

## Dates to Remember

Assembly on Fridays at 2.30pm  
in the hall - all welcome

### Term 3

#### Thursday 29th September

School Disco 6.00 - 8.00pm in the Hall,  
Theme: CRAZY HAIR

#### Tuesday 4th October

Winter Sports Tournament - Nelson  
Cluster Primary Schools.

#### Wednesday 5th October

PTA meeting, 3.30pm in the library.

#### Last day of Term 3

#### Friday 7th October at 3.00pm

#### Monday 24th October - Labour Day

#### Term 4 Starts Tuesday 25th October

#### Tuesday 1st November

BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm in staff room

#### Friday November 11th

APS Friday Night Fiesta

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# Newsletter

Kia ora ra ki te whanau

Greetings

**27th September 2011**

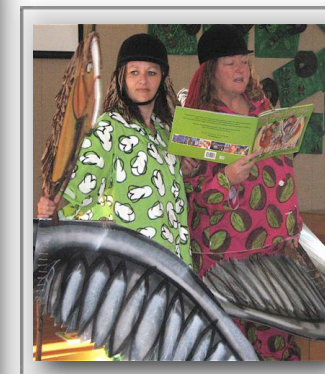
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## 'The Flying Pony Girls'

*Special thanks to the 'Flying Pony Girls' for coming to APS and sharing their wonderful story with us. It was great fun to have the story acted out and we especially enjoyed you sharing the ponies at playtime!*

### An extract from Tinneka's writing book

*'... Rachel and Paula read us their new book, 'The Flying Pony Girls Save Christmas'. It is about two girls who fly around New Zealand on ponies and give everyone their presents. Paula illustrated the book and she and Rachel both wrote the story. Rachel was twelve when she won a story writing competition and she got to meet Margaret Mahy because she was the winner. In the story Ruby is the bossy and mean one! I think they wrote a good story.'*



## Kori The Penguin came to APS

Last week we had a visit from "Kori" the penguin. He came to our school assembly to talk to us about the importance of staying safe and wearing a lifejacket when out on the water. Cody was asked to model the lifejacket to the school. He did such a fabulous job that Kori awarded him with a giant All Black rugby ball. We would like to extend a big thank you to Swim Magic and Riverside Pool for their visit to APS.



## From the Principal's Pen

I hope you enjoyed reading the first of my columns in last week's newsletter. My plan is to keep you up to date with the latest issues that may impact on education and to keep you posted on what is happening for us at APS.

We have a new school leaflet. This will be included in our enrolment package. Your family will receive one with the newsletter today. As a school we are promoting all that we do in a vibrant way while ensuring that prospective parents and families get good, concise information about our wonderful school.

The New Zealand curriculum is one of the most creative and dynamic in the world and our APS kids benefit from the way in which we are implementing it with the broad range of activities and learning that we deliver. This is your opportunity to shout about the great school we have! Share the leaflet with family/whanau, friends, neighbours and prospective families. Also direct them to our school website and class blogs. I have received many inquiries from overseas parents who are impressed by our website, the type of learning we do and ask questions about it. Some families may bring their children here next year! This speaks volumes about all that we are doing. We are receiving global attention and affirmation!

Have a great week.

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Sonya.

## Friday Night Fiesta

**11th November**

Don't forget to bring in your **lucky-dip prize** donations. The class with the most donations wins a morning tea provided by the PTA!



**\*\*HELP\*\***

**Please collect and bring into the office CAN TABS. We need HEAPS of tabs to make craft items for the Fiesta night. Please start collecting now so we can start creating!**

## School Disco.....

This Thursday 29th September is the school disco in the hall from 6 - 8pm. The theme is *CRAZY HAIR!* Entry \$2. Refreshments and glow sticks are available for purchase. Hope to see you there!

## Winter Tournament

Next Tuesday afternoon, 4 October Nile class will be taking part in the Nelson City School's Winter tournament at Saxton Stadium @ 12.30pm. We have a miniball and a volleyball team playing. The teams would love some support. Please come with us and cheer us on! We will be going by bus.

## More 'Pony Girls' Writing

'Two local authors visited our school yesterday. They read us their story 'The Flying Pony Girls Save Christmas'. Rachel and Paula acted it out. One went north and the other went south. They delivered all the presents around New Zealand for Santa because he was ill. They were wearing pyjamas and they had flying horses. Georgia. St Vincent Class.

'Yesterday morning two local authors visited us at school. They wrote a story called 'The Flying Pony Girls Save Christmas'. The two girl's names in the story are Poppy and Ruby, but their real names are Rachel and Paula. The story is about two girls who fly around New Zealand delivering presents for Santa. I think it would be fun to ride on Pegasus. Quentin. St Vincent Class



## Special People

### Friday Assembly - Week 8 Term 3

#### **Trafalgar Room:**

Sequoia Baker-Mantell: For being a responsible citizen. Working hard. Keen to learn and very helpful. Thanks Sequoia, you are great!

Eva Rendel: For making fantastic progress with reading and story writing. Great sounding and sight word knowledge.

#### **St. Vincent Room:**

Dylan Case: Having a great week. "I followed the rules and made good choices".

Jasmyn Paine: Demonstrating your poi at Kapa Haka.

#### **Nile Room:**

Buda Szerelem-Tolnay: For demonstrating on Thursday that you were really self managing and contributing positively as a leader in the Ecohut group.

Nicole Luong Nguyen: Taking a lead role in many tasks in our class.

You are a shining star and a great student.

**Leading Light Award:** Caleb Orr: Being a great Kapa Haka leader.

**Fair Play Award:** Maison Samuela: Being a great leader at Kapa Haka.

**Gold Card Citizenship Award:** Paige Coulter.