

## 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

Yulia is visiting our school to talk about music and performing at 9am.

#### Tuesday 13 December

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

#### Wednesday 14 December 1.30pm

Talent Show in school hall.

#### Thursday 15 December

Official opening of our Eco Hutt @ 2.15pm.

#### Friday 16 December

Last day of Term 4 - Final assembly 11.00am.

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

A special THANK YOU to KB Bakery and the Saint Vincent de Paul for the yummy monday morning tea we have been getting all year! The kids have just loved the special bakery treats!

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### **SUBWAY ENDS THIS FRIDAY**

This Friday will be the last day for term 4 for Subway lunch orders.

**REMINDER** - BBQ Tuesdays ended last week for term 4!

## 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

**6th December 2011**

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## Hira/APS Tabloid Sports



**What a great morning of sporting fun we had last Friday. Our children welcomed Hira school to APS with a haka and a warm up 'Jump Jam' number.**

**We were all mixed up in teams and took part to the best of our ability joining in and showing great spirit - even when having to dress up in granny's dress and hat! We enjoyed showing the Hira kids our special place: the pump track, the adventure playgrounds and other nooks and crannies around our grounds. There were kids everywhere having a great time during the breaks. The smell of the sausages wafted around the playground and were just YUM! They really filled the gap after all the activity! Helen our sports-coordinator did a fantastic job of organising the morning and the parents and grandparents that came to help were real stars too! We hope to do this again next year! Thank you to everyone for making it such a special event.**

## From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora,

During the next two weeks the programme at school may vary from the usual timetable and teachers are completing units and planning special activities. It is really crucial that children are at school to participate and benefit from all of the learning going on. It saddens me to see children missing from school when we have special events organised such as our combined sports day with Hira School last Friday. These times enable our students to socialise and mix with other children on their own turf. Our senior students were able to be team leaders and step up to demonstrate leadership skills. The atmosphere at school was just wonderful with everyone making the most of the day. The key competencies which are competencies for life really come into play on occasions such as this. Every day at school is precious and needs to be valued. Our students have an exciting curriculum and experience a wide range of learning opportunities. A day missed is a lot of learning missed! Children should only be absent from school if they are too sick to attend or there are other mitigating circumstances. We value you as our learning partners and your support with this is appreciated.

On Friday your child will bring home his/her end of year written report. This report will inform you of achievement in reading, writing and mathematics measured against the National Standards. This is the new end of year national benchmark that schools now have to measure those learning areas in. The National Standard is an aspirational goal and all of our children are working and achieving at different rates and we strive hard to ensure that all children are making progress. The National Standard is a line in the sand and won't always show progress over time. Take time to discuss your child's achievements and celebrate all that they are learning with them. If the National Standard is not achieved this year then it means that work is continuing towards it and may be met in the next year. If you have any concerns about your child's learning please make a time to meet with the class teacher to discuss them. The other learning areas will also be reported on in this report. We are proud of all that our children achieve and wish them to be proud too!

Have a great week.

Sonya

## Auckland Point School Pool Keys - Summer Season

Pool keys will be available to purchase 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.

## APS Talent Show!

*On the last week of the term we are going to have a talent show at school.*

*You can show your talent on: Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm.*

*You can dance, sing, tell a joke, its your choice what you want to do.*

*There will be a prize for the best performance. Have fun!*

*Entries need to be in to Nicole in Nile Room by Monday 12th December.*

**HEALTH SURVEY- winner of the \$50 grocery voucher is Gabriel Hoeksema.  
Thank you to all those who returned their surveys.**

## Special People Term 4 Week 6

### Trafalgar Room:

**Cole Rutherford:** For showing a good attitude to improving reading skills.

**Matariki Saxton:** For displaying good citizenship - a fair and supportive sportsman.

### St. Vincent Room:

**Jazmyn Swan:** For being a special partner to Trafalgar Room kids at the sports day.

**Matt Koerve:** For introducing yourself, Mum, Tyler and Judi at Tapawerea on Wednesday. Well done!

### Nile Room:

**Eden Rutherford:** For showing great spirit and determination at the Inter-School Athletics. Brilliant high jumping and sprinting. Fantastic work!  
You were awesome!

**Spider Smith:** For your great attitude and approach to all events at the Inter-School Athletics. You put everything into it especially the long jump and relay.

**Jaladhi Dinnan:** For amazing aptitude at the Inter-School Sports. A well deserved 3rd place in the high jump and great efforts in the relay, long jump and 100 meters. What a star!

**Alex Thompson:** For putting in the best effort for all the events at the Inter-School Athletics. You were a star and gave your all! Well done!

**Leading Light Award: Buda Szerelem Tolnay:** For being a brilliant support to the younger members of your team during our Hira/APS Tabloid Sports Day. You really made a difference for them.

**Fair Play Award: Nicole Luong Nguyen:** For being the best team leader and assistant at the Hira/APS Tabloid Sports Day. You are a star!

**Gold Card Citizenship Award: Brearna Stechman**