



## OXFORD AREA SCHOOL

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dear Parents and caregivers

As you know the Oxford Pool is open now. All of the Year 5 students are going to have 10 Learn to Swim lessons from the 21<sup>st</sup> of November to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, funded by State Insurance. They have agreed to fund all year 3-5 students' Learn to Swim lessons for the foreseeable future. This means that next year, if you have a child in Years 3-5 you will not have to pay for the lessons. Because of this, we have snuck the current Year 5 students in at this end of the season to qualify for the free lessons, but they will have to pay next year. So, if you have a year 5 student, there is no cost for swimming now. If you have a year 1-4 or a year 6 student, you need to pay \$5 for them to have 5 swims between now and the end of the year. I have put a timetable on the back of this notice, but check with your child's teacher for confirmation of lesson days and times. As always, parent helpers with the younger classes is always appreciated!

As you also know, we have a circus coming to school in Week 6 of this term. Students will have a 30 minute lesson in being a circus performer, and at the end of the day, the classes involved will take part and watch a performance. All students need to pay \$6.50 for this wonderful event. Year 7-10 students also have the opportunity to participate in this, but it is not compulsory. Those that want to participate will be able to – based on a user pays system.

The PTA will be putting on a sausage sizzle in the last week of school. They are happy to provide a sausage per student in Years 1-6. Please could you let Lisa know at the office if your child has any specific dietary issues we need to be aware of. We have hoping to hold this on the same day as the movie, which will probably be the last Monday of school, but I will confirm that later. Because of all these events, we will not be going on an outing like we have in past years. We decided the circus would be a nice way to finish the year off instead.

Just a reminder too, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November is our Top House Day – please send your children along in their house colours for a great day out.

Please take the time to have a look at the results of 'Me and My School' survey which is on display in the foyer. Some interesting results there which the teachers have looked at and considered.

Year 4-6 Kapa haka students will be performing at the Year 7-10 Prize-giving on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December – please keep that day in mind if your child is in that group.

As you will be aware, reports will be coming home in the last week of school – probably on the Tuesday. They will include the class placement for 2012, and will give you time to talk to teachers if there are any concerns in the reports.

Lots to get through in the next wee while! ... kindest regards, Jen Rodgers