



Learning from Christchurch

I suspect that during the last six months many of us have been prompted to think about events in Christchurch and to reflect upon our own personal and professional state of readiness should a natural disaster strike.

Earlier this week I had the opportunity to listen to three principals from Christchurch talk about their experiences. In one case the school was completely destroyed and may not be replaced. In another case the school suffered no more than two cracked windows. Huge variations in impact noted across one city. In another school many students could not be reached by their parents on the day of the earthquake and teachers stayed at school all night looking after them. With no power, car lights provided lighting and directions for those parents who could get there.

The address was sobering and drew our attention to some of the detail that can be so easily overlooked. It caused me to reflect upon how prepared we would be if an earthquake or major disaster such as a gas explosion or fire was to affect our school.

On a regular basis we practice school evacuations for fire, earthquake and a number of other possible scenarios. We have procedures to ensure that everyone is accounted for, and we practice steps to be taken as a potential danger is confronted.

However, as I listened to these people share their experiences, I was motivated to reflect upon how we would manage if we could not re-enter our buildings. Usually with a practise we know that after a period of time the buildings can be re-entered. Many questions arise.

While on the field do we have sufficient first aid equipment to deal with events like a bee sting to a student with allergies, an asthma attack, or a low blood sugar count for one of our diabetic students? Could we contact all parents without accessing the schools data base? Could we effectively communicate across the school field if it was windy and students were spread out? What would happen if the disaster struck in the middle of the cultural festival or during the second act of the school production? What if, what if, what if

While an earthquake of the magnitude that struck Christchurch is unlikely in Auckland, there are a range of events that could require us to evacuate our buildings and be unable to reoccupy them.

The value of listening to the Christchurch experience was to think about some of the details that we may not have given sufficient emphasis to. A few changes will occur.

John McAleese
Principal

**We wish you
a happy, safe
and restful holiday!**

- 15th July
– Spelling Bee
- 15th July
– End of Term 2
- 1st August
– Start of Term 3
- 2nd August
– English ICAS
- 3rd August
– SEZ Boys and Girls Netball
- 8th August
– Self Defence courses begin
- 8th and 9th August
– Kids Sing Choir Festival
- 13th/14th August
– Manukau Science Fair
Judging
- 16th August
– Maths ICAS
- 16th August
– SEZ Boys basketball
- 16th August
– ICAS Maths
- 18th August
– SEZ Girls Basketball
- 18th August
– MATHEX Competition
- 2nd /3rd September
– Uxbridge Exhibition
- 5th to 9th September
– Sports Camp
- 8th September
– SEZ Table Tennis
- 28th September
– SEZ Boys Volleyball

Five quick questions asked to students about an issue.

This week's issue is about...
the upcoming school holidays

Questions:

1. Explain what has been the highlight of this term.
2. Describe what you are looking forward to during the holidays.
3. Tell us what you are doing during the holiday.
4. Give us your opinion why holidays are important.
5. What are you looking forward to at school next term.

Celician

Room 6

1. Playing in the band.
2. I'm going overseas in the holiday.
3. I'm visiting Australia.
4. So we can have a break from school.
5. Meeting my friends and going to the disco (if there is one).



Akech

Room 20

1. Cross country and the disco.
2. Having a vacation in China.
3. Going overseas.
4. Taking a break and relaxing.
5. Learning more stuff and more maths.



Byron

Room 21

1. Disco.
2. Sleeping five minutes later.
3. Sleeping!
4. So we can have a break.
5. Seeing the library again.



Gursimran

Room 13

1. Celebrating my birthday and the Science Roadshow.
2. Spending time with my family
3. Watching T.V.
4. Being able to relax.
5. Good behaviour and learning.



Moziah

Room 14

1. Going to the roadshow.
2. I'm going to Australia.
3. Going overseas.
4. It gives us a break from school.
5. Seeing my friends again.



By Sabrina Ermita and Teighan Jackson, Rm 6

MATHEX

Quiz Competition

Support the school's Mathex teams by attending the finals . Here are the details with regards to the event:

Venue: ASB Stadium, Kohimarama, (next to Selwyn College). Please allow time for parking

Dates: Yr 7/8 Thursday 18th August

Times:	6.30pm	Stadium opens
	7.00 pm	Official welcome
	7.15 pm	Yr 7 competition begins
	7.50 pm	Play-offs if needed
		Quiz prize presentation
	8.15 pm	Yr 8 competition begins
		Play-offs if needed
		Quiz prize presentation



Primary and Intermediate School Choir Festivals

Auckland Town Hall
8 - 9 August 2011
Daily sessions are open to the public

GALA CONCERT
Tuesday 9 August 2011
at 6.30pm

FROM NURSE LIZ

It is really pleasing to see our students taking part in the whole school fitness on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The students appear to be having a lot of fun and their level of fitness is definitely increasing.

