup>	Brooke Whiteman	72 <sup>nd</sup>
Dylan Lee	Reserve	Eva Rocard	Reserve
Simon Kenrick	Reserve	Atifa Slaimankhel	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Reef Black	Reserve	Courtney York	70 <sup>th</sup>
Harrison Zhang	12 <sup>th</sup>	Ella McKechnie	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 6 Boys		Year 6 Girls	
Joseph Gong	Reserve	Hillary Metcalfe	53 <sup>rd</sup>
Sione Latu	65 <sup>th</sup>	Monique Halkyard	32 <sup>nd</sup>
Joshkun Johnson	19 <sup>th</sup>	Homyra Slaimankhel	33 <sup>rd</sup>
Louis Hunt	Reserve	Angelica Reddy	42 <sup>nd</sup>
Milan Kendall	49 <sup>th</sup>	Martine Puketapu	6 <sup>th</sup>
Jarome McKenzie	64 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Crisford	26 <sup>th</sup>
Rohil Rao	66 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Anderson	11 <sup>th</sup>
Harry Sproat	70 <sup>th</sup>	Isabella Jorna	Reserve
Chas Wakefield	7 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Worth	Absent

**d) WINTER FIELD DAY**

The Winter Field Day is on Tuesday 16 September, a notice with more information will come home next week. Please keep this date in your diary.

**Innes Jephson, Sports Co-ordinator**

It's that time of year again

# ENPS Yearbook Cover Design

The Design must be in *Portrait*  
on *A4* paper and include:

Our school name  
The School Motto and  
The words "Year Book 2008"

The winner will receive a free copy of the year book  
and the honour of their design being chosen for the  
cover.

All entries must be placed in the envelope in  
Room 13 by 8.45am on Friday, September 12

*(Don't forget to put your name, year level and room  
number on the back of your design)*

Designs must be 2D and can be coloured with  
Crayons,  
Pastels  
Paint  
Collage and/or Felts

The winning design will be bold, bright and include  
aspects of our school community

**GET CREATIVE AND GOOD LUCK !**

Ms Kylie Laxton-Blinkhorn, Room 13

# The Pigeon Problem at ENPS

By Room 17 children

We have lots of pigeons at our school. They are a nuisance because they leave a mess, they are dirty. They come into our classrooms, take our food and spread germs. The pigeons get fatter and fatter because they get plenty of food at our school. They fly right inside the rubbish bins and have a big feed of leftover food. Yuk! Did you know that they don't bother coming to school in the holidays??

Room 17 decided to take action! First, we made a huge poster telling children how they can help to get rid of the pigeon problem. This is what it said:

We can stop the pigeon problem at ENPS by:

- NOT feeding the pigeons
- putting our food scraps BACK into our lunchboxes
- NOT using the rubbish bins

We covered the rubbish bin in our eating area with netting. Then we performed a fun pigeon play to all the Years 1, 2 and 3 classes so they would understand the pigeon problem and how they can help.

Each day we have four children from Room 17 on Pigeon Patrol. Their job is to help everyone remember what to do.

Guess what! Our plan is working! We have fewer pigeons because they are not getting all the food they used to get!

Guess what! Now we are taking away rubbish bins altogether, so we are all helping to produce less rubbish. Yay!

We are wondering where the pigeons will go now?

## A Century of Sound

Purchase your DVD of Epsom Normal Primary School for \$10.00 each.

### Options to choose :

1 A 2 & half hr DVD show from Thursday night. Includes photo slideshows with music and footage of preparation time.  
\$10.00 per DVD

2 A DVD with over 1400 photos  
\$5.00

Name of Child : \_\_\_\_\_ Room : \_\_\_\_\_

DVD's Copies ( please Tick )

Option 1 Video  
\$10.00

Amount Enclosed : \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2 Photo DVD  
\$5.00

