

# Hoon Hay School

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Kia ora Whanau,

A big **congratulations** to Connor M and Briannah J for being selected in the Christchurch Schools' Musical Festival special choir. We are so proud of you. For Briannah and Connor this means that they will spend part of the holidays working with the rest of the special choir learning new songs and harmonies that ensure the music festival is a huge success. It is another opportunity to meet and get to know children with similar interests from other schools in Christchurch. So well done Connor and Briannah.

On Monday evening we are hosting our second 'get your google on' parent education workshop. This is a Hoon Hay and OLA parent education session to share what is happening in classrooms. Monday's workshop covers blogging and it is not too late to come along. 7 – 8 pm in the Hoon Hay School Hall.

Over the next two weeks we are running 3 way conferences for the Year 4 - 6 children and children in Year 1 - 3 that are due for an anniversary report, so please ensure that you have booked a time. This is an important time to touch base with how your child is achieving academically and socially. It is also a time to ensure that learning is on track and that expectations are shared. Please remember that you don't have to wait until interview time – our doors are always open and we like to get onto things sooner rather than later.



Have a fabulous weekend.

Lee





## New Children

A huge Hoon Hay welcome to:

Mariana C, Gabrielle H,  
Riley J-D, Fynn C &  
Harley G.



## Birthdays!

Cairo A, Tristan T, Ian C, Charlotte W,  
Caitlyn B, Noah G, Peter W, Sarah A,  
Noah K, Jazz T, Pranav K, Inoke T, Abi  
U, Eva P, Jesse B, Mary Z, Zoe F, Mackenzie G, Mishayla  
A, Shea W, Quinn H, Connor S & Nikau J.



## Principal's Awards

Well done to the following for receiving a Principal's Award recently:



Amelia B, Aimee-Jade W, Eva P, Briana W,  
Travis F, Charlotte N, Max M, CalaiSS W-H,  
Evie McL, Georgia C, Bella J, CoSmo N, Ben  
L, willow E, Chloe C, Jazmin H & Paul F.

## Talk Time - Maths

**Recently there has been quite a bit in the media about how maths is taught in New Zealand. As with any media reporting, it is easy to generalise comments and assumptions are made.**

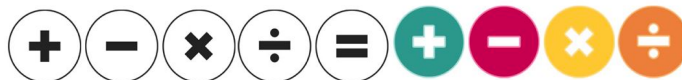
You can **be assured** that at Hoon Hay School, our children continue to achieve well in Mathematics, as measured against Ministry of Education National Standards, with 87% of our students meeting or exceeding National Standards in 2014, and 91% in 2013. Within this data, we had 23.5% (91 students) exceeding National Standard in 2014, and 21% (82 students) in 2013. As a school, we regularly analyse our data, and discuss what's happening, what's not happening, and what we can do to **influence what's not happening**.

The purpose of the Numeracy Project was to ensure that children developed a number sense. That is, to understand what maths problems are asking them to do. This was a shift from previously, when children were taught procedures (sometimes without understanding) to follow. For example, while a child might know that to find an area you multiply the length by the width, they may never have understood why.

A couple of misunderstandings have arisen from the media reporting. The Numeracy Project does advocate for children knowing their basic facts, but promotes children understanding what they are learning, as well as knowing the answer. For example, a child might know the answer to  $4 \times 5$  without ever understanding that it is referring to four groups of five. A further misunderstanding is that algorithms (column maths) are no longer taught. Algorithms are part of the Numeracy Framework, and are one of the strategies children use to solve problems. Algorithms are introduced (typically in Year 6) once children have an understanding of place value and how our number system works. That is, 10 ones makes 10, 10 tens make 100, ten hundreds makes a thousand, etc.

Like all things, change occurs. The change in the way we teach maths reflects the change in competencies children need to contribute in the world. We need children to be developing collaborative problem solving skills, in authentic situations. This requires them to understand concepts, collaborate, and make decisions about how to use what they know, to solve what they don't know.

**Being competent at maths, is not defined by what you do when you know the answer, it's what you do when you don't know the answer. As teachers, our role is to provide children with opportunities to become competent.**



## IMPORTANT

Please ensure that you keep the office updated with your contact details – phone numbers / e-mails and address. It is vital that we are able to make contact with you during the day if needed and for posting anything to you. Also a reminder that if you're picking up your child/ren early from school – please come into the office and sign them out. This helps us keep track of our children and ensures that they are safe at all times.





# INTRODUCING

## Rachel Young .....

Hi, I'm Rachel and I'm a Reading Recovery Teacher here at Hoon Hay School.

I'm married to Lyndon and we have two gorgeous sons, Nick (18 yrs) and Josh (13 yrs) who were fortunate to attend Hoon Hay Primary and be educated by fabulous teachers.

I love to hike in the Ports Hills, potter in my garden, swim at the beach and read a great crime novel.

I have represented Canterbury in road racing, cross country, 400/800/1500 metres and surf-lifesaving.

What you don't know about me is I play the violin and when time permits, I can be found in the orchestra pit playing for musical productions!



## Room 8 starts preparation for Art Exhibition

Some of our students are starting to get ready for the Art Exhibition in September - more details to come!





## Canterbury Cross Country

Our Legend's children had a great morning on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June representing the South West Zone at the Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country at the Halswell Quarry. The weather was perfect for competing and the course was in great firm condition. There were over 120 children in each age group on the starting line so the mass starts were chaotic and the pace was extremely quick. It was great to see the Hoon Hay shirts dotted through the field with all our children giving it their best with fantastic times and smiles to finish. Special mention to Ben H, placing 21st in the Year 6 boys - Ben bet his last year's record time by a whole minute! Full results can be found on the Primary Sports Canterbury website - a link is on our school sport page. Well done Ben H, Tom S, Sophia W, Brody T, Matthew T and Toby P. Due to illness/injury James F was unable to compete.



