

# CORNERSTONE

Medbury School Parents' Association Newsletter - Term 1 2011

Welcome to the first Cornerstone newsletter for 2011. Gosh who would have thought we would have to go through all this again - we hope this finds the Medbury community safe and well after another disruptive term.

This year we welcome two new committee members - Toni Shearer and Jo Allen. It is always great to have fresh ideas and enthusiasm around the table. We are also well represented on the School Board and welcome John Brakenridge and Rachel Sleigh who bring with them a wealth of experience. We also are very pleased to have Melissa Prosser still with us for another term. Class representatives have been appointed for the year - please feel free to contact your rep if you have any questions.

At our last meeting the committee came to the conclusion that major fundraising activities were probably not the highest on everyone's agenda after the earthquake. We do however have some social gatherings planned for later in the year and feel those small fundraisers such as having two sausage sizzles a term would not only benefit the boys but also help towards raising funds.

The night before the quake the Parents' Association hosted our annual New Parents' Cocktail Party. We were fortunate to have a lovely still evening and the night was enjoyed by all. It is a great way for new parents to mingle and get to know the 'Medbury' extended family. New Parents were greeted by Mr. Kay, the Board Chairman Harry McLernon and the Parents Association President Kim Gemmell. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

## New Sound System for The Medbury Centre

Recently the MPA identified that the reserves it had accumulated were sufficient to make a contribution to the school. We wanted the contribution to be used to make a day-to-day difference to the boys and have put a lump sum towards a new sound system for The Medbury centre. \$10,000 has been given to Mr. Kay to help fund the system.

## FUNDRAISING

### Golf Day

Unfortunately we have cancelled the golf day. It just wasn't going to work after two postponements last year due to weather and then to top it off two major earthquakes. We thank Pat Healey for her commitment to this day and her tiresome work organising, and then reorganising the event four times. We will re visit this later in the year.

### Medbury Cricket Prints

These lovely prints are of 'A Day at Cricket' by Kelvin McMillan. They are a great reminder for all our cricketers of their time spent on the Medbury field. These are limited editions. Print sizes are 460mm x 365mm at \$69.95. We still have 12 prints available.



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Post Card sets are available in packs of four with envelopes at \$12.00 and eight card sets at \$22.00.

## Medbury Calendars

These popular calendar/planners which include all

key school dates, will once again be available when school goes back next term. We only have a limited supply left so be in quick.

## Mesh Cookbooks

We still have cook books for sale. Beautifully presented and filled with fabulous recipes these books are a 'must have'. We strongly recommend any new parents view them in the office if they have not seen it. We will update everyone in our next issue on the amount raised through the sales of MESH, as well as our future fund raising goal.

## 'Stuck On You' Labels

The answer to our ongoing lost property issue - there are still a lot of items in the lost property bins which are un-named. The loss of expensive school uniform items is completely avoidable so order the labels through 'Stuck on you' and just iron them on - it couldn't be easier. The website address is [www.stuckonyou.biz.nz](http://www.stuckonyou.biz.nz). Please remember to put Medbury's name in the 'name of fundraiser' box.

On the lost property front clothing has been sorted this week into the boy's houses. Please ensure your son checks the house bins which are located under the stairs in the junior block. There are also a number of brand new un-named items in a separate bin. Anything not collected by the end of term will go to the boarding house or the second hand shop.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the MPA and school community I would like to extend a huge thank you to Peter and Helen Kay for their great effort and kind support they have given to the Medbury families over this time. We were all fortunate to have our boys return to a safe school environment and normal routines so quickly.

These times are extraordinarily uncertain for all of us and the last thing everyone needs is the Parents' Association asking parents to contribute to fund raising. We would like to give something back to the Medbury School community and organise more social events this year so we can all get together informally, relax and enjoy ourselves. We will keep you informed of what we have planned. Any ideas would be welcome.

Thank you to all of the class representatives who have organised a 'get together' with your class parents during this term. Your input in this area is invaluable.

Medbury retains its reputation as a family orientated school. It has been impressive seeing everyone pulling together during the term to ensure a smooth journey over rough times.

Kim Gemmell

