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The Arts at Anderson's Bay School

Anderson's Bay School has a variety of new initiatives and focuses across all areas of the curriculum in 2010. During the year I would like to keep you up to date with some of these through a variety of extra updates and forms of sharing information. Firstly I would like to introduce some of the things that we have happening this term in The Arts.

We are very pleased to be able to offer a regular, weekly music programme to all children in the school this year. This is a direct result of the consultation and strategic planning process that was undertaken last year and reflects the indicated need for greater exposure to music and The Arts. We are fortunate to have Jane Wood returning to Anderson's Bay School who carries with her a vast experience and understanding of music and it's application. Jane has developed a programme that she will be teaching across our school, to all classes, every week. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to utilise our teaching strengths within the school and present a consistent, robust and development based programme that will continue to grow children's understanding in music. I am very excited about seeing this programme unfold throughout the year and watching our children grow in their musical awareness.

In addition to our regular music programme we have been able to offer two further experiences for children at the beginning of Term One - Skoolstars and Hip Hop.

Hopefully you have been talking to your children about the Skoolstars experience that is currently being prepared for in classes. Each class has been working extremely hard over the past three weeks to learn and perform a song and accompanying dance. This is in anticipation of an exciting opportunity where our school will experience the recording, production and viewing of their class song and dance. The team from Skoolstars will be travelling down from Christchurch on Tuesday with their recording equipment and personnel to film and record each class. Following the recording day they will professionally produce each class item and prepare it for a premiere performance at school on Tuesday 16th March in the evening. All of the recording, production and premiere aspects are organised and completed by Skoolstars. This is an exciting experience and I know the children are very much looking forward to it. If you would like to find out more about Skoolstars have a look at their web site on www.skoolstars.co.nz

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY - PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD DOES NOT WEAR GREEN AS THIS INTERFERES WITH THE "GREEN SCREEN" FILMING PROCESS.

If you do not wish your child to participate in this event please contact me directly on hamishm@andybay.ac.nz or 454 4413

Another experience, currently open to students from Years 3 - 6, is Hip Hop. Emily Armstrong has coordinated this for our children and sent a permission slip home with children who indicated interest. Hip hop sessions will be run in the school hall on a fortnightly basis and will be taught by professional dance teacher Dallas Wade. The first session was held on Monday 15th February and further dates this term are Monday's 1st, 15th and 29th March. There is a minimal cost of \$2 per session, to be paid on the day to Dallas Wade. As the sessions are being run independent to Anderson's Bay School children must have their money each Monday in order to participate. If your child missed out last week and would like to take part this week please contact Emily on emilya@andybay.ac.nz or phone the school office to leave her a message.

In 2009 our Kapa Haka group met and performed at many occasions throughout the year. Kapa Haka is due to begin for 2010 this Thursday, 25th March. This year Kapa Haka will be open to all students from our New Entrant to Year 6 levels. This is an exciting change and allows our youngest children to also benefit from this cultural experience.

I am looking forward to seeing all of these experiences develop throughout this term and the year and would welcome your feedback.

Kind Regards

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