



9 December 2011

2011 Learning Theme: Together We Are Strong

*Ehara toku i te toa takitahi  
Engari toku toa i te toa takitini.*

*My strength comes not from myself alone,  
But from the strength of all the people.*

Kia Ora Tatou, Greetings to all

Dear Parents

What an amazing celebration the Garden Party was last week. It was wonderful to see the many talents of our students shining through on the day. All performances were inspirational. Also the students had participated in getting our gardens ready for the event and they did look beautiful on the day. We will all have fond memories of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Thank you to all the parents and extended family who attended the event. I know the students thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

It was wonderful to have the Mayor of Auckland, Len Brown in attendance. He thoroughly enjoyed his time here with us and we were certainly delighted to have him join in our celebrations.

#### **Learning Themes**

Next year the overall theme will remain the same: *Together We are Strong*. After consultation with teaching staff, students and parents, the learning themes are as follows:

- Term 1** I am a Volunteer
- Term 2** I am a Physicist
- Term 3** I am a Polyglot
- Term 4** I am an Artist

#### **Thank you to out-going Board Members**

We would like to thank Michael Worth for his outstanding contribution as Chairman of the Board and for his support and leadership in this role. Thanks also to Nancy Tsen and Richard Adams for all their hard work and support of the school in their role as BOT members.

#### **New Board of Trustee Members**

We would like to welcome Adam Taylor and Sue Normanton onto our Board of Trustees. We welcome back our existing Board Members and thank them for their continuing work and support of our school.

#### **Staff Up-date**

Thank you to Gina Potter, Anna Hedstrom, Hannah Lucas and Gail Duffy who have taken our four new entrant classes this year. They have been experienced teachers who have supported students with their transition into school and provided them with interesting and rich learning experiences. We wish these teachers all the best with their future teaching careers.

Innes Jephson next year is focusing on a Year 6 Team Leader role and literacy leadership in the school. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank Innes for the tireless work he undertook in his role of AP. He was a valued member of the Senior Leadership Team. As Innes is changing roles next year, Rachel O'Shea is now our new Assistant Principal. It is wonderful to have Rachel in this role, as she brings a wealth of experience to the AP's position.

On behalf of students and staff, a huge thank you to all of you who have supported and helped the school in many ways over this last year. We appreciate your kindness. Wishing you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Warmest regards

**Jane Cavanagh-Eyre**  
**Principal**

**Please note that the school closes for Christmas break on Friday 16 December at 1pm**  
**The children will not be eating lunch at school on that day**

## **INFORMATION UPDATE**

### **New Classes for Next Year**

On the last day of term, Friday 16 December, students will be informed of their new class teachers and classrooms for next year. They will get to meet their new teachers and spend some time together for a short while before they break up for the year.

### **Chamber Choir**

We were very proud of our school Chamber Choir who performed alongside the Auckland Boys' Choir and the Auckland Girls' Choir at the Holy Trinity Cathedral last Friday evening. It was a Christmas Performance and the singing was outstanding and enjoyed by all who attended.

*Jo King, Music Specialist*

### **Ukulele**

Our sensational advanced ukulele group "The Kiwileles" performed along with 2500 other children from 117 schools in NZ last Saturday at the International Ukulele Festival at the Waitakere Trust Stadium. There were many things to see, hear and do along with some of the world's best ukulele players performing, as well as holding free workshops for keen learners. It was a fantastic day and we are tremendously proud of our "Kiwileles" performance.

*Lorraine de Marigny, Music Specialist*

### **Zone Sports**

The focus in Sport during Term 4 has been Athletics. The Junior, Middle and Senior Schools all held onsite Athletics Days in August. Children throughout the school were able to participate in a range of activities, such as high jump, long jump, softball throw, sprints and relays, hurdles, javelin throw and sack races. The children were given opportunities to participate and challenge themselves while enjoying these learning experiences outside the classroom with their peers.