Contact phone or Email : \_\_\_\_\_



**EPSOM CENTRAL  
VETERINARY CENTRE  
343, MANUKAU ROAD  
(OPPOSITE BURGER KING,  
NEAR ALEXANDRA PARK)**

**IN-HOUSE BOARDING CATTERY  
-FRIENDLY STAFF  
YOUR VET:**

**ANDREW JOSEPH, BVSC  
MRCVS**

**24-HOUR PHONE: 623 1633 OR  
0800 EPSOMVET**

The Onehunga Community House School Holiday Programme will be running again from 29 September to 10 October. Our caring and experienced staff will ensure your children have a great time on our exciting new programme, "Kids' OE". This term we are 'travelling' to 'Asia', with a wide variety of great value activities, arts, crafts, cooking, sport and trips and the usual old favourites. Contact the Programme Coordinator for further details: 09 6369900 / text or call 021 0549373 / email [ochshp@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:ochshp@yahoo.co.nz)  
Rhiannon McNamara, School Holiday Programme Co-ordinator,  
Onehunga Community House



St Cuthbert's College

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## Spring KidZone

Another great holiday programme for you - **children love it (so do the parents!)**

*Dates: Sept 22-26, 29-Oct 3 & Oct 6-10*

*Times: 8.00am-5.30pm*

**Location: Junior Technology Room – well signposted**

**Girls and Boys welcome – for half days, full days or full weeks**

**Enrolment forms available on the College website**

[www.stcuthberts.school.nz](http://www.stcuthberts.school.nz) Collegiate Centre, School Holiday Programmes

Heather Foy Ph 520 8470      Sally Lawrence Ph 520 8378  
[collegiate@stcuthberts.school.nz](mailto:collegiate@stcuthberts.school.nz)      Fax 520 8379

### **CORRAN SCHOOL OPEN DAY TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2008 9.30am-12.30pm**

Corran School is holding an **Open Day** on **Tuesday 2 September from 9.30am to 12.30pm**. Students mainly enter Corran at either Primary or Lower Secondary level. The Year 1 & 2 programme is based on the Reggio Emilia philosophy and specialist teachers are employed at all primary year levels for Speech & Drama, Music, IT, PE and French. Those considering Year 7 and above entry are offered a course of study leading to the Cambridge International Examinations qualification. For further information, phone 520 1400.

Corran School, 514 Remuera Road, Remuera, Auckland 1050  
[www.corran.school.nz](http://www.corran.school.nz)

### **BUBBLE DOME Holiday Curses**

30 September – 2 October – North Shore  
and 7-9 October – Central

3D Computer Modeling, Animation and Games Design;  
Graphics and Fashion Design; Movie Making Course.

### **Term 4, 2008 After-School Extension Workshops Auckland-wide**

Science, Technology, Design and lateral Thinking Skills.  
Contact Yasmin or Rebecca: 622-0670 or 021 607 190

Email: [denise@bubbledome.co.nz](mailto:denise@bubbledome.co.nz)

[www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz)

## Stardome Observatory

For the afternoon and evening of Father's Day – Sunday 7 September - all Dads can enjoy any one of our advertised shows as detailed below for free when accompanied by a paying child.

Children are \$8.00 each.

### Sunday 7 September – Fathers Day

2.00pm – 3.00pm	Zula Patrol Suitable for 3 years and above
3.00pm – 4.00pm	Legends of Orion Suitable for 5 years and above
7.00pm – 8.00pm	Heart of the Sun Suitable for 8 years and above
8.00pm – 9.30pm	The Sky Tonight Suitable for 8 years and above
9.00pm – 10.30pm	New Horizons Suitable for 8 years and above

**Phone (09) 624-1246 to book now.**

## CORNWALL CRICKET CLUB

### Cornwall Cricket Midgets and Juniors Registration

Spend just 5 minutes registering and paying securely with your Visa or MasterCard online at [www.cornwallcricket.co.nz](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.nz) <<http://www.cornwallcricket.co.nz/>>.

All ages, boys and girls, from School Year 1 through to U18. Come play at New Zealand's premier cricket club! New members can also register by visiting the Club on Greenlane, opposite the Showgrounds, from 9:00am to 12:00noon on weekdays. We're gearing up for another great summer of cricket!

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us on the number below or [www.cornwallcricket.co.nz](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.nz)

Tel: 623 1529 email: [cornwall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cornwall@xtra.co.nz)  
Location: opposite Expo Centre, Greenlane

Stephen Andrew, Communications, Cornwall Cricket.