



ASHBURTON BOROUGH SCHOOL
Incorporating Lagmhor School

Ashburton Borough School Home and School Committee
September 2011

H&S Update:

Since we last updated you, Home and School have been very busy. The main purpose for H&S is that we act as liaison between yourself and the school and we work to help provide an amazing environment for your children. We have held 2 New Parent Morning Tea's where we welcome prospective parents to the school and we have supported the Parent Education Evenings with a babysitting service. We continue to provide newly enrolled children with Reading Folders that contain all the information that a new student might need. We have been working with the Board of Trustees on a review of the Uniform for the school and we have held some very successful fundraisers that have and will continue to benefit the children.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who have had a hand in producing some really wonderful works of art that are currently being turned in to Calendars, Cards and Diary's. We have had a great response for orders and look forward to receiving the final product back soon.

Fundraising Update:

In June we held a Movie Night that many of you attended for Cars2. This was a great success and we raised **\$514**. Also in June we co-hosted a Disco with the Student Council and with sales of food and the ever popular Glow Sticks we raised **\$615**.

July saw us hold the Jack'N'Jill Portrait event, we had a turn out of 29 bookings and from those we were able to raise **\$605** and provide those families with great photos of their loved ones.

As a reminder – all the money raised goes back in to the school to support the wonderful environment that is being provided for your children. We have donated **\$2000** to the school for the purchase of audio equipment for the classrooms; we have also donated **\$100** worth of prizes to the recent Knowledge-A-Thon.

We are in the process of purchasing a new BBQ for the school to be used for Sausage Sizzles by the entire School Community.

Also – just in time for summer we have purchased 2 sun sails to be fitted that will provide ever important shade for our children while they enjoy the outside school environment at a cost of **\$3200**.

Being able to provide equipment for the classrooms is something that we take great pride in and with this in mind we have recently purchased two sets of Scrabble for Ricoh Room 11 for the children to play with and learn from.





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Donations:

As a group we work hard to try and obtain what we can for the school and sometimes we are very lucky to receive support from the wider school and local community.

You may have noticed the very handsome flag pole in the garden outside BuzyBees Room. The flag pole was arranged by H&S and Mr Hooper for the Green/Gold EnviroFlag that the school was awarded. All of the materials and the time taken to build the flag pole have been generously donated by Mt Hutt Lumber, ACL and Helmack – whom to all we are very grateful.

Bus children are now waiting for and getting off the bus in a much safer way with the addition of high visibility vests. We would like to pass on a big Thank You to H&S member Melissa and to Mega Mitre 10 for their wonderful donation.



Upcoming Events:

- Friday September 30th we will be taking lunch orders for Pies and Drinks. Please put this date on your calendar and we will send out an order form closer to the time.
- Thursday October 20th we will be holding another 2nd Hand Uniform sale – as always demand out weighs availability so if you have any items of uniform that you would like to donate or have sold on your behalf, please contact Gael Franklin on 3081887 or drop your item in to Virginia in the School Office.

Reminder:

We would like to remind you that our Home and School committee members are here to help you with queries about school and the wider school community. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us, our names and contact details can be obtained from the notice in your child's classroom.

New Member:

We warmly welcome Vanessa Shefford to the Home and School Committee.

We are always in need of new ideas and new contacts and if you would like to come along to one of our meetings for a cuppa and a chat we would love to see you. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 25th October (TBC) at 7:30pm in the school staffroom.

If you have any questions about Home and School please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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