

WESLEY NEWS

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Upcoming Even

- * **Wednesday 26 October**
6.00am Dawn Blessing of the new Dental Clinic
- * **Tuesday 1 November**
Boys' Central Zone Touch Tournament
- * **Tuesday 1 November**
Battle of the Bands at Blockhouse Bay Int Sch.
- * **Thursday 3 November**
Girls' Central Zone Touch Tournament
- * **Tuesday 8 November**
Year 8 Girls Immunizations
- * **Tuesday 8 November**
Battle of the Bands - Originals Heat at Wesley Intermediate School

MARKET DAYS

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Market Days at the end of Term Three. Both days were a great success with many of the students making lots of money to spend during the holidays.

It was very pleasing to see a large number of parents and members of the community in the school supporting the students. It was also pleasing to receive so many positive comments from our parents. I know a number of you are keen to see a similar event in the future.

The Market Days were a culmination of all the work that the students had done in relation to the "Show Me the Money" unit. Throughout Term 3 the students had spent a lot of time looking at what is involved in running a business, making different products, looking at advertising techniques, discussing profit margins, and looking at different ideas that could be incorporated into the Market days.



Some students decided that it would be best to run their 'business' alone, thus keeping all the profit themselves, others decided to work in pairs, or groups of three or four. This was followed by the decision as to what to sell or do. Many chose to make muffins, (probably too many), whereas others chose to sell toffee apples (which sold out very quickly). There was a group of boys willing to be hit with water bombs which resulted in very little actual costs, but a lot of money coming in. Other students decided to do pre orders so they knew exactly how many meals to make. It was great to see the students really thinking about what would work best for them on the day.

Both days we were blessed with good weather, and everyone was in good spirits. But there were still 'business' decisions to be made, especially with those groups who still had goods to sell towards the end of the day. Do we drop the price? Do we sell 'two for one'? It was interesting to watch the students coping with these 'business' decisions.

At the end of the day, the main goals were achieved. The students had to do a lot of thinking, they worked well together and even though some groups did not make their anticipated 'profit', (though many did), they learnt a lot about running a 'business' and some of the issues involved.



SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY

Congratulations to our Ripper Rugby Team who won the Central Zone Competition. Unfortunately the Auckland Championship Tournament due to be held this week has been cancelled.

Congratulations to Sonny Bill Williams, ex-pupil, on being a member of the World Champion All Black team.



TOUCH

The Boys' Central Zone Touch Tournament will be held at Cox's Bay Reserve next Tuesday, 1st November. The Girls' Tournament will be held at the same venue on Thursday 3rd November.

If any of our teams qualify for the Auckland Championship event, it is due to be held on Thursday 10 November.

FITNESS CHALLENGE

Mr Ball will be taking four Year 7 students to the Police Fitness Challenge to be held at the ASB Showgrounds on Friday 11 November.



TAG

The Central Zone Tag Tournament will be held on Wednesday 16 November. More information will come out closer to the date.



ATHLETICS

Our School Athletics Day will be held on Friday 18 November.

NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Wednesday 16 November 5.30pm in the Staffroom

The Board of Trustees meeting is open to the public so please feel welcome to attend.



TEACHER ONLY DAY What happened?

Earlier this year, our school received funding to have Ced Simpson from the Human Rights Commission to come and speak to our staff, and teachers from local schools, regarding implementing Human Rights Education into schools.

The day started with a look at the New Zealand Curriculum and how Human Rights is mentioned throughout this document. We then had a 'history lesson' regarding how the Human Rights movement came in to being. It was interesting to note that World War One and Two were fought to ensure that all people had Human Rights.

Peter Fraser, the Prime Minister of New Zealand at the time of WW II said, "Human rights must be honoured as thousands of people have died for them".

We then looked at, "What human rights meant for our school?". We discussed all the 'Articles' in relation to human rights ie. Article 26: Everyone has a right to an education, Article 29: Everyone has duties (responsibilities) to the community.

Article 29 is very interesting, as it states that everyone has responsibilities! The whole Human Rights Movement acknowledges that as well as rights, every person also has responsibilities. So we then looked at the responsibilities of teachers, parents and students.

The day finished with a practical session of looking at how we could adapt our Student Management Plan to incorporate aspects of Human Rights, (including responsibilities).

Schools that have adopted this approach have found, (a) a reduction in prejudice, (b) students showing a greater concern for others, (c) students resolving conflicts with each other, without adult intervention, (d) less bullying (e) more respect for fellow students and teachers.

STAFF CHANGES: Miss Hughes, who has been on a 'sabbatical' for three terms has now returned to our school and will be working in Room 9 for the rest of the year. Miss Hughes will also be helping Mr Watene train up the School Band for the Battle of the Bands Heats which are to be held at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School next Tuesday from 3.30pm—10.00pm.

New Dental Clinic On Wednesday morning a Dawn Blessing was held in the new Dental Clinic. The builders have now finished their work and the clinic will be open for public use in a weeks time. The 'official' Opening will take place later this term.



Battle of the Bands

In 2009 and 2010 Wesley Intermediate School won the "Top School" Award at the Battle of the Bands Competition for the entire Auckland area.

Battle of the Bands is a competition that involves Rock & Pop Bands in two categories. "Originals" is where the student write and perform their own songs, and "Covers" is where the students perform the types of songs you hear on the radio.

This year our band is in both categories and will be performing in the...

Central Zone Heat Competition

Tuesday 1 November

3.30pm at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

and then, (hopefully), at the...

Central Zone "Original" Final

Tuesday 8 November

7.00pm - 9.00pm at

Wesley Intermediate School.

We urge you to come along and support our School Band on Tuesday 8 November, as some of the points are given out in regard to the response from the audience. The more people that are supporting our school, the more chance we have of winning.

The School Band is also entered in to the...

Central Zone "Covers" Final

Tuesday 22 November

7.00pm - 9.00pm at

Balmoral Intermediate School.



Important Dates for Term Four

Saturday 26 November	Eden Albert Schools Festival at Rocket Park
Tuesday 6 December	Top Class to help the coastal cleanup on Rangitoto Island
Friday 9 December	Year 8 Graduation
Monday 12 December	School Prize Giving
	End of Year Reports go home
Wednesday 14 December	Good Day End of Year Trip
Thursday 15 December	Last day of the School Year

IMMUNISATIONS



The Year 8 girls who have been receiving the H.P.V. vaccinations will be given their final dose on Tuesday 8 November.



ENROLLING AT A SECONDARY SCHOOL

Parents with students in Year 8 need to take responsibility for ensuring that their child is enrolled at a Secondary School for the 2012 School Year. Please note: All Year 8 students should now be enrolled for the 2012 school year.

Mt Albert Grammar School Enrolments :
A number of our students have already enrolled at Mt Albert Grammar School and have received a confirmation notice regarding their enrolment. Please remember to return the confirmation slip attached to the letter, back to Mt Albert Grammar School.

Please cut out and return this slip to school tomorrow!

Student's Name: _____

Room _____

Parent / Caregiver's Signature: _____

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MOTHER HELPERS

"Mothers Helpers" supports women who have post-natal depression or who are at-risk of post-natal depression, including single mums. We are looking for mums to join our Board which meets once a month to bounce ideas around about the leadership and direction of the charity. If you could spare this time and would like to help other mothers please contact Kristina at mothershelpers.webgarden.com@gmail.com or Phone 022-093-1822. For more information about our service go to: www.mothershelpers.webgarden.com"

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