



# Wilson School

'Excellence in Special Education'



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## Newsletter No 1

February 2012

Welcome back to the beginning of another school year. Our staff members have enjoyed their annual summer break and have come back to school refreshed and ready for another year. We hope you have enjoyed time with family and friends too.

### Staff News

A warm welcome to the following new staff members: Michele Rae, teacher in Room 2, the newly created classroom at base school. Robin Taylor-Lyons is the new teacher in Room 3. Lucy Charles is our new part-time O.T. working in Rooms 1, 2, 6 and the College class.

Also welcome to Rimma Kirby Teacher Aide at Manuka, and welcome back to Ulrik Thomsen who is relieving in Room 3 for a while.

We are lucky to have Raj Krishnamoorthy and Lorna Coe working as volunteers.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Marcia Lopes Teacher Aide who has been working at our school for many years. We thank you for your great work with the students, you will be missed! We wish you all the best.

### Student News

A big Welcome to the following new students: Tyler Rose Mackereth in Room 6, Jamie Blair in Manuka 11 and all the following students at the LSU Windy Ridge: Samuel Holmes, Evan Ismael, Amar Abdalla, Samuel Marychurch, Breanna Findon, Aaron Maudsley and Ini Vaka.

### Keeping Ourselves Safe—Parent Meeting

Tuesday 6th March at 7.30 pm. This is a programme which runs through all mainstream schools in N.Z. Recently we have made contact with Constable Julie Brown who supports local schools to deliver the programme. Constable Brown encourages all parents and caregivers to meet with her at Wilson School to hear more about this programme. Light refreshments will be provided.

### Parent/Family BBQ

This annual event will be held on Tuesday 28th February at 5.30 pm. You will have received a letter with all the details. This is a great opportunity to meet staff and to make connections with other families. We would love to see you there.

### Wilson Home Trust Jubilee

The Wilson Home Trust 75th Jubilee is almost upon us 20th—22nd April 2012. A very exciting weekend is planned for this event and everyone is welcome to be part of it. We have people coming from far and wide; past and present patients, residents, staff, volunteers and friends of the Wilson Home Trust. If you would like to attend the weekend or some part of it, please contact Liz Banton 485-3461, email [liz@wilsonhometruster.org.nz](mailto:liz@wilsonhometruster.org.nz) or pop into the Trust for more information.

### Student Stationery

You will soon receive an account for the stationery your child will use this year.

### Year Book

This year we will create our first ever Wilson School Year Book. The cost is \$15.00 and this has been identified on your child's stationery list. If you do not want to purchase a Year Book please identify this when you send in money for stationery.

### Parent & Family Resource Centre

The Centre produces a monthly e-bulletin with information about seminars, workshops, support groups, events etc. You can visit their website [www.pfrc.org.nz](http://www.pfrc.org.nz) to access all this information or contact Lisa Martin on 09/636 0351.

### **Shore to Shore 5 km Fun Run/Walk**

Our school is taking part in this event which will be held on Sunday 1st April at 9 am, starting from Takapuna Grammar School and finishing at Milford Reserve. If we enter at least 20 people we are guaranteed to receive \$300 to buy sports equipment for the school!

Entry fee: \$7.00 per person. The bus back from finish to start point: \$3.00. If you would like to enter, please let the school office know. Entries close on Tuesday 20th March. For more information visit [www.harbourport.co.nz](http://www.harbourport.co.nz).

### **Teddy Bears' Picnic**

Some of our junior classes will be having a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Wilson Home Gardens on Wednesday 7th March 11.00 am —1.30 pm. Sausages and ice creams will be provided. Remember to bring your Teddy! Invitations will be sent home shortly.

### **Starship Mobile Phone Appeal**

Wilson School will continue collecting your old mobile phones. We collected 135 last year. This was mainly due to the wonderful efforts of the brother of one of our students—thank you Cairan!

The phones collected are exchanged for resources eg. technical and sports equipment for our school., as well as supporting the Starship National Air Ambulance Service. Please collect phones from friends and neighbours and send in with your child to give to their class teacher. Thank you for your help.

### **Art Classes for Children—Term 1 2012**

Children's Art School, Visual Arts Studios, Faculty of Education—University of Auckland

7-14 yrs Mon-Thurs 4.00—5.30 pm

Saturdays: 9.00 &/or 11.00 5 yrs up at 11.00.

Begins Tues 7 Feb.

April Holiday Workshops:

April 10-13, April 16-19.

For more info phone 623 8858 or e-mail Chris

Gunnell at [c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz).

### **E-mail updates**

Please send your current e-mail to update our records and let the school know if you will accept the newsletter sent this way, and if so, in which format. The best way to do this is to e-mail the school at [admin@wilson.school.nz](mailto:admin@wilson.school.nz). The correct format will then be sent. Thank you.

### **Term Dates 2012:**

Last Day Term 1: Thursday 5 April

Term 2: Monday 23 April— Friday 29 June

Anzac Day: Wednesday 25 April

Queens Birthday: Monday 4 June.

Term 3: Monday 16 July

Staff Only Day: Tuesday 5 June, following Queens Birthday weekend.

Term 3: Monday 16 July— Friday 28 September

Term 4: Monday 15 October—Wednesday 19 December

Labour Day: Monday 22 October.

*Kind regards,*

***Jan Kennington,***  
***Principal***

### **Important Dates**

Family Barbeque: 28 February at 5.30 pm

Keeping Ourselves Safe Meeting: 6th March at 7.30 pm

End of Term 1: Thursday 5th April