However, it is disturbing to see a number of students missing out simply because they **"forgot" or "lost" their PE uniform/sports shoes. Please help your child to make sure their PE uniform is clean and ready as they will need it EVERY Wednesday and Thursday (plus for usual class/Whanau PE sessions).**

Also, as we are encouraging a whole school approach to fitness EVERY STUDENT should be taking part. Having a cough, sore throat or cold does not prevent them from walking (rather than running) the course. In fact, fresh air and exercise is helpful in clearing the mucous from the body!

Basically, if your child is well enough to attend school, then they are well enough to participate in this fitness programme.

Liz Taylor
Registered Nurse

Community Notice

On Saturday 13 August 2011 – commencing at 1.00pm until 5.00pm– there is a big community event to clean up the Howick Village shopping area, as part of the ‘Mayor’s Town Centre Tidy ups’ prior to the start of the Rugby World Cup 2011.

This is a chance for everyone to make a difference to the Howick Village area – communities can get together to ensure that the tens of thousands of visitors expected in September and October 2011, are welcomed with pride, to Auckland.

Please contact us on 269 4080, if you have any questions.

LEARN TO SKI OR SNOWBOARD

LEARN TO SKI OR SNOWBOARD IN SNOWPLANET'S CHILLYBIN PROGRAMME

The Snowplanet ChillyBin after school programme is a specially designed programme to introduce children to the world of snow and snowsports. Registrations are now open for term 4 (10 weeks), commencing on Monday 1st August.

WHEN: Monday 4-5.30pm OR Friday 5-6.30pm

COST: Option 1 - \$415 paying in full OR Option 2 - \$100 joining fee and \$35 per Week



For enquiries or bookings contact Snowplanet on 09 427 0044 or email info@snowplanet.co.nz
Visit Snowplanet's website <http://www.snowplanet.co.nz/snow-academy/after-school-programme/>

Looking for support

We will shortly be having a new issue **of our school's newsletter printed.**

The newsletters are used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities.

They are financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements appear for an entire year. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge.

This is a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and also help our school.

Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the back **of our school's newsletter please**

contact Dennis or Jeanette Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, ph (09) 817 3867, or email newsletters@xtra.co.nz.

Rugby World Cup Roadshow

Touring 27 towns and cities across the country, the RWC 2011 Roadshow, with the Webb Ellis Cup, will give New Zealanders a taste of the excitement of the Tournament and REAL New Zealand Festival experiences that are set to bring each region to life in September and October. TV ONE Breakfast Show presenter, Tamati Coffey, will broadcast from the weekday locations.

The RWC 2011 Roadshow will arrive in the Auckland region on the following dates:

- Manukau, Otara Markets car park – Monday 25 July, 6.30am – 9.30am
- Auckland Central, Eastern Viaduct car park – Sunday 31 July, 10am – 2pm

Visitors to the Roadshow will be able to:

- Have their photo taken with the Webb Ellis Cup
- Win or buy RWC 2011 tickets

Find out about the different ways they can be part of the Tournament

Furthermore, the two best dressed fans at every location will win two RWC 2011 match tickets each.

We would love to see you there, as New Zealand prepares to become a Stadium of Four Million.

SPEECH FINALS

It's exhilarating , it's nerve wracking, it's speech time!

The six anxious contestants sat lined up on the **bench. All were thinking 'there are only two winners in the competition and one of them could be me.'**

All was decided after Leejanka shouted 'Momma knows best'. Harry told us about a small rabbit called Fluffy, and Georgia had us all agreeing that home learning is a waste of time. There were many more speeches that were sent into battle.

But it was Vanessa Ung with an all interesting **speech on smoking stole the show for the Year 8's,** though Tamara made the audience giggle and the teachers shriek with laughter (probably guilty of some of the things that Tamara brought up about the wooden spoon)!



Speech Finalists for 2011: Vanessa Ung and Tamara Potts

After a successful day all the contestants went back to class pretty chuffed with themselves.

Who will be the next Speech Finalist?

By Tamara Potts, Rm 18

ICAS DATES

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) will be starting soon. Listen for the room number and time that these are to be sat.

English	Tuesday, 2 August
Mathematics	Tuesday, 16 August



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If you would like us to email the newsletter to you.

