

SOMERVILLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Greetings Everyone

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KIWIATHON

Testing of the Kiwiathon facts will take place on Friday 10 September 2010. Thank you for supporting this annual fundraiser and assisting your child to learn the 50 facts, and obtain as many sponsors as they can.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

MANUKAU SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

The MIT Manukau City Science and Technology Fair was held this year at Manurewa High School on the weekend of 14th and 15th August. We entered a number of our top projects and once again, our students did exceptionally well. We entered 31 projects in the 5 categories that have been created for Intermediate students. Here are our winners - a HUGE congratulations to all these students!

Year 7 & 8 Consumer Science:

1st Place

Victoria Pickett

Natural Stain Removers:

Fact or Fiction?

2nd Place

Rick Sinclair

Weed Wipe Out

3rd Place

Bailee Kirtlan

Bacteria Busters

Highly Commended

Arshia Saluja

I See You

Highly Commended

Matthew Spittal

Crayon Crayoff

Year 7 & 8 Technology / Innovations:

1st Place

Rachel Beattie

Compressed Breath

Highly Commended

Sergiu Zimbatu

DIY Kiwi Can Heater



Year 7 & 8 Living World:

2nd Place

Jenna Paterson

Chicken Trouble

Year 7 & 8 Physical and Material World:

2nd Place

Kelly Gradon

Should You Be Alarmed

Highly Commended

Benjamin Daniel

Flotation

Highly Commended

James Paranthoienne

Electrical Vegetables

Year 7 & 8 Environmental Science / Planet Earth & Beyond:

3rd Place

Thomas Patton

Sprout - Oh No You Don't

Highly Commended

Aishwarya Gopalakrishnan

Road to a Greener Future

Special Prizes / Award Winners

Prize for Best Year 7 Innovation, Invention or Investigation:

Jenna Paterson

Prize for Best Year 8 Innovation, Invention or Investigation:

Kelly Gradon

Best Project by a Pacifica Student:

Bailee Kirtlan

"YOUNG HERCULES" IS COMING ... 14th, 15th & 16th September 2010

Mark these dates on your calendar - Don't Miss It!!!

Come and enjoy the hilarious antics of Hercules and his faithful friend Iolaus as they battle birds, beast and monsters in a way that only real heroes can! With a running time of only 1 hour, 45 minutes, "Young Hercules" is the perfect family entertainment for all ages.

Plenty of refreshments will also be available before the show and during intermission, with all funds raised over the three evenings going toward the new gymnasium.

Ticket order forms accompany the newsletter and tickets can be purchased by returning orders through your child's class.

SEE YOU THERE!

KOANGA FESTIVAL

The Koanga Festival, celebrating the Maori arts where schools in the Howick/Pakuranga area come together to showcase their Kapa Haka skills, will be held at:

Where: The Picton Centre
Picton Street, Howick

When: Tuesday 14 Sept and
Wednesday 15 Sept

Time: 5.30 pm

Entry: Koha donation

The Somerville Intermediate Kapa haka group will be performing on the Tuesday evening at 8.10 pm.

Host Families for Korean Students Wanted

We require host families for Korean students who will be involved in a study and cultural exchange for 3 weeks in February next year. Families who host students will be recompensed.

Please refer to the flyer enclosed with this newsletter for further details, and ensure the tear off slip is completed and returned to school should you wish to host a student or students.

FUNDRAISING

Dads & Lads Breakfast

We would like to thank Rob Corbett of Colonial Bacon & Ham for donating the bacon towards the Dads & Lads Breakfast this morning. Thank you also to all the parents who have contributed items towards the breakfast, and to Ruben Wiki for an inspirational message. What a great way to start the day!

Girls Night Out Street Market

We are planning a **Girls' Night Out Street Market** for Wednesday 13 October - the first week back after the school holidays. So far we have a variety of stalls booked, including arts and crafts, food, drinks, stationery, condiments, jewellery, face painting, aromatherapy, massages, etc. If anyone is interested in having a stall at the street market, please contact Mrs Bornman on 535 1070 or email e.bornman@somint.school.nz



Bollywood Dance Competition

Date: Saturday 16 October
Time: 7.00pm
Tickets: \$20.00
Venue: Auckland Girls' Grammar School

Please come and support our fantastic Bollywood Dance Group. You are in for an entertaining evening! Tickets are available at school from reception. For further info, please email Louise Jennings l.jennings@somint.school.nz

SCHOOL MAGAZINE



A reminder to parents that production of the magazine is included in the extra-curricula donation. Copies of the magazine **cannot be purchased individually at the end of the year.**

If you have not already paid the extra-curricula activity fee in full, \$13.00 must be forwarded to the school before **Friday 24th September** to ensure your child receives a copy of the magazine at the end of the year.

EastZone After School Care
Somerville Intermediate School

A reminder to parents that we run an after school care programme in the school library from 3-6 pm each day of the school term. For further information contact Jocelyn on 021 239 5680 or by email at ezasc@clear.net.nz

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

My apologies for the absence of Counsellor's Corner lately. I have been on leave following ankle surgery. I am so used to being mobile and independent that I have found it challenging to being dependent on others for so many simple things. However it has given me precious time to reflect.

When our children are young we encourage them from a state of dependency to independence. Indeed young children delight in being able to say "I can do it myself!" In our society we value being independent. However, I have re-discovered the importance of a different word - interdependence. At times, particularly in difficult times, we may need to rely on others, and other people need to know they can rely on us to support them.

Maybe in helping our young people develop and mature, we could consider placing greater emphasis on interdependence - the art of giving and receiving to enrich our lives and those around us.

Kind regards
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Best Regards
 David Ellery
 PRINCIPAL

Sunnyhills 40th Celebration
Wed 22 & Thur 24 Sept 2010
 Wine & Cheese Evening
 Open Morning, Celebration Assembly and Sports Events
 For further details contact:
robyns@sunnyhills.school.nz
 Ph: 576 8031, www.sunnyhills.school.nz

CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS

There have been a few occasions recently where we have not been able to contact parents/caregivers when their child has been sick or injured, due to incorrect contact details recorded on our database. It is **very important** that we have correct contact details for parents/caregivers and **if** your address or any telephone numbers, particularly work or cellphone numbers have **changed**, please complete the form below or notify the school immediately.



CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Students Name: _____ Rm No. _____
 Address: _____ Home Ph. _____

 Mother's Work Ph. _____ Cellphone: _____
 Father's Work Ph. _____ Cellphone: _____
 Email addresses: _____