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Kia ora Whanau,

Take a look at this photo. It encapsulates all the great things about a school cross country event - the effort, persistence, enjoyment and competitive spirit of the children coupled with a supportive and vocal crowd. It was a perfect day. Thanks to Michelle Meaclem for her organisation. Congratulations to the place getters - your training paid off - well done. For those that have qualified for the zones you will need to keep training over the holidays to ensure you don't lose your fitness.

I would like to acknowledge Jackson G (right) who tripped over, skinned his knees (stitches were required) yet still completed the race - bravery! This is persistence - we are very proud of you Jackson.



Our thanks to Bernie McCarthy for another successful funding application which nearly completes the new furniture rollout in the school. It has been a lot of hard work over many years so it feels good to have that one ticked off the list. Yippee! Bernie has also been instrumental with the new TK Sandpit which will be ready for Term 2. Thanks to NZ Community Trust for approving this application.

Team Koru head off to camp on day 1 of Term 2 – have an amazing adventure – enjoy the challenges and have fun!

I hope you have a happy Easter and enjoy all of that fundraising chocolate.;

Happy holidays and see you back on Monday 20th April.



**Ms McArthur, Miss Stayt and
Mrs Dent wish you a magical
Easter and happy holidays!**

Lee



New Children

A huge Hoon Hay welcome to:

Willow E, Osh J &
Caityln B (welcome back!)



Birthdays!

Brody T, James R-F, Ocean E-F, Alex H, Jarrah T-M,
Keira R, Molly F, Alexis W, Alivia C, Kamaioha P-O'C,
Edward F, Jasmine C, Barbie B,
Lachlan R, Sophie Y, Kade H, Micah
McL, Briannah J, Josiah W!



TALK TIME

Recently we heard **Jamie Fitzgerald** (adventurer and motivator) speak. He talked about '**Rock Thinking**' versus '**Water Thinking**'. Rock Thinking is when you consider all the obstacles, the things that are too hard, and the reasons something cannot happen. Water slides easily around and over rocks, so Water Thinking is when you look for ways of making things happen, or carrying on despite possible obstacles.

When you are talking with your children about things they find hard, consider using **WATER THINKING**.

parenting course

In Term 2 we would love to run the Triple P Parenting Course at school for our community. This course will cover strategies to deal with many of the difficult aspects of parenting and will take place over 6 weeks. If you are interested in attending this course could you please email emma.w@hoonhay.school.nz and advise if you would prefer morning, afternoon or evening sessions. Please also include your child's name and room number. This is not a firm commitment to attend, just an expression of interest, so that we can choose a time that benefits the highest number of people.

Hoon Hay Heroes

Ben and Sam H represented Canterbury for Athletics against Tasman in Nelson last weekend. Both boys threw a personal best in the discus event with Sam winning the 8 year old boys and Ben coming second for the 10's.



Hana N received high accolades in her gymnastic competition over the weekend – what great work Hana.



Alex H (right) is captured as he trains for a Canterbury Rock Climbing competition. Go Alex!



Nicholas B participated in Sumdog maths challenge. Over 2,500 students from around New Zealand took part. The competition was to answer 1,000 maths questions over a period of a week. Nicholas finished first with 996 correct answers and Ryan T came 3rd. Great work guys!

Cross Country - Friday 27 March

A fantastic day was had by all out at the Halswell Quarry on Friday. As we waited for the thick fog to lift revealing blue sky and the courses to our 418 entrants. The 3 courses were challenging but all children interviewed at the end of the races told us it was really fun! It was great to see the whole school supporting their house colours – including the parents.

The children participated with competitiveness all the way to the finish line and our top 3 in each year group were rewarded with a gold, silver or bronze medal.

Our year 5 & 6 children have now been selected to go on to the zones which will be run on the same course, at Halswell Quarry. A whole bunch of fantastic photos can be found on the website.

As this was the first time to have the whole school compete together at a cross country it was trial and error but most of the day flowed smoothly, and we can see things we could improve next time. Feedback so far has been positive, and the children loved having the whole school take part. We welcome any suggestions you have.

