

SUNNYVALE SCHOOL

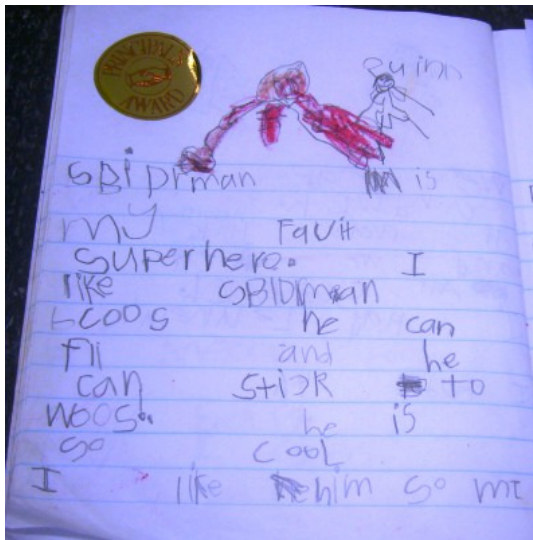
"Learning is for Life"

Week 7 Term 3 2010
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Greetings, Tena Koutou e hoa ma, hello parents and friends of the school, Talofa lava, malo e lelei, fakalofa lahi atu..

TERM 3 CALENDAR

- 01 Sept-Choir Performance-Evening 7:30-9:30
- 02 Sept-Choir Performance-Evening 7:30-9:30
- 02 Sept-Kowhai Trip to Mt Albert Farm
- 03 Sept-Netball Prize giving 6pm in the auditorium
- 21 Sept-Twin Streams Planting R18/12 9:30-11:00
- 21 Sept-Twin Streams Planting R19/7 11:30-1:00
- 23 Sept-Board of Trustees meeting 7:30 pm



GROWING A LOVE FOR WRITING

Pictured above is Quinn Gloyne. Quinn is a Year 1 student in Room 16. He has written an awesome story about Spiderman. Quinn is developing strategies for writing and reading.

In their early years children get better and better at expressing their ideas, thoughts, feelings and experiences in all sorts of ways. Talking and drawing are two of these ways but children also learn that they can make 'symbols' (marks, letters, words) that other people can 'read'. This is the start of writing.

Writing and reading are linked. When your child succeeds at one, they can do well at the other. Writing is something that your child will use for the rest of their life. Children often start to make marks and to write before they can read written words. There are ways to encourage early writing:

- Keep pens, felts, crayons, pencils and paper handy for your child.
- Make letters of the alphabet out of anything, e.g. stones, blocks, buttons, shells, play-dough. Bake biscuits in the shape of letters in your child's name.
- Get outside and draw and write with mud or chalk on concrete, stick in sand or snow, or paint brush and water on your deck.
- Make time for your child to draw and write. Try making patterns, drawing shapes and pictures, and writing letters on steamy windows or mirrors with fingers.
- Cover your fridge in magnetic letters.
- Go on a word hunt. Show your child how to form a letter at the beginning of a word they are interested in, then go word hunting in your house or in a book.
- Put labels on important things, like the door to their room and toy box. Make cards for special occasions, encourage them to write their name
- Display their work. Be proud of it and share it with friends and family.
- Help your child create a scrapbook with pictures and stories.

Don't worry if your child's letters or words look wrong. The important thing is that they have fun writing and that you praise their efforts.

BILINGUAL SNIPPETS

The two languages are separate when they are used but some come together in what the bilingual person understands about language in general.

This means that if two languages are both well developed, they do not mix and interfere with each other in the bilingual person. Both languages add to and enrich the deep understanding of general language a bilingual person has.

DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you to the children that brought along a gold coin donation for Daffodil Day. This year we raised \$177 to go to the Cancer Foundation.

