

Dear Parents & Caregivers of Baverstock Oaks School

Welcome back to a new school year and an exciting one it will be to! I hope you have all taken time to enjoy the 'interesting' weather that we have experienced this summer. It has certainly challenged some mindsets about how to get out and about and enjoy our lovely country. Enjoy this 'hardcopy' newsletter. We are aiming in 2012 to go paperless. This will mean your newsletter will be emailed to you so later this term we will be asking for those details. If you do not have access to a computer there will be some copies available. It will be a gradual and well communicated process. More on this soon.



Welcome to all our new families, you are now part of a large, supportive and caring family. At Baverstock Oaks we are aligned strongly to our shared vision and values. Please take the time to check these out on our website and you will find in the newsletters I refer to them often. They are very much a part of daily life here at school. This document is quite clear about what we value at Baverstock Oaks and how we operate at all times. We are looking forward to getting to know each and everyone of you and there are a few opportunities planned in the next few weeks so circle them in your diaries.

Our mission statement is :

Learning to Grow; Growing to Learn.

We value:

- The sense of 'family' and learning partnerships
- A high quality learning environment
- The power of thinking and reflection
- Questions, feedback and feed-forward
- The cultural diversity of our community
- The well-being of the 'whole' person



We hope to get the opportunity to meet you all at various events this term – the family picnic, meet the teacher night, parent/teacher interviews or when you pop in. Check out the calendar in this newsletter and mark these in your diary. All newsletters are always on the website the day of publication (every 2nd Wednesday, starting at the beginning of each term)

REMEMBER we cannot teach your children alone, family involvement is an integral part of the triangle.

It is important to develop the partnership involving the teacher, the student, the school, and parents, family, and whanau so that all partners can be active in promoting student learning. This partnership needs to be based on shared expectations of what the child should be learning within the guidelines of the New Zealand curriculum and the New National Standards which we as a school are very positive about. So please attend all these opportunities during the year as well as informally to develop a STRONG LEARNING PARTNERSHIP with us and your child.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING WEDNESDAY 8 February is very important for all families to have representation. This is an opportunity to come along to school and hear about what we are all about here at Baverstock Oaks. It is also a chance to sit in the chair your child sits in during the day, meet their teacher and hear about a typical day, homework expectations and to hear about your part as a parent in educating your child.

This year we have kept the school donations and activity fees the same as 2011. School donations are \$180 per child for the year with no more than \$400 for a family. The activity fee is \$90 per child for the year. The activity fee includes a **HUGELY discounted rate for your child to have 365 days access to their own Mathletics page.** This would cost you \$90 for the year as a home subscriber, but costs \$20 per child if everyone in the school subscribes. **Mathletics will be set for homework as well as used in class time.**

Thanks again for taking the time to be part of our learning journey. We hope to see you all at various times over the year helping where you can.

Mary Wilson
PRINCIPAL

Introducing the team

The school is divided in to three teams –
Yr 1 & 2, Yr 3 & 4 and Yr 5 & 6

Mary Wilson – Principal



YearLevel	Name	Title	Room
Year 1 & 2	Allison Hamilton	Associate Principal & Team Leader	
2	Denise Moyle	Whanau Leader - Lower B Teacher	4
2	Bree Evans	Teacher	2
2	Emma Northwood	Teacher	3
1	Fiona Blest	Whanau Leader - Lower E Teacher	18
Reception	Karen Horsnell	Teacher	17
1	Helen Dibley	Teacher	19
1	Lisa Nolan	Teacher	20
2	Louise O'Leary	Whanau Leader - Lower F Teacher	28
1	Tui Barbarich	Teacher	25
1	Robyn Conlon	Teacher	26
2	Tamlyn Marsh	Teacher	27
Year 3 & 4	Sarah McWilliams	Associate Principal & Team Leader	
3 & 4	Phil Funnell	Whanau Leader - Lower C Teacher	10
3 & 4	Liz Callaghan	Teacher	9
3 & 4	Holly Skipper	Teacher	11
3 & 4	Laramarie Dreyer	Teacher	12
3 & 4	Christine Thomson	Whanau Leader - Upper C Teacher	15
3 & 4	Keryn Logan	Teacher	13
3 & 4	Nikki Mackay	Teacher	14
3 & 4	Jo-Anne Stewart	Teacher	6
3 & 4	Jenny Maloney	Teacher	8
Year 5 & 6	Genee Crowley	Associate Principal & Team Leader	
5	Mike Earl	Whanau Leader - Upper E Teacher	23
6	Damian Thompson	Teacher	21
5	Janine Baker	Teacher	22
6	Lisa McNeill	Teacher	24
6	Monika Dewan	Whanau Leader - Upper F Teacher	30
5	Brandon Murphy	Teacher	29
6	Kirsten Mackie	Teacher	31
5	Cathie Twisleton	Teacher	32

