

Dates to Remember

**Assembly on Fridays at 2.30pm
in the hall - All welcome.**

Term 4

Monday 12 December

APS pool keys are available for hire.

Tuesday 13 December

Gold citizenship morning tea for term 4

Tuesday 13 December

Leavers dinner 6pm - 7.30pm for Years 6, 7 & 8 in the school hall.

Wednesday 14 December 1.30pm

School Talent Show in school hall.

Thursday 15 December (New Time!)

Official opening of our Eco Hutt @ 9.30am

Friday 16 December

Last day of Term 4 - Final assembly 11.00am.

**School will finish at 12.30pm
after the final assembly.**

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WELCOME

Staff Changes for 2012

Next year we welcome Ms Shine Kelly to Auckland Point School. Ms Kelly has been appointed to share the teaching in Nile Class. Mrs Hockley will be teaching maths 1 hour every day and Ms Kelly will be responsible for the rest of the curriculum.

Ms Kelly comes to us with a great knowledge in ICT and the arts.

Auckland Point School Term Dates for 2012

School will be open for
new enrolments from
Wednesday 1 February

- **Term 1:** Thursday 2 February -
Thursday 5 April
- **Term 2:** Monday 23 April -
Friday 29 June
- **Term 3:** Monday 16 July -
Friday 28 September
- **Term 4:** Monday 15 October -
Wednesday 19 December



Newsletter

TOGETHER WE
ACHIEVE

Kia ora ra ki te whanau
Greetings

13th December 2011

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BOB the SPUD

On Thursday the 8th of December, Bob the Nile Class spud won the Auckland Point School 2011 Great Spud Race: revealing almost 60 spuds under the bushy, green, leafy, plant!!!! There was a strong competition among the classes but we are happy to say Nile rocked into first place.

Initially we had a bad start, that is our first spud dying ☹️, but thanks to our resourceful friend Jaz and her secret now famous fertilizer formula, our second spud shot into action.

Our spuds were not that big. In fact we have to admit that some were rather miniscule about the size of a fat ant. But....the competition was all about quantity and 60 proved very hard to beat 😊😊

Nile Class are very proud to be named the reigning Spud Champs and we are already planning how we can retain our title next year.

By: Alex and Jayde



From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,
As the school year draws to a close it is time to thank you all for the support you have given your children and to the school throughout 2011. This year we have achieved much with the help of families and friends of our school who have come in to carry out a range of activities. The contribution you all make to our school adds to its vibrancy and success. It is a joy to see mums, dads, grandparents, whanau and friends in school working alongside teachers, staff and children. This makes for truly successful learning and this year we have lots to celebrate. Our children are all progressing well and building onto their own achievements. I hope you enjoyed reading your children's reports with them and praised them for their year's work. Our focus on citizenship and building an environment of respect has created a shift in attitudes and approaches to school life. Our children are putting into action the skills and the qualities of being a good citizen and it is more visible in classrooms and the playground. We will continue to embed this value as an integral part of our school culture.

We farewell year 6, 7 & 8 students this week as they leave us to move on to the next stage of their school careers. It is exciting to see them get to this stage in their learning journey and to celebrate all they have achieved since starting school at five.

Throughout the summer holiday it is planned to upgrade Trafalgar Classroom. This is an exciting prospect. The room will be reconfigured and will be a modern learning environment for our youngest students. All of the classrooms will be upgraded on a rolling programme over the next two years. The plans for Trafalgar Class are at the school office if you would like to see them.

Have a wonderful summer. Enjoy your children and families. Best wishes for a happy festive season and a great start to 2012.

Noho ora mai,
Sonya

Auckland Point School Pool Keys - Summer Season

Pool keys will be available to hire from the school office from Monday 12 December. **COST:** \$60.00 school families, \$90.00 non school families. \$10.00 will be refunded when the pool key is returned to the school office at the end of the season on Monday 2nd April 2012.

FAREWELL TO OUR 2011 AUCKLAND POINT SCHOOL LEAVERS



Special People Term 4 Week 7

Trafalgar Room

Sequoia Baker-Mantell - for making great progress with reading & maths.

Sirus Hoeksema-Baker - for showing good citizenship skills- settled into school well & trying to do the right thing.

St. Vincent Room

Georgia Robinson - for citizenship @APS. A thoughtful friend.

Marlin Samuela - for citizenship @APS-friendly, helpful & kind to others.

Nile Room

Escher Kendrick - for fabulous problem solving!

Jazmin King - for your consistently fantastic attitude.

Leading Light Award

Lucy Isle-Mahe - for encouraging, supporting & looking out for others.

Fair Play Award

Samantha Wilson - being a class leader who always takes the lead & uses initiative!

Gold Card Citizenship Award

Jaladhi Dinnan