

Through a stimulating educational programme, our school seeks to develop individual children to their full potential so they may become happy and well adjusted adults.



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39 Years of Education

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Kia ora katou

Important Dates

Please put these dates in your diary or calendar now

Tuesday 16 June

InterZone Cross Country

Wednesday 24 June

Board of Trustees Meeting – 6.30pm

Friday 3 July

School closes at 3.00pm for the end of term 2.

Monday 20 July

School reopens at 8.55am for the start of term 3.

Welcome to John Su, a new student who has joined Discovery.

Influenza A (H1N1) Swine Flu

From the Ministry of Health –

There are clear signs of the early stages of a pandemic. The overseas experience of the virus shows schools seem to be particularly susceptible to the virus as evidenced in the US, Europe, Japan and Australia. At this stage all evidence suggests it will be a matter of when, rather than if, the virus appears in the New Zealand. Schools and early childhood services, by their nature, are susceptible to many viruses and influenza in particular is readily spread by children. As a result it is likely that schools and early childhood services would be amongst the first affected when the swine flu starts to spread here, both by cases and the need to contain

them. For instance, any cases in a school with students recently returned from anywhere overseas might see that school closed. Any community spread in one area could see all schools or early childhood services in that area closed. The length of closure would depend on circumstances, but it would be initially for at least seven days, which is the time an infected person would be infectious. The Ministry of Health suggests that the families of students who have travelled to countries with considerable spread of Influenza A (H1N1) should keep them at home for a week upon their return, even if they have no symptoms. There is evidence that suggests that some basic measures will slow down the spread of viruses like influenza. Basic hygiene measures like very regular hand washing (before anyone puts anything in their mouth), covering coughs and sneezes and students with symptoms of possible influenza should stay home until they are well. If a school or early childhood service was directed to close it could happen very fast – students would be sent home at the end of the day and told not to return.

The primary measures remain of personal hygiene and parents keeping students home if they are sick with flu symptoms. The Ministry of Health advises that parents keep children with flu symptoms at home and call their doctor whether they have been overseas to affected areas or not.

Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. {Anonymous}

Mid Year Reporting to Parents

During week 1 of term 3, parents will receive a written report on their child's progress. Parent/teacher interviews will take place during week 3 of term 3.

Northern Zone Cross Country Team



This event was held last Thursday 4 June. Congratulations to all the students who participated. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their children.

These students will represent the Northern Zone at Interzone Event next week.

Year 6 Girls

Hannah Boese-Hebbend, Rhianna Morgan, Nicole Hunter

Year 6 Boys

Keegan Leitch, Adam Dougherty

Year 5 Girls

Rebecca Stewart, Adele Dean, Nicole Alabaster

Year 5 Boys

Fletcher Poole, Alex Winship, Thomas Sirota

Year 4 Girls

Adara Repia, Kelsey Crowther, Lydia Stewart, Mary McEwen

Year 4 Boys

Daniel Anderson, Jerry Hanrahan, Ryan Thomson, Liam de Gans

FROM THE PTSG

Noodles:

Sold every Monday.

Flavours: Beef or chicken - \$2.00 each.

Many thanks to Elaine Baker, Deana Byrne, Katrina Cowley, Vicky Foss, Adele Lloyd and Rosa Stewart for assisting with the sausage sizzle held Friday 29 May.

Road Safety

- Please do not park on the bus stop. It places everybody in danger when the bus arrives and departs.
- Please ensure you use the road crossing at all times, and encourage your children to do the same.
- Please insist that your children wear their cycle helmets when cycling or scooting to school.
- **The school driveway from Glen Road is closed to all vehicle traffic between 8.30am and 9.15am, and 2.45pm and 3.15pm daily.**

We remind you of the following instructions from the NZ Police:

- **Do not double park.** This creates congestion and a hazard for other children who must cross the road. It also sets a bad example in its disregard for the law.
- **Keep crossing clear.** Don't park your vehicle on or near the approach to the pedestrian crossing. School patrols and children cannot be seen by approaching drivers through your vehicle.
- **Park correctly.** It's better to walk a short distance (even in the rain) than to cause an accident.
- **Park on the school side where possible.** This will avoid the temptation to run across the road. Have the children get out of the car on the footpath side. Remember, when driving, approach a school with extra caution. Both children and adults make mistakes.

Do not drive up the school driveway. There is little room to manoeuvre and it is used by children.

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Internet Permission Forms Years 4-6

There are still some permission forms outstanding – please return to school as soon as possible.

COOKIES

Available Thursday morning tea outside the school office - .70c each.

Senior Syndicate Permission Forms

The Senior Syndicate teachers would like to inform parents/caregivers of a new deadline for permission slips in regards to class / school trips.

Your child cannot be taken out of school grounds without your permission. Also, it is extremely difficult if teachers have to wait until the day of the trip, as numbers can then be a problem.

