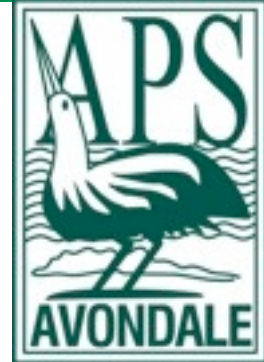


# AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### 3 June 2010



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#### Principal's news

Dear Parents and Caregivers

After a wet fortnight, we are all looking for a break in the weather. This gives all students increased opportunities to run off a bit of steam during their break times.

And just to keep you informed, we have just been advised that our long anticipated three year review from the Education Review Office (ERO) will take place in the week beginning the 21st June. Over that week, a team of up to three reviewers will spend a great deal of time in classrooms and in discussions with the senior management and Board. Each year, ERO reviews hundreds of schools across the country as part of the Government's audit of New Zealand schooling. This year the prime focus areas of review will be:

- Assessment procedures practised by the school and teachers,

- Analysed student achievement information and how that is used to inform future teaching,
- Curriculum design and teacher planning to meet both school and national guidelines,
- Programme evaluation and school self-review,
- Staff Professional learning and programme development,
- Reports to parents,
- Staff handbook/procedures,
- Analysis of attendance and patterns,
- Newsletters.

As a school, we feel fairly comfortable with an ERO review. We have done an enormous amount of work each and every year since the last review, particularly in the last two years as we have aligned the new NZ curriculum and with the introduction of National Standards.

Regards Mark Scown (Principal)

# School News

## Young Leaders and Kid's Congress

As part of our learning programmes at school we like to provide the children with extra activities that they can participate in beyond their classrooms. Two groups of children have recently been given the opportunity to join with other children from around the city and beyond at the Young Leaders Day Conference and at Kid's Congress 2010. The following are some reflections on the days they spent out of school.

On Tuesday 1st June 2010 the 4 house captains and the head boy and girl went to the Isaac Theatre Royal for the 10th birthday of Young Leaders. There were 5 different speakers during the day who were really motivating for the leaders of the different schools to listen to. The speakers included Nick Tuitasi, Dallas Seymor, Rob Harley, Matt Gibb and Jason Gunn. Some of the messages we got were:

- Never give up
- Its good to be nervous, it gives you an edge.
- Answer a negative with a positive
- Don't use disability as an excuse to not to do something.
- Use obstacles in your path to build a bridge.

We would like to make a special thank you to Chanel's mum for coming with us and also to Mrs Mundy.

The House Captains.



Last Thursday and Friday, 8 children from the Year 6 classes went to Celebrate Kid's Congress 10th Anniversary. The 2 days were full of fun and excitement. While we were there we made a whole lot of new friends as well as learning a new lot of skills. Most of the choices for activities involved a lot of technology, computers, video camera and digital cameras. These were then used to create animations, music videos, marketing posters, scrap books and t shirts.

All the children who went had a whole lot of fun and we hope that those who get picked next year do so too. We want to thank our teachers for picking us and the parents who took us there each day. Georgia and Claudia.

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## Kapa Haka Uniforms

Urgent request for any Kapa Haka uniforms that may still be at home.

If there are any uniforms still at home please bring them back to school so we can get them ready for this years events.

# School News

## Autumn Poems by children in Room 15

In Autumn I **see** bright colourful leaves falling from the sky.

In Autumn I **hear** the rustling and crackling of leaves in the sky.

In Autumn I **feel** the wind blow on my soft skin.

In Autumn I **taste** tomato soup and apple pie burning in my mouth

In Autumn I **smell** the smell of smoke from fires flowing through the air.

So in Autumn I go home from school, sit down at a window, turn on the fire and watch the leaves flow in the air.

by Tatiana

In Autumn I **see** colourful bright leaves, bright as a rainbow.

In Autumn I **hear** crackling noises in the leaves

In Autumn I **feel** the breeze blowing over my face.

In Autumn I **taste** sweet apple pie

In Autumn I **smell** boiling hot soup.

by GunWoo

In Autumn I **see** red, yellow, orange leaves falling from the trees

In Autumn I **hear** crackling and scratching from the hedgehog in the leaves

In Autumn I **feel** the wind and rain

In Autumn I **taste** the sweet apples from the trees

In Autumn I **smell** hot soup and apple pie

by Bailey

## Calendar of Events

### Term 2

7.6.2010	Queen's Birthday
9.6.2010	ICAS Science
14.6.2010	Y5/6 Swimming starts at AquaGym
22.6.2010	ICAS Spelling

School will be closing early at 2.00pm on the following days to allow for parent teacher interviews.

28.6.2010	Interviews
29.6.2010	Interviews
30.6.2010	Interviews

2.7.2010 End of Term 2

## Sports Results

### Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the children who ran at the North East Zone Cross Country at Rawhiti Domain this past Tuesday. You all made a tremendous effort and did the school proud.



# School News

## PTA News

### PTA Key Dates

#### Term 2:

24-May-10	Movie voucher Fundraising
11-Jun-10	Orders to be in for Movie Vouchers
14-Jun-10	PTA Meeting 7pm
30-Jun-10	Delivery of Movie Vouchers

### Sausage Sizzle

Thurs 10 June - wet or fine \$1

### Reminder

Money for the Hoyts movie tickets to be in by 3pm on Friday 11 June

## The Incredible Years Parent Programme.

The Incredible Years Parenting Programme is designed to develop positive family relationships, empower parents to make change and to manage difficult behaviour. It gives parents step by step suggestions to help in handling everyday situations parents face.

Lee Taylor Burt and Sheila Russell from Project Early will be providing a 15 week programme Incredible Years Programme for 2 to 8 year olds.

Where: Aranui Primary School  
257 Breezes Road  
Aranui

When : Tuesday Mornings - there is no charge and morning tea will be provided.

Date: 27 July 2010 until the 16 November 2010 (No sessions in the school holidays)

Time : 9.15am until 11.30am.

Please register by completing a registration form and returning the form to Mrs Harkess who will forward it onto the Project Early Teachers.

Registration forms are available from Mrs Harkess or the main office.

For further details please telephone 9820758 or txt 027 2234231 and leave a message with contact details.

A number of staff are attending the Incredible Years professional development and are learning about creative suggestions to trial with children in their classes.

## Are you in need of childcare?

I am a qualified early childhood teacher with 13 years experience offering home based care for under 5's in my home. I am affiliated with Kiddz a Ministry of Education approved service.

Winz and 20 free hours ECE apply.

At present I have full time and day spaces available. I live close to Avondale school and can also do a school pick up and drop off if you have an older child.

I am also offering after school care for 5-6 year olds and school holiday care. (limited spaces)

Phone Teresa on 9426670 or 0211200126

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