Student Support	
Kay Foot	Learning Support Whanau Leader
Marj Parkes	ESOL
Michelle Major	Learning Support Teacher
Sara Skinner	Learning Support Assistant
Adelle Reynolds	English Language Assistant
Kate Brown	English Language Assistant
Angela Stanisich	Part Time Teacher
Keely Wilson	Part Time Teacher
Stephanie Ready	Part Time Teacher
Theresa Oak	Part Time Teacher
Renee Mangu	Part Time Teacher
Lyn Hunn	Learning Assistant
Jill Stone	Learning Assistant
Roshini Shari	Learning Assistant
Sheryl Robinson	Learning Assistant
Andrea Aspden	Learning Assistant
Dianne Timu	Learning Assistant
Carolyn Norris	Learning Assistant
Administration	
Frances Fraser	Executive Officer
Deborah Rand-Robson	School Secretary
Paula Browne	Admin Assistant
Sue McWilliams	Resource Manager
Helen de Leeuw	Library Manager
Allan Shadbolt	Property Manager
Graham Yarrall	Grounds person

SCHOOL PICNIC 2012

We are also continuing a tradition that was started in 2005 when the school opened. On **Thursday 23 February at 6pm** we will have our **ANNUAL SCHOOL PICNIC** here at school. This evening is when family & friends bring their dinner to school, lay a rug on the ground and have a picnic mixing and mingling with the neighbourhood and getting to know the families of your child's friends, teachers and community. It is a great occasion and well supported each year. I look forward to meeting many of you there again as in past years. **PUT A CIRCLE AROUND THIS IN YOUR DIARY**

SCHOOL STATIONERY: Thanks to those families that have purchased their stationery from the Paper Plus store as requested. We are well aware that this is an expensive time for families and so we do the **HOMEWORK** for you by shopping around for **best price and quality**. This is to ensure consistency across classes as well as ensuring books and pencils last the distance of a busy school year. These are the children's tools of their trade and they need to be ready for action with the **RIGHT** gear.

Puzzles, games and dress ups that need a new home



Acorn teachers would LOVE to have any old toys, puzzles, dress ups that you do not want anymore. We ask the items be in good, clean and working condition and delivered to Fiona Blest in Room 18. If you have any queries about the suitability of any items please feel free to see Fiona or email her on fblest@baverstock.school.nz.

PARENTING COURSE OFFER....

The **Triple P Research Group** at the University of Auckland is investigating the effectiveness of a new version of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Group Programme. The programme aims to enable fathers and mothers to develop positive relationships with their child and manage children's behaviour in a constructive way.



We are looking for parents of a child aged between **3-8 years** who want to enhance their child's development and who have some concerns about their child's behaviour

What does participation involve?

- Both fathers and mothers from each family will attend **five 2 hour group sessions** and **three 20 minute telephone consultations** over **eight consecutive weeks**. **The programme will be delivered by a trained Triple P practitioner.**
- Group sessions will be held in convenient community locations in Auckland
- Both parents will complete questionnaires at **three time periods.**

The programme is completely **free of charge** and includes helpful materials for you to keep.

If you are interested in participating in the research, or would like further information, please contact Tenille Frank on 09 623 8899 ext 83042 or tj.frank@auckland.ac.nz

APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND HUMAN PARTICIPANTS ETHICS COMMITTEE on 9/8/2011 for 3 years.
Reference 2011/260

Why school attendance is SO important....

Student attendance along with effective teaching has the greatest influence on student engagement and achievement. All students must be present at school so they can engage in learning. If a student misses five days each term or one day a fortnight they will miss the equivalent of one year of school over 10 years. We monitor your child's attendance each term and have been advised by Attendance Services that if a child who has an attendance rate lower than 94% their parents need to be contacted in writing. If low attendance occurs the Attendance Services will be contacted and they will work with you to ensure your child attends school regularly. We will also be monitoring your child's punctuality as this greatly influences their ability to settle into school each morning and be prepared for learning each day. Both attendance and punctuality will be reported on in the mid year and end of year formal reports. Overseas trips in school time will affect your child's attendance rate and therefore we would appreciate it if trips could be booked during the 12 weeks holiday your child receives each year.



