



# Arahoe School Home / School Connect

WEEK 2 TERM 3 2010

*"Empowering our learners to access their future"*

## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Monday, 26 July 2010

Tena Koutou Katoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Now that the wet weather and colder mornings are upon us, that old age problem of traffic at the school gate is back. **Our paramount concern is the safety of our children.** This is compromised when cars are parked on the footpath or on the yellow lines at our gates. Childrens safety is also compromised when they walk through the car parks rather than use the pedestrian access ways or cross the streets away from our patrol on Arahoe Road. The 'rule of thumb' that I apply is; "Where would we prefer them to cross when they are alone or with their friends"? That is what they need to practise.

I have been asked, on a number of occasions, about parental access to our grounds for parking before and after school. We have parking for about thirty cars with quite narrow driveways and no turning bays. We employ fifty staff most of whom require parking and we have a large number of service and contractor vehicles visiting throughout the day. We also provide access to parents who have a disability parking authority and to those of you whose children need you to park close because of their disability. This puts our facilities at absolute capacity. Please use the P2min areas at our entrances to drop children off. If you are intending to walk to their room with them you will need to park on the street and walk that little bit further. We encourage all of our children other than the very 'new' to say their good-byes at the gate.

A recent advice from the council has signalled their intention to install 'restricted speed zone' signs in the streets immediately around the school which are very welcome, in my view. These should be operational by the end of the term.

In summing up there are **four key things you could do to assist with child safety** if you bring your child/children to school by vehicle;

- Observe the parking restrictions and signage at our entries.**
- Encourage your children to use the pedestrian access ways.**
- Park on the street when walking to your child's room with them.**

**Respect our request not to bring vehicles into our car parks during those critical times of 8.00 - 9.30AM and 2.00 - 3.30PM.**

On the 'flip-side' it's great to see so many of our children walking to school, many of them with their Mums and Dads. What a great start to the day and a positive way of maintaining a high level of personal fitness.

You will have noticed the posts being installed around our boundary which marks the lines of our security fence. Although the Grandison Crescent and Pimento Place entries will be locked after hours our fields and front courts will still be accessible via the Arahoe Road entrance. There will be no access to the courtyards or adventure play grounds around the buildings.

**Kind regards**  
**Richard Limbrick**  
**Principal**

## UP COMING EVENTS

- AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITION-ENGLISH TEST TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST
- AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITION-MATHS TEST TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

## GENERAL NOTICES

- **Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee 1959-2009 (Auckland)**  
We warmly invite all past and present students, their families, teachers, staff, PTA, parents, community and board of trustee members to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the school.  
Date 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> November 2010.  
Please contact the school office to register your interest by lodging your name and contact details on [office@bhbint.school.nz](mailto:office@bhbint.school.nz) or phone 09 6266414. Confirmation of registration and further information will be sent out. Please if you are not able to make our jubilee but have memorabilia from your years here with us, could you please lend it to the school? Please contact the school office, many thanks.  
Adele Griffin, Jubilee Organiser.
- **Last day for book orders Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010.**
- Sticky Red Bee KIDS ART CLUB **CLAY, DRAWING, PAINTING & MORE** After school till 5pm Courses \$30-\$90  
Casual rates if space **VENUE NEAR YOU** *Afternoon tea provided* [stickyredbee@hotmail.com](mailto:stickyredbee@hotmail.com) PH Kym 811 8882 or 0211525891
- Found Large Fawn rabbit. Ph 826 4401 or 021 0243 4772

## ARAHOE VOLUNTEERS

It is the beginning of a new term and if you find yourself with an hour to spare how about donating that time to your school!

You could help in a classroom with general tasks, return books to shelves, cover and repair library books or junior readers. There are many other important jobs and any help given would be greatly appreciated.

To ensure the safety of our children could all volunteers please sign in at the office and collect a badge to identify volunteers when you arrive at the school.

If you would like to be involved please fill out the slip below or contact Renée Efford at [renee@arahoe.school.nz](mailto:renee@arahoe.school.nz)

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Day/s available M T W Th F (Please circle) Time \_\_\_\_\_ hour  
Contact details \_\_\_\_\_