We really appreciated those parents that could help marshal on the day around the course and those who offered to stay and help pack up after the event. We can't run these school events without your help and to hold this event for future years we really need lots of parent support on the day. By Michelle Meaclem

Results	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Yr 6 Boys	Ben H	James F	Tom S
Yr 6 Girls	Mia B	Sophia W	Jorja L
Yr 5 Boys	Brodie T	Toby P	Matthew T
Yr 5 Girls	Indi B	Jessica T	Emily R
Yr 4 Boys	Sam H	Jayden G	Ethan G
Yr 4 Girls	Sophie Y	Nina M	Amelia H
Yr 3 Boys	Cadell D	Nikau J	Louis W
Yr 3 Girls	Lexi G	Abby S	Rhiannon M
Yr 2 Boys	Lachlan R	Kade H	Micah L
Yr 2 Girls	Laura L	Alyssa G	Eva L
Yr 1 Boys	Kenny L	Bronson H	Zac M
Yr 1 Girls	Elizabeth W	Sarah A	Keevah L



INTRODUCING

Mrs Wendy Booth.....

Kia ora everyone,

My name is Wendy Booth and this is my third year of teaching at Hoon Hay School. Our children have also all gone through Hoon Hay too, so it's been an association of over 13 years! When I am not working, I tend to be chauffeuring our three teenagers, but I also enjoy running with our dog and also spending time in my garden.

Two things you might not know about me... Before teaching I travelled for six years, spending over a year in Africa and I also worked as a tour guide in Europe.

More recently our family had two guide dogs for their first year of training with the Blind Foundation. Both dogs are now helping a visually impaired person to lead a more independent life, so it was a pretty rewarding thing to do!



Showing their moves!

We are incredibly fortunate to have Rachael Palmer and Julia Tovey providing dance sessions for our children this year, across all year groups. They are working with large groups of children and everyone is absolutely loving it! Thank you Rachael and Julia - you are **amazing**! The children had their parents and grandparents come in to see their session this week. Smiles all round and some great moves!



Sport

Central Swimming Sports

Well done to Rhys T, Eddie F and Marcus B who represented us with pride at the Central Swimming Championships at Selwyn Aquatic Centre on Monday. Well done boys, you have achieved some great results in a highly competitive field.

If you are looking for something free to do over Easter be sure to head out to Hornby and catch all the exciting action of the BMX Nationals - Kyle Park, Waterloo Road.



This is the first time in 5 years the Nationals are being hosted in the South Island and there will be 800 competitors from around the country competing in age groups 5 yrs - 50+ yrs.

We wish George M (Rm13) the best of luck competing at his first ever BMX nationals - GO GEORGE!

George will be competing on the Saturday, and then the big guns, 13+, take to the track on the Sunday with lots of elite olympic riders competing - Sarah Walker & Mark Willers.

Photo of the Week

There were so many great photos of the children running and enjoying the Cross Country at the Quarry last week, but this was a favourite!



Calendar Dates

- 20 Term 2 begins
- 20 Team Koru Year 4 Camp to Woodend
- 27 ANZAC Day observed
- 28 NZ Playhouse Theatre "Jack Flash and the Jumping Beanstalk" – School Hall
- 29 Room 13 Camp to Spencer Park
- 30 Duathlon @ Ruapuna Park

MAY

- 01 Full School Assembly
- 02 Room 14 Camp to Spencer Park
- 06 Room 17 Camp to Spencer Park
- 08 Weekly Winter Sport begins
- 13 Room 16 Camp to Spencer Park
- 14 BOT Meeting
- 15 Full School Assembly
- 18 Room 15 Camp to Spencer Park
- 18-20 Team Koru trip to Antarctic Centre
- 21 Zone Cross Country
- 29 Full School Assembly

2015 School Terms

Term 2

Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

Term 3

Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October – 12 noon Wednesday 16 December

2015 Public Holidays

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| Friday 3 April | Good Friday |
| Saturday 25 April | ANZAC Day |
| Monday 27 April | ANZAC Day Observed |
| Monday 1 June | Queens Birthday |
| Monday 26 October | Labour Day |
| Friday 13 November | Show Day |



🐣 MIGHTY MINNOWS EASTER FUN! 🐣

On Wednesday the Easter Bunny called by the Mighty Minnows, leaving footprints and a note asking for help because he had lost some Easter eggs! The Minnows went hunting and found some eggs and the Easter Bunny was so pleased he gave them an icecream. They also enjoyed colouring in, making cards and practiced their bunny bouncing on the bouncy castle. School is a fun place to learn 😊



Community News

Dental Care over the School Holidays - The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times: Tuesday, 7th April to Thursday, 16th April 2015 (excluding weekends). PLEASE NOTE – this service is not operated on Easter Monday or Friday, 17th April 2015. This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

Hillmorton High School Open Night – Tuesday 19 May 7.00pm.