FREE SMOKE ALARMS

The Henderson Volunteer Fire Brigade has been donated photoelectric fire alarms by the Waitakere Licensing Trust to distribute among residents of Waitakere City. If you are interested please see Sarah who will be outside the Library this Friday from 2:30-3:15 pm. You will need to give your name and address to Sarah. Thank you



PAST PUPIL SUCCESS

Ex pupil Jana Nee has a bright future ahead of her. Jana won the Waitakere City Launch Your Lyrics competition on June 2. There were 150 applicants and Jana's song "I Carry You" impressed the judges. Jana won a recording session and got the chance to sing with Anika Moa. Congratulations Jana, we wish you all the best with your music career.

UNIFORM FOR SALE

Polo Shirt	Size 4	\$5
Polo Shirt	Size 8	\$5
Polar Fleece	Size 14	\$15
Polar Fleece	Size 10	\$15
Caps	x3	\$5 each
Bucket Hat	x2	\$2 each

See Lynne or Janet at the office if you are interested in any of the above.



JUNIOR WARRIORS AT SUNNYVALE SCHOOL

Last Thursday Kane Hannam and Zensei Inu came to Sunnyvale to coach our Year 5 and 6 boys. These Junior Warriors took the boys through ball handing skills, team work and sportsmanship. Our boys had an awesome training session and did the Haka to show their thanks. Thank you Kane and Zensei for challenging our boys to look to the future and be the best they can be.

NETBALL PRIZE GIVING THIS FRIDAY

Come along this Friday and celebrate another year of Saturday Netball. Prize giving starts at 6:00pm in the Auditorium. Please bring a plate of food to share.

BLAME THE BRAIN-WHY OUR CHILDREN DO WHAT THEY DO

Have you ever wondered why your children act and behave the way they do? Have you marveled at the stages of development you have witnessed and at the same time felt bewildered by that very journey of growth and maturation? Much has been written about human development and how our children grow into adults. Come along and unlock some of the mysteries of the development of the mind from birth through adolescence and shed light on why children and teenagers may act the way they do. This evening workshop looks at neurological development and helps to understand the important issues of growing children, how boys and girls brains may differ and the implications this has for parents as we watch our children become adults. The session is being held at Learning Network NZ, Cnr Soljan and Universal Drives, Henderson. Refreshments and registrations are welcome from 5:30 onwards, with the session starting at 6 and finishing at 7:30. The cost is \$20. To find out more visit our website www.learningnetwork.ac.nz or phone 835 0912.

JUNIOR TOUCH

Team entries are now being taken for Junior Touch. Year 3/4 - Boy/Girl -Thursdays 4:00 Archibald Park
Year 3/4 – Boy/Girl - Monday 4:00 Henderson Park
Year 5/6 – Boy/Girl - Thursday 4:35 Archibald Park
Year 5/6 – Boy/Girl - Monday 4:35 – Henderson Park
The cost is \$200 per team. For more information email ivan@touchnz.co.nz or call 926 2951

SUBURBS NEW LYNN CRICKET

The Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club will be offering New Zealand Cricket approved cricket programs this summer. These programs will be held at Ken Maunder Park, Binsted Road, New Lynn throughout the summer. They are fun based programs that act as an introduction to cricket. They have been specially designed by New Zealand Cricket to enhance physical development and motor skills.

Registration Days

Saturday 4 September 10am to 2pm
Saturday 11 September 10am to 2pm
Sunday 12 September 10am to 2pm
Registrations will take place at Ken Maunder Park, New Lynn. For further info go to www.snfcc.org.nz or phone Craig Fraser (021)0297-3277

Storyfest A FREE event for children and their families.

Storyfest takes place at Kelston Community Centre on Saturday September 25 from 10am - 4pm. This year's theme is 'All things WEST' Celebrate the WEST – its people, places, culture and history, with storytellers, performances, workshops and activities for a fun filled, educational and entertaining day for children of all ages. Featuring storytelling, puppet shows, performing cultural groups, roving entertainment, mural art from 6 Waitakere schools and lots of activities and workshops to keep everyone happy.
Location/venue: Kelston Community Centre, 135 Awaroa St, Sunnyvale, Henderson, Waitakere City, Date: 25 Sep 2010, 10am – 4pm
Cost: FREE