

Dear Parents and Friends of the School.

What a great swimming sports last Friday. Thanks to Darrin Mitchell for his superb organisational skills. A big thanks to the large group of parents who came with voices ready, much enthusiasm and encouragement to support our competitors. It was great to be able to have the whole school there to cheer and encourage our swimmers and to show our Breens value of Belonging 'by making a positive difference to the Breens community'. If there are any recommendations for the future running of our sports please let us know (e-mail is the best).

I had the pleasure of showing a teacher from South Africa around our school last Tuesday. She was so impressed with the BOP (branch out programme). The engagement level in the school was very high. The atmosphere was brilliant. She could not believe the tone and the work ethic clearly being demonstrated. One thing is for certain our students are really motivated and achieving well.

Choir tutor.

We are truly fortunate to have our wonder choir tutor from last year return to once again inspire our students. Sarah Richardson is willing to work closely with our choir to prepare them for the up and coming performances. Hooray for Sarah.

Board of Trustees Elections

I trust many of you are considering this important role. Remember we have information from the school office which can assist with your decision. I also encourage you to talk to a Board Member about what is involved etc.

Leadership Camp.

Good luck to the students taking part in the Peer Mediators Leadership Camp being run this Wednesday and Thursday. We are really fortunate to have the support of the PSG to help make this a reality for the students. Thanks to Corrina Bailey, Debbie McGrath and Nikki Clarke for organising and running this camp.

Good Luck Mrs Nicol

Our very special Art teacher Mrs Nicol is off to have a hip replacement operation. We wish her all the very best and hope all goes well. Her Art classes will be covered by me for the rest of this term.

There seems some what of a 'joint' problem on the staff at Breens. I will be away from the 1st June having a hip replacement operation as well. Thank goodness it's not contagious.

City to Surf.

There is a number of students and staff taking part on Sunday - Good luck to you all and go well.

Cyber Safety and Keeping your child safe

As parents it is our job to worry about our child's safety. The world our children are growing up in is very different to one we knew – hence take time to seriously think about cell phones, internet and safety. On the back page of this newsletter are some tips and sites that may help you and your child develop appropriate strategies for use of the cyber world. The key thing is trust (as it always has been) and keeping your personal identity and such things as passwords secure. Good luck with this and please do something!

PSG

Our Parent Support Group held its annual meeting which was well supported by a number of new parents and a number of parents staying on. Sadly we farewelled Maree Hogg as president and thanked her for the hard work and dedication she has shown to the PSG and the school over her many years at Breens. Good luck Maree and on behalf of the Students, Staff, Parents and Breens community – thanks for making Breens a better place.

Geoslanguage School

This Friday will be the last day for the Geoslanguage School visit. We thank them for their contribution and thank those of you who have hosted the students and been excellent ambassadors for New Zealand. Good luck to the students and staff of Teikyo School in Japan.

Visit to our Sister School in Korea

Thanks to those who have indicated their interest. There will be a meeting for those wanting to be involved and learn more about the visit.

The previous newsletter had this information for you.

We have a sister school, Jamsin Middle School in SongpaGu, Seoul, South Korea. Last year we had a group visit who were kindly home stayed by some of our terrific families. We have just heard that we have the opportunity to visit Jamsin this year October 12th – 18th. We have a strong relationship with Jamsin School and even had two of our teachers (Darrin and Nathan) visit and work with the school for three weeks in January. We have a strong knowledge of the school and believe this would be a great opportunity for some of our children.

October is a perfect time to visit Korea for the weather is great and there is a festival on at this time.

If you are interested in your child being part of this visit and want to be part of the fund raising committee etc Please

attend a **meeting in the staffroom on Wednesday 23rd at 6:30pm**

Have you questioned your child about what they are learning and why?

Kia Kaha

Brian.

Beannachtai La Feile Phadraig libh go leir! Happy Saint Patricks Day to you all.

I sincerely hope the luck of the green is with you all this year! Today is a very special day for me and I feel like celebrating!! I want to share with you some of the wonderful reasons for celebrating that are going on all throughout Breens at the moment.



This year, we have a real buzz of proactive enterprise about the school. We have students participating in the governance of the school in a number of positive ways. Our students are leaders in our school and in our community. Our School Council, House Captains, Head Leadership team, Jump Jam Leaders, Sports Council and Kapa Haka Leaders are some of our young leaders who are taking the initiative and leading the Breens way. It is an inspiration to watch your children participate in our community with such fervour and positivity. They are a credit to their families!

We are now adding to this extensive list of leadership opportunities with the development of our Peer Mediator programme. A group of students who have been elected to the role will participate in Leadership Camp next week. The central theme of this camp will be leadership as a peer mediator and will begin the training and support that these students will continue to get as they strive to make a difference at our school.

We are very proud of the efforts of our leaders within the Breens community. Later this year, our young leaders will extend their focus into the wider community and work with different groups to make a difference. If you have any suggestions or ideas for ways in which you would like to see our young people involved throughout the community, please do feel free to contact me to discuss it. I can be reached by phone at 3598108, ext 810 or by email at corrina.bailey@breens.school.nz We look forward to sharing our wonderful leaders and their inspirational attitude with our community. We can all benefit from their example!

Corrina Bailey
Deputy Principal

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Principal's Award Certificates over the past weeks.

Week 1 2010	Week 2 2010	Week 3 2010	Week 4 2010	Week 5 2010
Ken Jones	Harris Webster	Sean Kiely	Kayla McPherson	Caitlin Wright
Brandon Constable	Neva Placid	Brittany Wyatt	Sarah Feldwick	Rebecca Hunter
Joshua Dolan	Hannah Foster	Janyce Drollett-Tereora	Danielle Blakeley	Eryn Turner
Bronte Te Mete	Bonnie Paul	Liam Hewett	Grace Hartley	Morgan Smith
Zach Murphy	Joshua Springer	David Huang	Xavier Wells-Tauwhare	Columbia Kennedy
Angus Fitzpatrick	Carrie Coster	Jared Smith	Aimee MacLeod	Dylan Karaitiana-Chase
Hamish Shaw	Rebecca Hunter	Lillian Wilkinson	Matthew Whitaker	Erin Pollock
Lauren Wood	Rhiannon Cliff-Tegg	Rhiannon Cliff-Tegg	Jackson Chen	Georgia Taylor-Cook
Dylan Wells	Bronte Te Mete	Abby Twentyman	James Hunter	Leo Puddle
Giuseppe Garza	Connor MacLennan	William Lee	Sapphire Lang	Kevin Weiss-Moulson
Paige Edwards	Zach Brogden	Eryn Turner		Kane Hall
	Hope Papali'l	Nastassia Vater		Leteica Wilson
	Emily Fraser	Blair Keith		Emily Fraser
	Kayla McPherson	Dainya Stevens	Week 6 2010	
	Ryan Slade	David James	Bisera Kujikis	
	Olivia Saunders	Abby Keats	Kallim Guy	
	Jayden Vaipapa		Zak Goble	
	Dylan Karaitiana-Chase		Gold Athletics Award	
	Ricky Rickerby		Cam Taylor	
	Jackson Clements			

