

**NEWSLETTER TO FAMILIES OF CENTRAL NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOL.  
WEEK ONE, TERM ONE, 2010.**

**WELCOME**

It was my pleasure to welcome you all at the short assembly held in the hall. I especially welcome the new families who have decided to join us and hope that you enjoy your time at CNB.

One of the privileges I have as Principal is I can visit classes on a regular basis. Yesterday I was delighted to see happy smiling faces and children working well together.

**CURRICULUM FOCUS**

This year the whole staff is focussing on Numeracy and has commenced a contract with the Ministry of Education. As well we do not want to lose the knowledge we gained through our focus on Reading and Writing so will be continuing to develop this curriculum area in classes and across the school. It is no coincidence that these have been our major foci as this year we will commence reporting your child's progress against the National Standards in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

**MEET THE TEACHER / POOL PARTY**

This year we are trialling a different initiative. Next Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, teachers will be in class from 3:15pm till 3:45pm. We would like children to bring their families to class and show them what happens during a normal day. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions that may arise. At 4:00pm the pool will be opened and families invited to participate in our first pool party of the year. The Home and School will be operating a sausage sizzle so if you would like to have this as your evening meal please complete the attached form and return it to school by this Friday.

**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

Our first for the year is Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. It starts at 11:20am and finishes at 12:00pm. Assemblies for the rest of this term will be at the same time on the Friday of weeks 4, 6 & 8. You are cordially invited to attend and share in the celebrations.

**SCHOOL TABLOIDS**

Following next weeks assembly our senior students will be organising a small tabloids sports. They will go from 12:00pm till 12:30pm. You are welcome to stay on after the assembly, see your children in action and then have lunch together.

**FRUIT IN SCHOOL**

We are again looking for volunteers to help distribute fruit to classes. We anticipate deliveries happening soon so if you can help please let Vicki, in the office, know.

**HEALTHY KIDS – HEALTHY MINDS**

It is our policy that we are a **water only** school. Wednesdays at CNB are **no wrapper Wednesdays. (This means no packaged foods such as chips, muesli bars, fruit strings, roll ups)** We are endeavouring to encourage healthy eating habits and reduce litter in our school. **PIES AND NOODLES** – Staff will not be heating or preparing these for students.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

We have changed our school banking from Westpac to ASB. Part of the excellent service this bank offers to schools is the opportunity for children to have their own bank account.

ASB will set up the deposit box in the foyer of the office and will collect and process the banking on a weekly basis. ASB has provided an incentive for children who take out a new account by placing each child who banks into a weekly draw for 25 prizes of \$50.

As soon as we receive the package from ASB we will forward it to families so you can decide whether you would like your child/ren to participate.

**A HUGE THANK YOU**

To all the families who have paid for stationery and school fees. We appreciate your support.

**SWIMMING**

Your children will be receiving daily lessons as part of the Physical Education curriculum. Can you please ensure they bring their togs to school each day.

**NEW BRIGHTON WATER FESTIVAL**

You are warmly invited to attend "**Waifest**" a water celebration and education that runs from Waitangi Day through to the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. This is a group of New Brighton residents who are inviting people to bring their art, music, performances, information etc representing the amazing qualities and the infinite values of water.

**WAITANGI DAY MARKET AND WATER FESTIVAL**

To be held on Saturday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> in the New Brighton Mall, 9am – 2pm, if fine. Live music, a great market and a celebration of water.

My very best wishes

Brian Thompson  
Principal

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The \_\_\_\_\_ family would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ sausages for our meat at the pool party next Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. (*Sausage, sauce and bread costs \$1*)

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover this cost.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please put money and order form in a named envelope and place it in the white box at the school office.**