Learn to play Drums

After school Drum lesson available at Baverstock Oaks School.
\$15 per half hour. Contact Andrew Moyle via phone - 021271154 or by email - andypmoyle@hotmail.com
Spaces limited so be quick!



FEE

These school donations really assist us to offer the quality education at Baverstock Oaks you have come to expect. If you pay **BEFORE March 31** you can apply for a tax rebate as well as you will get a 10% discount from the school. The donation is **\$180 per student** for the year. If you pay **BEFORE end of February** you will also get a free year book at the end of the year. The activity fee covers day trips and presenters brought into the school. By having an annual fee it stops the little bits of money being asked for constantly and is more convenient for everyone.

Activity Fee: **is \$90 per child. This can be paid as one sum OR \$37.50 at the start of term 1 (to cover the mathematics fee) and \$17.50 at the start of terms 2, 3, & 4.**

A notice with this information on will be sent home early next week. Please pay these as soon as possible and send to the office in a sealed envelope with your **child's name, room number and what it is for.**

F A B

Friends at Baverstock

This is our wonderful PTA Group - they are an amazing group of people who support our school and have loads of fun doing it.

The funds raised last year are being used for a number of projects around the school - enhancing BNN (Our TV station), towards a cricket pitch and saving for a library extension.

Please come along to FAB's next meeting and add your enthusiasm and energy to our great school.

RECYCLING AT SCHOOL

Bring in your paper and cardboard and put into the large green bins in the lower awahina space - we get money for recycling clean paper products - Thanks.

LITTERLESS LUNCHES

A reminder we encourage no rubbish with lunches - use washable containers. All rubbish sent home.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

The days have changed for 2012 - there will be lunch orders taken on WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY. - PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE MENU

What is on in February, March & April 2012?

Please circle the various events outlined and attend as they are indicated

FEBRUARY	
Mon 1	First day for students
Fri 3	School Assembly Rm 31
Mon 6	WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY
Wed 8	Meet the Teacher night - all families needed (details to follow)
Thurs 9	BOT meeting 5.30pm
Fri 10	School Assembly Rm 24
Tues 14	FIRST FAB Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 17	School Assembly Rm 28
Mon 20	Norwegian educators/school leaders visit
Wed 22	Year 6 Camp Parent Information Evening 6.30pm
Thurs 23	School picnic 6pm @ school
Fri 25	School Assembly Rm 4
Mon 20 Feb - Fri 2 Mar	Norwegian educators/school leaders visit classrooms
Tues 28	Baverstock swimming sports (Tall Oaks)
MARCH	
Thurs 1	Swimming Sports saving day
Fri 2	School Assembly Rm 23 at 11am
Tues 6	Interschool swimming sports
Wed 7	Tall Oaks maths info evening 7pm
Fri 9	School Assembly Rm 3
Sun 11	Tip Top Schools Competition
Tues 13 & Wed 14	Electricity Safety Show
Thurs 15	BOT meeting 5.30pm
Fri 16	School Assembly Rm 32
Tues 20	Pre camp swim training or Thurs 22) FAB Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 23	School Assembly Rm 2
Mon 26 & Tues 27	Year 5 overnight camp
Mon 26 - Fri 30	Year 6 camp
Fri 30	School Assembly Rm 27
APRIL	
Tues 3	Parent/Teacher Interviews 1.30 - 7.30pm
Wed 4	Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.15 - 5.30pm
Thurs 5	School Assembly Rm 22 Portfolios home END of TERM 1 (Fri 6 GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
Mon 23	START of TERM 2

Well I hope you enjoyed our first school newsletter for 2012. We really want you to be involved in our school. Call in and see what is happening sometime soon, we welcome you on board in a learning partnership.

Cheers

**Mary Wilson
PRINCIPAL**

NOT ALL NEWSLETTERS REACH HOME! IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT PARENTS/CAREGIVERS DO RECEIVE THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER, STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO RETURN THIS SLIP TO THEIR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER FOR 200 HOUSE POINTS

I received newsletter 1/2012 dated 1 February 2012 (200 HOUSE POINTS TO _____ HOUSE)

signed _____ Child's name _____ in room _____