



OXFORD AREA SCHOOL

May 25th, 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Here are just a few things to be aware of over the next few days. I do appreciate that a number of these events are asking for a donation, but, I am very pleased to reflect that we have not asked the students for any money yet this year other than swimming fees – and yet look at all the wonderful things they have been involved in.

There is a **mufti day** on Friday of this week – gold coin donation. This is a fundraiser for Cholomondely House via the school council.

There is a Tui House **Disco on Tuesday** of next week. This is being run for all Year 1-6 students and will be on at lunchtime in the GP hall from 12.45-1.15. Again, a gold coin donation is required for entry to this; all funds go to the Oxford OSCAR programme.

As I mentioned in the newsletter earlier this term, we will be holding our **Jump Jam Jump Off** for heart children on **Friday this week from 10.00-10.30**. This is a national event raising funds for children with heart conditions. Please come along and support this, and, if you are able, a donation to the cause would be wonderful.

Maths-a-thon information will be out to you either at the end of this week, or at the beginning of the next one. This year, 25% of the funds raised by each class will stay in that class, so there is good incentive for the children to gather as much sponsorship as possible. The huge benefit from this activity too is the mathematical knowledge that your children gain in the two weeks of concerted learning. Please support this PTA fundraiser.

There is an **assembly also next Friday** – Room 9 and Rimu will be hosting this one. It has been really pleasing to see how many parents are coming along to the assemblies each week. It is lovely to have you along, and the children really appreciate having you there when they receive certificates and acknowledgements.

Could I please ask that you have a word with your child about **bringing things to school**. We have been having a few issues with the 'rugby cards' in a couple of classrooms, with 'trading' of these cards etc getting a bit out of hand. Also some children are bringing quite valuable items to school, and while none of them have been damaged or lost, it is really only a matter of time. We'd really appreciate your support from home to keep these things from appearing at school.

Thank you for the effort with **winter uniform**. The students are looking really good, and they certainly need the extra warmth just at the moment. Slippers are great for the classrooms too if you can.

Kind regards, Jen Rodgers and the Y1-6 team.