

Dear Parents & Caregivers of Baverstock Oaks School

I hope you and your family have enjoyed the golden weather we experienced over this holiday break. It has been a great time for everyone to get outside and be active in the great outdoors. I know our year 6 team are keeping their fingers crossed for this weather to last for camp in week 3.

Term 2 opens with more new five year old children starting school. We welcome these new students and families to Baverstock Oaks. We also welcome Mrs Fiona Blest to our school. She is teaching in Room 18 and I know the children are looking forward to a great term of learning. Welcome back also to Mrs Jude Parkes who returns from leave for the last 3 terms.



Board of Trustee elections are nearly upon us. Nominations close this Friday and we will then find out whether we are having an election. I look forward to assisting the new board to transition into their role of governance of our great school.

Term 2 is normally a time of committed learning and growth. Students have settled well into the year, know what their goals are, have identified their next learning steps and the adults in their lives, teachers and parents, are aware of how to support their learning. *I hope you have taken the time over the break to have your child/ren share their portfolio with you and explain their learning.* I also hope you have *written them some feedback about their learning and their progress towards their goals.* This is all part of *being in a learning partnership with your child.* This is very much in line with two of our values - **The Power of thinking and reflection & Questions, feedback and feed-forward.**

Many thanks to those parents who completed our term 1 survey on how effective you feel our reporting process is. We had 373 and considering we have 406 families at our school this was an exceptional return.

The following reporting processes scored above 80% in being effective as a way of reporting student progress to parents:

- Meet the teacher
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Portfolios
- Written Reports
- Informal Communications

The form of reporting you found the least effective was Student Led Conferences, however many noted it depended on the child and the teacher. We are working on more development around this as it should be very effective and we hope you see much improvement later this term. It is shown very strongly in the research that a student knowing what they are learning, why they are learning it, and what their next steps are which creates very self driven, motivated and committed learners.

68% of our parents were aware of things they could do at home to support their child in their learning, 20% were neutral and 12% were unaware of how they could support their children at home in their learning.

58% of the parents believed that their child was aware of their learning process and what their next steps in their learning are, 30% were neutral and 12% felt their child was unaware of their learning process and the next learning steps.

Parents were asked if they knew what the expectation is of where their child should be for their age on reading, writing and mathematics:

Reading 61% aware 34% unaware

Writing 51% aware 44% unaware

Mathematics 48% aware 48% unaware

We will look at the feedback you provided us and make the necessary adjustments to ensure we create an effective reporting process that gives you a clear indication of how well your child is achieving. Thank you so much for your feedback.

Well it is into our new term of learning. Have you asked yourself how you can become more involved in learning partnerships within our school? We hope to see many of you at the next FAB meeting next week or involved in the various activities on offer this term.

Take care

Mary Wilson
PRINCIPAL

Term 2 is all about..... LOVING LITERATURE

This term is all based around LOVING LITERATURE. There will be much emphasis on reading for pleasure, being read to, hunting out books that excite you and sharing these with others. So much can be created in the imagination with the visual images books and stories create in our heads.

The other angle is the dramatic and visual arts. If you have the opportunity to take your child to any performances please do as this is another wonderful area to excite the wonderment in us all. I know the year 3 & 4 team are visiting a local production of the musical "Grease" done by Sancta Maria College. This will be very exciting.

There is a FABULOUS BOOK FAIR from Monday 14 - Tuesday 22 June and we encourage you to visit this with your child and partake of the many activities that will happen.



There is a dress up book parade on FRIDAY 18 June where we will all chose a favourite book character and have a fun parade around the playground in the morning.

I encourage you to visit the local library and read with and to your child, changing books regularly and enjoying reading together.

"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."

Clay P. Bedford

What is on in April & May?

Fri 23 April	Assembly Rm 31 BOT nominations close for new board
Mon 26	Howick/Pakuranga Soccer Field Day
Tues 27	FAB meeting in staffroom 7.30pm
Thurs 29	Thorburn & Upton mufti day for term 1 win Hearing & Vision testers in
Fri 30	Assembly Rm 32
MAY	
Mon 3-Fri 7	Year 6 camp at Kawau Island
Fri 7	Assembly Rm 10 BOT election day nationwide
Wed 12	Howick/Pakuranga Chess Competition
Thurs 13	First meeting of new Board of Trustees
Fri 14	Assembly Rm 30
Tues 18	HPPA Rugby & Netball 1 field days
Thurs 20	Sausage sizzle & mufti day
Fri 21	Assembly Rm 11
Mon 24	Class & individual photos
Tues 25	HPPA netball field day 2 FAB 7.30 in staffroom
Fri 28	Individual photo catch up Assembly Rm 12
JUNE	
Wed 2	Visiting author - Stu Duval
Thurs 3	DISCO
Mon 14 - Tues 22	BOOK FAIR which will include lots of fun and activities
Fri 18	DRESS UP BOOK PARADE
Mon 21 & Tues 22	STUDENT LED CONFERENCES
Mon 28	HPPA Writers Quiz at Baverstock Oaks
JULY	
Fri 2	END of TERM 2
Mon 19	START of TERM 3
SEPTEMBER	
Fri 24	END of TERM 3
OCTOBER	
Mon 11	START of TERM 4
DECEMBER	
Wed 1	Year 6 graduation dinner
Fri 10	Service assembly
Mon 13	School prizegivings
Thurs 16	END of TERM 4 & 2010 school year

Have you bought your new ENTERTAINMENT BOOK yet?

If the answer is NO please come into the office as we have them for purchase and you are in turn helping your school. They are \$65 per book with loads of local vouchers that make the book pay for itself in no time.

WE CAN HELP YOU....

If you are buying your child some new school shoes? If you visit MILAN'S SHOES in Howick and mention Baverstock Oaks School you will receive 10% discount on your purchase of school shoes for your child.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED HELPING US BY JOINING THE FAB

We would love to have you on board to assist in any way you can. It might be attending meetings, helping with the sausage sizzles, being involved with the International food festival, helping at discos or at the Book fair. Many hands make light work.

If you can help in anyway please email Maree Turner
<maree.design@xtra.co.nz>

Well I hope you enjoyed our sixth school newsletter for 2010. 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

I received newsletter 6/2010 dated 21 April 2010

(200 HOUSE POINTS TO _____ HOUSE)

signed _____ Child's name _____ in room ____