To solve this problem, we need **ALL** permission slips to be handed into the classroom teacher no later than the **day before** each trip otherwise we will have no choice but to leave the child at school during that time.

Avalon Intermediate School invites parents / caregivers who currently have students in Year 6 to an Open Evening to be held on Thursday 11th June at 7.00pm in the Reading and Research Centre. This invitation gives prospective parents / caregivers the opportunity to meet with staff as well as hear an outline of what Avalon Intermediate School has to offer students for their Year 7 and 8 Intermediate school education.

Where: Avalon Intermediate School, Reading and Research Centre

Address: 1041 High Street, Avalon, Lower Hutt

Phone: 5677 453 or fax 5677 475 or email principal@ais.school.nz

We are desperately needing boys trousers for when children get wet etc. Trackpants are ideal however we will take anything offered.

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property at school. **PLEASE** take the time to come and have a look as soon as possible as these items of clothing will be removed at the end of this term.

Whanau Support Group

Following on from the initial survey letter in March this year, the Board of Trustees are to hold a meeting in the staffroom on Wednesday, 17 June at 7.00pm. There will be an opportunity to voice your opinions in an informal manner about any matters you wish to discuss.

Yummy Apple Promotion – New Sports Gear for Our School

Again this year, the yummy Fruit Company is running the Yummy Apple Promotion which allows schools to earn new sports gear through Rebel Sports. Just like last year, all we need to do is collect “Yummy” stickers from individual apples or “Yummy” cut-out labels from 2kg bags of apples.

The Yummy Fruit Company has a prize pool of \$200,000 of sports gear they wish to give away so the more stickers and labels we have the more sports gear we can earn.

If your family and friends could help us to collect the stickers and labels and send them along to school, we would be very grateful. The children can place these on special collection sheets that will be held in their own classrooms. All stickers need to be in by Friday 25 September.

If you want to know more about the promotion you can visit the website on www.yummyfruit.co.nz

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Entertainment Books

These are selling reasonably well. Thank you to those who have bought books. Could those who have books outstanding please return these to school as soon as possible. If you would still like to purchase a book please call at the office. Books cost \$55.00 (\$11.00 profit will go to purchase sports jackets).

From the Dental Clinic

The Dental Nurses are now leaving Tawhai School on Thursday 18 June and will be located at Tui Glen School.

NETBALL

New World Longest Till Receipt

Please collect your New World docketts from now until 14 June and put them in the box in the office foyer. The twelve netball teams with the longest docketts win!

Scholastic Book Club

The Scholastic brochures for Issue 4 are now available in the library. The close off date for orders is 22 June 2009. If parents are placing an order and do not want their children to be given the books to take home, please attach a note to the form. The books will then be left in the main office for you to pick up. Orders should be in an envelope and given to the classroom teacher.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are organising a Scholastic Book Fair to be held Thursday, 6 August and Friday 7 August. This will coincide with parent teacher interviews. More details to follow later.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Westfield is running a talent quest as part of their July school holidays activities

\$20,000 in prizes up for grabs for students and schools!

If you'd like a chance in the spotlight and can entertain a live crowd, register now for **5 Minutes of Fame** at Westfield. You could win a share of \$20,000 in prizes including the chance to launch your career at Westfield Style Pasifika. See www.westfield.co.nz for more information. Entries close 14th June.

Bubble Dome

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation, Games Design and Architecture on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this July. Located at Samuel Marsden Collegiate. All ages and experience catered for. Phone: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or email info@bubbledome.co.nz or visit www.bubbledome.co.nz

LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS

Holiday Programme For Primary School Children Supported by Hutt Valley Tennis Association

Dates: **Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday 10 July, 2009** (wet or fine)

Venue: St Joseph's School, Pine Avenue, Upper Hutt.

Timetable:

9.00am-10.00 am - Girls from 5-8 years old

10.00am-11.00 am - Boys from 5-8 years old

11.00am-12.00 noon -Girls from 9 years +

1.00pm- 2.00pm -Boys from 9 years +

Cost: \$28.00 for the 3 days. Money to be paid on the first day.

Registration: Contact Gary Nelson –Ph. 5897178 or Email- a.nelson@xtra.co.nz

By—Wednesday 1 July, 2009.

EARLY ENROLMENT is advised as this programme is very popular and the first 12 enrolments in each age group will be accepted.

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North City Shopping Centre

*** Win Your School \$500 ***

During the July school holidays, North City Shopping Centre is proud to be hosting the 9th Annual Shooting Star Talent Search. This will provide young uprising stars with the opportunity to showcase their own unique talents on Centre Stage and to compete for the chance to win some great prizes! The talent search is open to any child aged between 5 and 16 years, who are attending a registered primary or secondary school at the time of the competition. There is \$4500 worth of prizes up for grabs, including \$500 cash for the overall winner and \$500 cash for the overall winner's primary or secondary school to go towards a project of the school's choice. Registration forms are available at the school office or download from www.northcityshoppingcentre.co.nz or from North City Shopping Centre Customer Service Desk.