## Basketball

Well Hoon Hay basketball does not get any better than this. Our Hoon Hay Globetrotters have been noticed playing in their Wednesday night competition at Pioneer and were asked if they could play a short game in between the half time break at the Canterbury Rams game on Sunday 14th June at Cowles Stadium. What a fantastic experience to play in front of such a huge crowd. Even though it was a very short game, the coach said they played brilliantly, they had all the Ram's moves just could not sink a basket. They also managed to keep Hillview in check and only allowed them to score once. Well done to Alex W, Tom S, Connor S, Dallas C and Ben H for stepping into the limelight with sport. Jesse B, Reuben B and Rio M were unavailable to play on the Sunday much to their disappointment.





# photos of the week



The Hoon Hay Hairdressing Salon is open for business. Restyling only - no colours and definitely NO CUTS! What fun ☺



Kids enjoying the delights of nature





# Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Bring your \$2 to the hall before school  
to order your Sausage!

## Calendar Dates

### JUNE

- 22 Canterbury Schools Rhythmic Gymnastics  
Triple P Parenting Course  
Blogger & Home Learning
- 23 Canterbury Schools Indoor Tournament – Basketball
- 24 3 Way Interviews – Years 4, 5 & 6
- 25 Sausage Sizzle
- 26 Full School Assembly
- 29 3 Way Interviews – Years 4, 5 & 6  
Triple P Parenting Course – 7.00pm Staffroom

### JULY

- 01 3 Way Interviews – Years 4, 5 & 6
- 03 End of Term 2
  
- 20 Start of Term 3



## 2015 Public Holidays

**Monday 26 October** Labour Day  
**Friday 13 November** Show Day

## 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

## Community News

### Christchurch South Intermediate Open Night – Thursday 23 July 6.30-8pm.

Christchurch South Intermediate will hold its Open Night on Thursday 23 July from 6.30 – 8.00pm. We invite you to join us to see our students engaging in a wide variety of activities throughout the school. There will be classroom displays, as well as the opportunity to see our specialisation areas in action – Science, Digitech, Coding and 3D Printing, Visual and Performing Arts, Food and Fabric, and Hard Materials (Workshop area).

Our staff, Board of Trustees and PTA will be available to help with any queries. For further information please ring 332 2408; email [principal@chchsouth.ac.nz](mailto:principal@chchsouth.ac.nz) or see [www.chchsouth.ac.nz](http://www.chchsouth.ac.nz)

**Mainland Football outdoors** – for children 7-14 years old. Dates: 13, 14, 15 July, Times: 9-00am - 3-00pm at ASB Football Park. Cost: \$35 per day (\$90 for three consecutive days) - 10% discount of second child. Mainland Football have an inside facility suitable for inside activities. This includes indoor skills sessions as well as player development quiz's, presentations and task's. In case of bad weather please bring a towel and a full change of clothes as we try and get outside for some part of the day. For more information: [www.mainlandfootball.co.nz](http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz)



# Community News con't

## Christchurch City Libraries – Afterschool Programmes

**Girls Zone** - An afterschool programme where girls are encouraged to extend and expand their computer and technological skills. Each term will have a different focus, either film making and animation or photography.

**Where:** South Learning Centre (South Library)

**When:** Mondays during term time 3.30 – 5.00pm (starting on Monday 27 July)

**Age:** 10 – 13 years **Cost:** \$20 per child per term

**Workshop Club** - An afterschool programme where children are encouraged to extend and expand their computer and technological skills. Each term will have a different focus, either film making and animation or photography.

**Where:** South Learning Centre (South Library)

**When:** Tuesdays during term time 3.30 – 5.00pm (starting on Tuesday 28 July)

**Age:** 10 – 13 years **Cost:** \$20 per child per term

**eBook Club** - Discover exciting new apps and create your own stories, book reviews and blog posts. Learn about the library catalogue and website to access ebooks, log your reading and find great new books to read.

**Where:** South Learning Centre (South Library)

**When:** Wednesdays during term time 3.30 – 4.30pm (starting on Wednesday 29 July)

**Age:** 8 – 12 years **Cost:** \$20 per child per term

We also have a new programme that has been initiated by a couple of our local high school students who will be running the following programme in partnership with one of our librarians on a Saturday afternoon...

**Minecraft Club for Girls** - Get creative, start crafting! Build imaginative worlds and battle nocturnal creatures. Novice or expert, join the club and play with your friends in our very own world.

**Where:** South Learning Centre (South Library)

**When:** Saturday's during term time 2.30 – 3.30pm (starting on Saturday 1 August)

**Age:** 8 – 13 years

**Cost:** \$20 per child per term

To make a booking for any of these courses, please either phone: (03) 941 5140 or email: [learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz)

**Dog Training for Kids** - Come and join the other kids in teaching your dog some manners, and tricks. It's easier than you think! 5 weeks of fun starting Wednesday July 1 at 6:30pm at the Blind Foundation, Merivale. More info and register: [www.nakeddog.nz](http://www.nakeddog.nz) or ring 389 4065 or 021 82 DOGS (3647)

**Looking for a great cleaner?** Give Fran a call on 338 1697 to clean up your place – she can also do your ironing.

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Sportastic is a fun, affordable holiday programme for sporty 9 to 12 year olds. Run by the sports science team at CPIT, the programme offers diverse sporting experiences and opportunities for children who enjoy being active.

The programme runs from:  
**Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July.**

To learn more visit  
**[cpit.ac.nz](http://cpit.ac.nz)**  
or call **0800 24 24 76**