The Zone Athletics Competition was held at Mt Smart Stadium on Tuesday 22 August, and was hugely successful. Children in Year 5 and 6 who had qualified for the events at the Epsom Normal Senior School Athletics Day enjoyed competing in the following activities: High Jump, Long Jump, Softball Throw, Sprints and Relays. Congratulations go out to all of the competitors who represented Epsom Normal Primary School, *please refer to the school website for individual results.*

While 2011 is coming to a close, we are already thinking of 2012! Children in Year 4 and 5 have undergone a self-selection process for the 2012 Summer Sports Programme. Children have ranked their top three choices for the following: Padder Tennis, Badminton, Tennis, Cricket, Mod Softball and Touch Rugby. ENPS is looking forward to another great year in Sport for 2012!

*Martha McFaul, PE Co-ordinator*

## **ADMINISTRATION UPDATE**

### **Lost Property**

Just a reminder that at the close of the school year, everything in lost property will be either donated to charity or sold in the next second hand uniform sale. If you have lost any items of clothing, please check the lost property department (on the stage in the hall).

### **PTA 2012**

The first PTA meeting of next year will be held on 3 February 2012 in the staffroom.

### **Scholastic Books**

The school has done amazingly well from everybody's purchases of Scholastic Books this year. Our library has benefited with \$1,509.00 worth of books thanks to the ENPS families who purchased books for their children through the Scholastic leaflets that went home during the year. A huge thanks goes to Wendy Yortt who has managed this process for the last few years and who has done a fantastic job of organising the distribution of the leaflets and books.

### **Sunscreen**

In her efforts to find effective, affordable sunscreen to put in each classroom, Julie Minturn from the PTA has managed to secure a donation from Pak'n'Save Royal Oak and Le Tan. A big thank you to Julie for all of her hard work and a special thank you to David Collins from Pak'n'Save and Shelley Grylls, Le Tan for providing us with the sunscreen. Each classroom will now have a one litre pump of Le Tan sunscreen for the children to use during the day to protect their skin.

### **All Star Band Programme**

*Group / private lessons available*

Tuition in flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, trombone, snare drum is available. At selected schools there is also ukulele, recorder and piano/keyboard lessons available. *Enrol now for 2012* – Enrol and pay your fees before 15 December and go into the draw to win one of four \$30.00 Smiggle vouchers. Use our website: [www.allstarbp.co.nz](http://www.allstarbp.co.nz) to look for lessons at your school. *Date to remember: 10 Dec 12 midday - 1:30pm* Combined groups Allstar Concert at Gladstone Primary School Hall, 8 Seaview Rd, Mt. Albert

**Parnell School Trust**

Get set for the School Holidays! Parnell Trust provides a fun and safe programme for children 5 to 14 years. Activities and outings include: 'Glee Club' dancing and singing four day option, Robotics with LEGO, Cricket clinic, Puppet making, Circus skills, Tip-Top factory tour, Multi-sports, Photography and much more. Weekdays 5 - 23 December and 4 - 27 January. Only days to go – book early. Phone Parnell Trust 555 5194, email pfc@parnell.org.nz or visit www.parnell.org.nz

*Jarvie Tunnicliffe, School Holiday Programme Coordinator*

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

WEEK EIGHT	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sunday
12 Dec to 16 Dec	Junior Sector Christmas Assembly Hall at 2pm	Year 6 Parnell Baths 9.30am to 2.30pm	Year 6 Graduation 5pm to 7.30pm Hall		School Singing Assembly 11.30 am Hall <b>School closes at 1pm LAST DAY</b>	

**TERM DATES FOR NEXT YEAR**

**Term Dates 2012**

	Start	Finish
STAFF ONLY DAY: TUESDAY 31 JANUARY		
Term 1	Wednesday 1 February	Thursday 5 April
Term 2	Monday 23 April	Friday 29 June
Term 3	Monday 16 July	Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday 15 October	Friday 14 December

**Public Holidays - Occurs within school terms**

Term 1	Waitangi Day	Monday 6 February
Term 2	Anzac Day Queen's Birthday	Wednesday 25 April Monday 4 June
Term 3	N/A	
Term 4	Labour Day	Monday 22 October

**Public Holidays - Occurs within school holidays**

Auckland Anniversary Day	Monday 30 January
Good Friday	Friday 6 April
Easter Monday	Monday 9 April
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 10 April