



Dairy Flat School

PTA Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2011

NEED A BREAK...

From the drudgery of school lunches? We hope your children enjoy the fabulous sushi and moosie lunch on offer this week. We are also planning a pie and mini savoury lunch for the end of the month – so nice for the kids to have something warm in their tummies on a blustery spring day. A BIG thank you to the wonderful volunteers who do all the behind the scenes work to make these lunches happen.

TEE'S IF YOU PLEASE

At the moment the PTA are shirtless! And no, this is not a good thing! If anyone has recommendations or contacts for getting some T-shirts printed or embroidered for the PTA we are looking for a sponsor. Get in touch with Ngaire on dnthornton@clear.net.nz or 027 648 4733.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

There is still time to dig out those old uniforms and drop them into the school office. The sale will commence at 3pm this Friday for those of you looking for a bargain. Items will be priced between \$2-\$5. Don't forget to tip your waiter... well actually if you just give a friendly smile at Liz and Ngaire that will do. They're both pretty easy to please!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Some of you have raised concerns about the quality of the school uniforms. El Presidenté has heard, listened, and understood. Ngaire is currently reviewing various school uniform suppliers to ensure we get the most cost effect quality product. Now if she could just do something about the state of my laundry pile...

WORLD CUP FUNDRAISER

SOLD OUT! You patriotic parents have raised \$200 for the school dressing your wing mirrors up in the flags of choice. Well done... and go the AB's!

AS ONE FREEZER PASSES, ANOTHER MUST RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Right now we're looking for a 300L chest freezer to replace the well loved one currently expiring. The delightful Mr Murphy has tried the Appliance Shed, and the ubiquitous Mrs Thornton is approaching the three big homewares stores. Both of them would love any bright ideas, contacts, discounts, donations, or foot rubs I'm sure ☺.

CALENDAR ART

Your offspring have been working hard on masterpieces for this year's calendar. Celebrate the creative genius that is your child by ordering a calendar. Order forms have been sent home – return yours to immortalise your precious darlings special efforts for the next twelve months... even better, get one for Nana! Please see the office if you need to grab another form.

AG DAY

And it's coming into the final countdown to Ag Day – everyone ready? No? Me either!

BOOK IN YOUR FAMILY HELPERS

As members of our little community, each family is expected to contribute a small amount of time towards this important event in our children's year. I know as a mother of four, I need to organise my sister-in-law for babysitting duties (and gullible dupes for spending money) now. Get those calls in to friends and family and book the day. Gather your neighbours teenagers, your in-laws. The grandparents and the aunties. The more to merrier to Ag Day!

It's thanks to all our wonderful parents that this special community event is possible.

WHOSE GOT SOME LOVELY COCONUTS THEN?

We have that's who! Thank you to **Bidvest Fresh** for supplying us with coconuts for the Coconut Shy at cost. We also need to extend a big Dairy Flat thank you to **Fruit World Silverdale** for the two fruit and vege hampers they have donated. Next time you're in, don't be afraid to say thank you to Prenal.

The lovely **Sarah Parsons** (aka **THE Tupperware Lady**) has donated nearly \$300 worth of fantastic Tupperware product for the silent auction. Thank you Sarah – I know what I'll be putting my bid in for!

Power Protection are sponsoring the Guess-The-Jellybean game... so when you need uninterrupted power supply, you know who to call!

Whitakers (only the yummiest chocolate in the world) are donating all the chocolate for our Chuck-A-Choc game. Andrew and Brian Whitaker you RULE!

And last, but not least, the generous folks at **Hendersons Bacon** have generously donated their incredibly tasty bacon for our Eggs and Bacon stall, plus a ham. Well that's breakfast sorted for me on the 29th!!

We're still on the look out for items for our auctions. If you can donate anything, big or small please see the delightful Mr Tim Murphy ☺. You know, **we'd like a bit of you too!** If you're a tradey, or have a special skill and can donate a set number of hours of your professional skill/labour, we want it. Can you set up a trust? Can you build a fence? Can you unblock a drainpipe? Bring on the stubbies!

AG DAY ON FACEBOOK

Not only does the school have a Facebook page, but so does Ag Day... like us, poke us, write on our wall!

WHITE ELEPHANT

Time to reduce that clutter and clear your cupboards for spring? Bring it on in to school rather than contributing to landfill. Cherie Nelson-Lester is the woman to see. She'll take your books, clothes and toys off your hands. So you get the dual benefit of a clean and tidy house plus you'll be making money for our school. No other household items this year please.

JOLLY BAGS

Anita Wilkin is the crafty queen behind the Jolly Bags being prepared for affordable little purchases for kids on Ag Day. She's doing a wonderful job sourcing bits and pieces, but any contribution you can make will be wonderful. Things like unused stationary, hair accessories, jewellery, small cars/toys, and lollies would all be appreciated.

RICE IS NICE

If anyone can loan the school a rice cooker for Ag Day, please get hold of Ngaire.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ☺