Community News con't!

Petersgate Counselling Centre is thrilled to advise that we are able to accept new clients. The Earthquake Counselling interventions provided by our highly trained and experienced team of counsellors assist individuals, couples and families to better deal with the challenges they face because of the earthquakes and their multifarious after-effects. All interested can self-refer for an assessment or be referred by a medical practice, government department, or community agency. These fully subsidised Earthquake Counselling sessions are available only while funding is in place and that clients need to meet the funders' criteria to qualify. For more information email Petersgate's Director Geoff King at director@petersgate.org.nz or call (03) 343-3391.

What to look for at High School or Intermediate Open Nights. The Dyspraxia Support Group are hosting an evening for those interested in finding out more information on school transitioning. The talk will be aimed at parents with children who have DCD/dyspraxia and/or other learning difficulties. Come along and prepare yourself for "Open Night" season. Date: 22 April 2015 at 7.30 pm, Room 12, Merrin School, 41 Merrin School, Avonhead, Christchurch. RSVP: to Sue Hammett by the 20th April for catering purposes at dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz or 358 3249.

LEARN TO WEAVE. The Christchurch Guild of Weavers and Spinners are holding a holiday programme for people 8 yrs + – learning to weave on a rigid heddle loom. If you have never tried weaving on a loom before, this would be a great day holiday activity. Tues April 7th, Wed 8th – Weave a Bag Wed April 15th, Thurs 16th – Weave a Bag Thurs April 9th – Weave a set of Coasters. Cost per day is \$25 with all materials provided. Just bring your lunch and lots of enthusiasm. Time – 9.30am to 3pm at the Chch Guild Rooms, 11 Tenner Street, Woolston within the Tannery Complex. Enrolments are confirmed with payment. For information: text or phone Sue on 0211386141 or email Gail at gailrussell@xtra.co.nz.

Act2 Drama Group are proud to present our first Drama Stars production. The cast is from our Drama Stars Course. Journey to Oz: performed by children 5-12 years, follows Dorothy's adventures in Oz where she meets her friends that we all know and love. Cindy A Modern Day Hero: a melodrama performed by a cast aged 12-19 allows us to see the tale of Cinderella in a whole new light. Thursday 9th and Friday 10th April 6.30pm, Saturday 11th April 11.00am and 2.00pm. At Rangi Ruru Girls School Theatre Ticket Price: \$8.00 For ticket booking: Email: act2dramagroup@gmail.com or Txt: 021 0431108

Winter registrations are still open for **football** 4 years old - 18 years old! Season starts April 18th. Games for 4-8 year olds are held at Halswell Domain on Saturdays with training on Mondays for 4-6 year olds and Fridays for 7-8 year olds. For more information about Halswell United, please visit our website at: www.HawkFootball.org.nz.



WHEN: 8 – 15 APRIL
WHERE: NEXT TO LITTLE MISS LITTLE MISTER
TIME: EXHIBITS 10 – 4PM
Suitable for all ages. Under 5's must be accompanied by an adult.

BARRINGTON
Look being here

**THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
SCIENCE
on the move**

MIND GAMES. PUZZLES. EXPERIMENTS.

PITA PETE
WILL BE
ROAMING
AROUND
HANDING OUT
VOUCHERS!



**GOING ON
A BEAR HUNT**
& other stories,
poems and songs

9–19 April
Thursday & Friday at 7pm
Weekends 11am & 2pm
Directed by Pat Hannah

Tickets only \$7.50
Venue: Addington School Hall
22 Brougham Street (entrance off Simeon Street)
Give us a like on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/riccartonplayers>
Bookings: Phone (03) 338 4699 or online at www.riccartonplayers.co.nz

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