



Vardon School Newsletter

10th February 2011
No. 01/11

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga mihi atu kia Koutou i teenei waa

Welcome back to Vardon School

School Hours - School starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm.
Morning tea break is at 10.30 – 10.50am and lunchtime is 12.30 – 1.30pm.

If your child is going to be late to school or for some reason, cannot make it on a particular day, please phone the office on 849 2451 by 9.00am. If you do not get to speak to anyone, please leave a message. You can also TEXT us on 027 749 0035.

From The Principal's Desk

Greetings to you all

Welcome back to Vardon School for 2011. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break with their child/ren. I would especially like to welcome the new families to our school. I know you will find Vardon School and its community a great place to live and learn!

We have five new teachers joining the team this year. We welcome Mrs Steel in Room 1, Mrs Thomson in Room 4, Mrs Head in Room 11, Mrs Sarjeant in Room 13 and Mr Marquand in Room 15. I know they are going to enjoy their time at Vardon School working with motivated positive students and an extremely supportive community.

We have had a very positive start to the year and teachers all advise me the children are focused and enthusiastic about the new learning they are doing.

At Vardon School we will continue to emphasize our 4Rs; Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflection and Relationships. These dispositions for learning underpin all learning we do and we endeavour to make them the talk of our school. This year we are developing the idea of a 'Vardon learner' which brings together all the qualities we are trying to instil in our children.

We are once again going to have our 'Meet the Teacher BBQ'. The details for the evening are explained in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all there. It is a great opportunity to catch up with friends from last year and to meet other parents of children in your class.

Term 1 is always a very busy term. There is lots of information going to and fro regarding learning activities, sports teams, stationery and all the other things that happen at the beginning of the school year. This year we also have camps for the Middle and Senior Syndicates. Make sure you check with your children regarding notices and if you aren't sure what is required please phone the school office or contact your child's teacher.

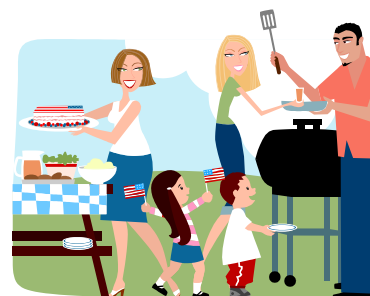
Have a great weekend.

Marcus Freke
Principal

On behalf of Vardon School staff and children we would like to welcome the following children to our school:

Room 2	Debbie Raina
Room 2	Axell Santelices
Room 2	Tukotahi Waaka
Room 3	Rory Smith
Room 3	Jack Vickers
Room 4	Lyric Mahara-Walker
Room 4	Aly Merriman
Room 4	Uriah Petersen
Room 6	Poppy Pryde
Room 6	Poppy Peate
Room 6	Aidan Jansen
Room 6	Jordiss McBride
Room 6	Jordan McGahan
Room 8	Aria George Wilson
Room 9	Crystal Lawrence
Room 10	Rishika Dahya
Room 12	Danny Lawrence
Room 12	Riley Paul
Room 12	Nadia Robinson
Room 13	Natalie Robinson
Room 13	Zahle Bannister
Room 14	Sage Raina
Room 15	Sabrina Sidhu

School Picnic / BBQ



On Thursday 17th February, Vardon School are hosting their School Picnic / BBQ. All parents, children, families are invited. We would love to see you there. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and the wider Vardon School community. Please bring your own picnic. A BBQ will be available on the night for cooking food and the pool will be open from 4.30 to 6.00 pm for swimming. The format for the evening is as follows:-

- ❖ 4.30 pm - Start Time - Classrooms open. Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom and meet their teacher.
- ❖ 4.55 pm - Assemble in front of Rooms 5 & 6. Welcome by Principal, PTA and BOT.
- ❖ 5.00 - 6.00 pm - Junior, Middle and Senior Syndicate presentation in the Staffroom. The Syndicate presentations are a general overview of Syndicate expectations around home learning, book bags etc
- ❖ 6.00 - 7.00 pm - Picnic/dinner time.
- ❖ PE Equipment will be available on the back field for Rounders and Touch.

SCHOOL STATIONERY

By now your child should have brought home a stationery list. Please make sure that you put the child's name and room number clearly on the outside of an envelope with the list and payment inside. Stationery orders can be dropped off to the office. All orders will then be delivered to the child's classroom

Vardon School provides stationery for all children at very competitive prices. Orders will be processed through the school office and books will be packaged up and sent to the child's class.

The special Back to School prices will remain only until the end of February so get in quick and order your stationery.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If a child requires medication at school, the office staff and their teacher *must* be informed. All medication, even temporary, **must** be kept in the school office medical cupboard.

Caregivers must complete and sign a consent form *requesting* administration of medicine at school. Where medication is to be administered during school hours, written authorisation from the child's doctor must be attached. The school *may* act as an agent on behalf of the parent/caregiver. Consent forms will be held on Official School File.