Please email the school from the address you would like it sent to:
newsletter@howickint.school.nz

Alternatively, the newsletter is also available online on our website
www.howickint.school.nz



SCHOOL DONATIONS



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School donations now due
 To claim a rebate with the IRD download the form on this link:

<http://www.ird.govt.nz/forms-guides/keyword/rebates/ir526-form-claim-rebate.html>

Assembly Awards

Room 5	Week 8	Meleana Taufa
	Week 9	Aman Bhardwaj
	Week 10	JP Nel
Room 7	Week 8	Tayla Thurman
	Week 9	Shivas Patel
	Week 10	Bronson Singh
	Week 11	Kennedy Bublitz
Room 9	Week 8	Shams ElHanafy
	Week 9	Shivran Kumar
Room 10	Week 10	Ashleigh Jones
Room 12	Week 10	Sophie McCallum Jones
Room 13	Week 8	Tommy Tran
	Week 9	Te Wai Tomo
	Week 10	Alexis Moana
	Week 11	Tyler Leuta
Room 14	Week 8	Richmond Patea
	Week 9	Samuel Tanuvasa
	Week 10	Tony Park
	Week 11	<i>The Recreational Gang</i> – Dormani, Murphy, Harry, Carlos, Krishan, Dax, Siraj, Vinay
Room 15	Week 9	Tui Hawke
	Week 10	Candice Tobin
	Week 11	Carlos Chen
Room 17	Week 8	Len Toi
	Week 9	Kiani Fong-Anthony
	Week 10	Sophia Zou
	Week 11	Naida Pholprasert
Room 18	Week 8	Rishaal Chandra
	Week 9	Tamara Potts
	Week 10	Anushka Francis
	Week 11	Shaman Theron
Room 19	Week 8	Marcel Kuijpers
	Week 9	Taine Wearing
	Week 10	Constantina Seumanu
Room 20	Week 8	Liam Stringer
	Week 9	Amy Lee
	Week 10	Vega Poa
	Week 11	Naina Menon
Room 21	Week 8	Eden Irvine
	Week 9	Joshua Gers
	Week 10	William Nao
	Week 11	Cindy Ye 21



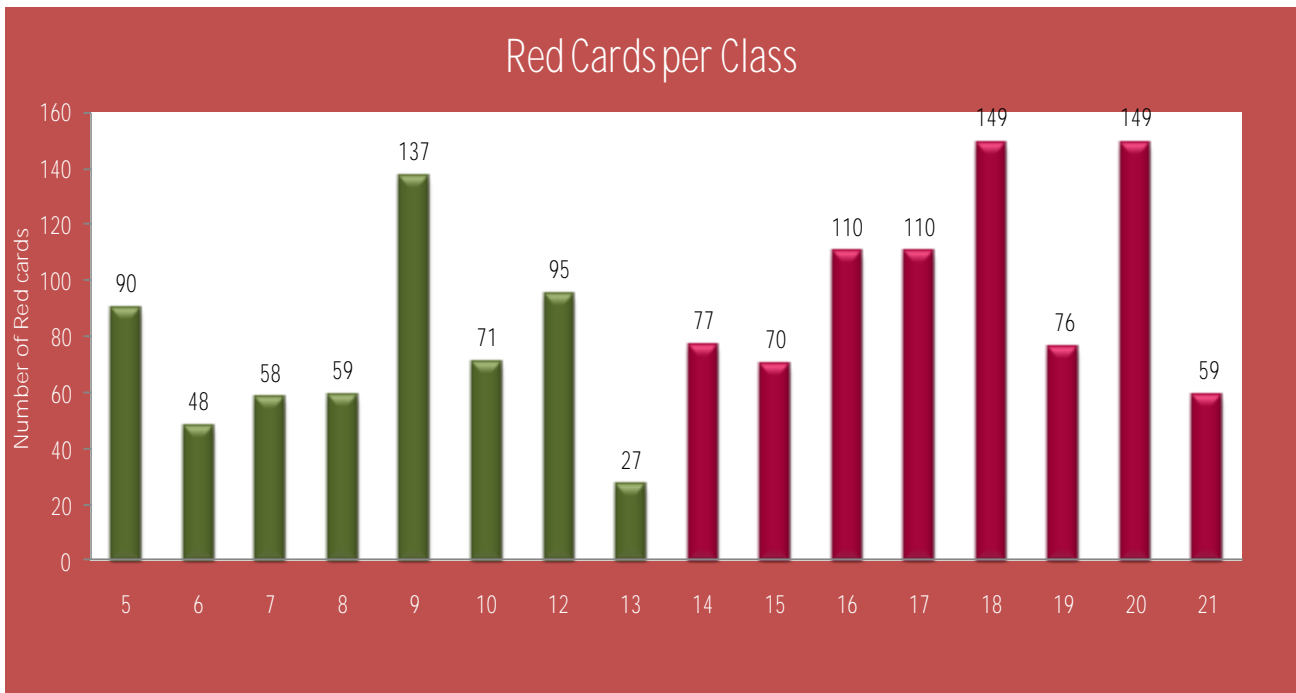
RED CARD AWARDS

Red Cards are issued to students who are 'caught' doing something good. The class with the most red cards wins the Red Card Award for the week. Students who win a red card automatically go into the draw to win a giant cookie.



Congratulations to Room 20 (Week 8), Room 12 (Week 9) and Room 18 (Week 10) for receiving the Red Card Shield

Keep up the effort of being caught being good!



Red Card Awards per Class