Come and be Creative at Craft House!

We have a wonderful School Holiday Programme that is Unique and Educational – inspiring projects for Boys & Girls of all ages. Scrapbooking, Cards, Mini-Albums, Clocks, Blocks – and now sewing your own “SOFTIES” - Easy, Fun, Exceptional Value AND Affordable sessions (starting at just \$18 with morning, afternoon, daily and weekly options with flexible time arrangements before and after).

Join us for some fun and creativity these School Holidays at Craft House, 47 Hutt Road, Thorndon. Visit

www.CraftHouse.co.nz or call **499-4499** to register now.

Head Lice a Problem?

Nit-Enz natural solutions are SAFE, EFFECTIVE and VERY AFFORDABLE at half the price for twice the quantity of other natural head lice products available in NZ!

Ongoing use of our products, as directed, **eliminates the need for combing!**

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Head Lice Repellent Hair Gel 200ml \$10

Head Lice Repellent Hair Spray 165ml \$10

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SPORT

Netball

Saturday 6 June

Tawhai Tornadoes	5
St Peters & Pauls (2)	11

Player of the Day: Caitlin Te One

Tawhai Hoopsters	6
Fernlea (1)	6

Player of the Day: Nicole Alabaster

Tawhai Shakers	10
Dyer Street Star	3

Player of the Day: Ruby Bartlett

Flippaball

Wednesday 27 May

Tawhai (1)	13
Eastern Hutt (2)	6

Player of the Day: Shaun Hanning

Tawhai (2)	2
Dyer Street	3

Player of the Day: Taylor Hodgson

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Wednesday 3 June

Tawhai (1)	7
Kelson (1)	3

Player of the Day: Connor Brownie

Tawhai (2)	3
Wainui	5

Player of the Day: Becky Stewart

Basketball

Thursday 28 May

Tawhai Sparks	6
Eastern Hutt Magic	30

Thursday 4 June

Tawhai Sparks	8
Muritai	11

Regards
Ron Wainwright

**WRITING PIECES FROM
ROOM 14**

July 14th 1917

Dear family,

I am really scared about how many bullets and shells are flying everywhere. Most of the soldiers have already died. Bodies are covering the ground, it makes me shiver. The food is the same every day, disgusting

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and the deafening sound of guns is frightening. All you can smell is the horrid aroma of smoke. It is horrible! I wonder when it's going to end. With the smoke drifting away you can only just make out a streak of daylight and glimpse all these beautiful red flowers called poppies in the nearby fields. The mud is still cold and damp. Oh great, its dinner time. For today it's stew. Ugh. I hate it. Then again, it is a different flavour but still yuck. I'll write to you soon.

Love from Tiaan.

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October 18, 1918

My dearest family

After the victory on ANZAC cove everybody was either wounded or dead. It was a cowardly battle, we were doomed to an almost certain loss. But we pulled through. From the cliffs, the ocean looks so peaceful and calm. As we turned for the battle

front two Hawker Hurricanes flew overhead and started bombing our ships and infantry. Everybody scrambled like rats into bunkers and holes. It was not a pretty sight. We had to leave before they came back.

Write you soon,

October 21st, 1918

My dearest family

We've been marching for three days now. Everybody is exhausted and hungry, we've been fed but not properly. Most of us choose to starve than to eat that revolting stew.

Still we march on, we're getting closer to the frontline now. The whistling and explosions are getting closer and closer. It sends a disturbing chill down your spine. We've come across some old trenches; they can be quite a danger if you're not looking where you're going. We're not far from the frontline now; we try and pass the time by making up stories and telling jokes to one another. Then all of a

sudden we received a bit of shelling - one of them hit my thigh and dropped me like my leg had been ripped off! I was in excruciating pain; then I felt my leg being tugged! It was one of my comrades. He dragged me through the crossfire and onto a stretcher. He and another man took me to camp. There were miles and miles of wounded soldiers with nurses. Hopefully I will be sent home on war leave.

From Liam

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Friday 1st May 1915

Dear kids,

I'm in the war, it's dangerous here. I've been shot but I'm okay. Some of my friends have been shot and I was sad to see them hurt. The trenches are smelly and wet and I'm muddy. See you soon.

Love you all.

Dad
From Oliver

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25th April 1918

To Colton,

I'm on the ship. It's huge, packed with soldiers and nurses awaiting the war. The ship is very slow. The sea stretches out forever when I look ahead, but as I look back I can see small boats, huge cliffs and wharves crowded with people shouting bye bye. When I look to the side I can see the Toyota driving away and I can see you waving to me. I feel excited.

From A.J.

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