Parents wishing the School to administer any form of medication to their child/ren, on their behalf, are to **each year**, visit the School Office to complete the appropriate form.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

Calendars are available at a cost of **\$6.00 from the School Office**. Order form available at end of newsletter.

Updating Parent/Caregiver Details

If you have had a change of address or work phone numbers please make sure the school office has the updated information. It is essential for contacting parents/caregivers in an emergency.

'TABLOID SPORTS'

The Schools Tabloid Sports are to be held on Tuesday 15th February commencing at 9.20am and finishing around 11.30am. Please feel free to come along, bring morning tea to share with your child/ren and support them on the day. Juicies will be sold at morning tea at a cost of \$1 each. If it is wet, the day will be postponed until Thursday 17th February.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Please ensure that all your child's clothing, togs, towel, sun hat, shoes and usual gear, are all clearly named and that they bring their togs to school in a waterproof bag. Your assistance in these matters is greatly appreciated. If your child is unable to swim for medical reasons, then a note specifying this needs to be given to the classroom teacher.



SUNSMART POLICY

Please remember that if your child/ren do not have a hat they are then asked to play in the shade. Vardon School adheres to a strict Sun Smart Policy. Please help to make our school safe from the harmful effects of the sun. Hats can be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$5.



SNEAKY DRIVEWAYS

Please remind children on procedures of walking to and from school and the dangers of 'sneaky driveways'. Earlier this week, a member of our community nearly witnessed one of our children being run over by a van backing out of a driveway. Please remind your child/ren that when approaching a driveway – stop, wait and LOOK to see if it is clear to cross that driveway. This also applies to the car parking area at Scots Church. Please keep our children safe.

New Entrants School Visits

If you have a child that will be starting in March or April, we are pleased to inform you that we have an afternoon for children and parents to visit on the following days:

Wednesday 16th February from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Wednesday 16th March from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

*If you would like to attend please phone 07 849 2451 or call into the school office. **Parents must accompany their children to these visits.***

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE FOR Term 1 2011

Term 1

Week 4	Room 8
Week 6	Room 9
Week 9	Room 2
Week 11	Senior Syndicate

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Scots Church Twilight Gala** Scots Twilight Gala is to be held at Scots Church on the corner of Cunningham and Vardon Road on Friday 4th March commencing at 5pm. Come dressed up as your favourite TV character – good prizes. Presto the Clown is coming to entertain. We have yummy food so come for tea and bring the whole family. Bargains for everyone, homemade cakes, Silent Auction, Quick Fire Raffles, White Elephant, books and more. For more information ring the Scots Church office on 849 2685 and talk to Jan.
- **Piano Lessons!** Make 2011 a musical year. Registered Music Teacher, Wendy Nielsen, has vacancies this term, for beginners through to Grade 8. Located in Beerescourt. Please phone 839-4715
- **St Andrews Kindergarten** welcomes new enrolments from 3-5 years old. We offer sessional (AM & PM) and school day positions (8.15AM – 2.45PM) five days per week. We also offer 20 free hours. Please come and visit us. Many of our children move onto Vardon School so we have a strong link. Ph 849 2597 or call into 5 Seamer Place (off Bryant Road), St Andrews.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 14th February
Tuesday 15th February
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Wednesday 16th February
Thursday 17th February
Saturday 19th February

ASA Meeting
School Tabloids
BoT Meeting
Pre-School Visits –1.30pm to 3.00pm – Parents must accompany child
School Wide BBQ / Picnic
Senior Syndicate Camp Fundraiser – Cocktail Evening

Kind regards



Marcus Freke
Principal

SENIOR CAMP FUNDRAISER



easytiger
Cocktail Bar

Cocktail Evening
Saturday 19th February 7pm

Receive a complimentary cocktail
on entry and enjoy canapés
throughout the evening

Prizes for best dressed female,
best dressed male and
raffle baskets to be won

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Keystone Monteith's Bar, (07) 839 4294,
Easy Tiger Cocktail Bar (07) 834 2446
or Vardon School, (07) 849 2451

A free ear clinic for children in Hamilton



Visit the ear nurse for advice on:

- grommet checks
- wax / foreign body removal
- treatment of discharging ears
- glue ear assessment and management

Give us a call on 07 858 1068 between 9.30am-3.30pm for an appointment at:

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Come along to our **Open Day 9.00am -1.00pm** on **Saturday 12th February, 2011**, Faculty of Education, Gate 4, University of Waikato.
Talk to us and see what we have to offer.
Classes start on **Saturday February 19th**.
For more information and to enrol on line go to www.hccm.org.nz

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2011 SCHOOL CALENDARS - THIS IS A PTA FUNDRAISER

I wish to purchase _____ calendars at \$6.00 each

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Child's Name & Room No. _____

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