

# Hoon Hay School

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Kia ora Whānau,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a large number of people for all the work that was put into organising our school fair. The fair committee consisted of Lou Cameron, Michelle Fletcher, Di Gordon, Andrea Hotter, Sue Massie, Bernie McCarthy, Rae Stewart and indirectly all of the husbands and partners of the aforementioned! This team was led by the ever efficient but ever humble Susan Panckhurst, and again her husband, Andrew Smith, played a significant part. I really want to thank every single one of them for their efforts to ensure the fair was a real celebration of community. It is fantastic news that the fair raised over \$22,000, which is an amazing result that we can all feel very proud of. This is an example of collaborative practice - a true team effort led by the fair committee, but wholehearted supported by mums and dads, staff, children and the whole community. So well done everyone, and thank you. We hope you enjoy the photos on the next page.

Today I would also like to acknowledge Rachael Palmer, who is a dance teacher, as well a parent at our school. About this time last year, Rachael offered to take some dance groups in our school and we very quickly accepted! I'm not really sure if Rachael knew how full her timetable would be here, and that it was for the entire school year, included a fair and many other concert performances along the way. Rachael is super professional, easy to work with, and has provided opportunities for the children that they would not have had otherwise. Rachael does all of this out of the goodness of her heart and we want to say thanks - so thank you Rachael!

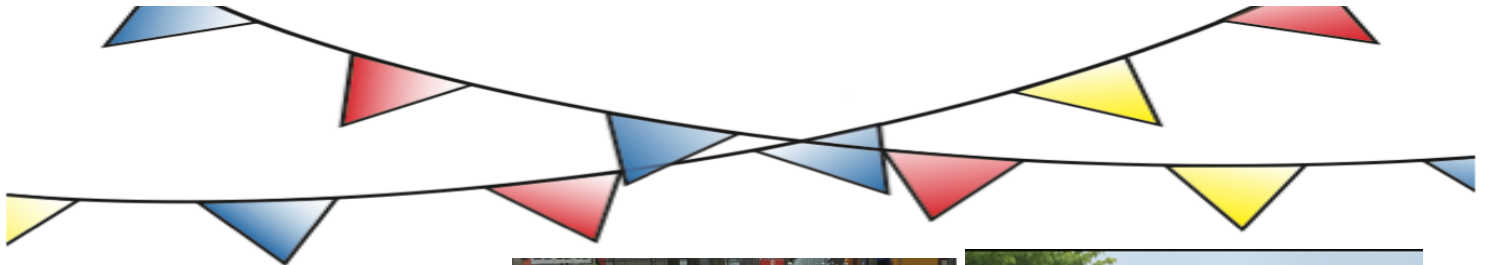
Congratulations also to The Hoon Hay Athletics Team who competed at the Canterbury Primary Schools Athletic Championships in Ashburton on Wednesday. Every single one of these children can feel very proud for qualifying for this level of competition, where they competed against the best of the best in Canterbury and the West Coast. Our team competed with passion and good spirit, with each of them demonstrating exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. We had outstanding results - some of the best we have had. More detail follows in the Sports News.

This is the time of year where the calendar is full, children are tired and out of routine, excited about Christmas and the tolerance threshold tends to decrease. Our goal is for everyone to end the year well with a smile so a few early nights where possible would be greatly appreciated.

Have a super weekend.

Lee







# Sport

## Athletics

The little town of Ashburton turned on some extremely hot weather for our athletes at the Primary Schools Athletic Championships on Wednesday. There were 1982 athletes competing and our Hoon Hay children did themselves and our school proud.

The following children took out the top placings in their events....  
Congratulations to.....



## Darnye M- 1<sup>st</sup> 10 yr boys Discus



Ben H - 2nd - 11 yr boys Discus  
Reuben B - 2nd - 10 yr boys Shot Put



Jesse B - 3rd - 11 yr boys High Jump



Here is Darnye with his certificate and some other shots from the day!



# School Docs

Please visit the SchoolDocs website <http://hoonhay.schooldocs.co.nz> and logon to look at our current school policy up for review – *Improving Educational Outcomes for Maori Students*. **User name:** hoonhay **Password:** sparks

## Calendar Dates

### NOVEMBER

30 – 11 Dec Legends Swimming

### DECEMBER

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| 7  | Mighty Minnows Trip to Spencer Park (pp day 9 December) |
| 7  | Yr 6 Pioneer Pool Party - 6 – 8 pm                      |
| 8  | Grandparents and Senior Citizens Concert – 1.30pm       |
| 10 | Board of Trustees Meeting – 7pm                         |
| 11 | Second Hand Uniform Sale                                |
| 14 | Nest End of Year Celebration                            |
|    | Team Koru / Legends trip to Halswell Pool               |
| 15 | End of Year Assemblies – see below for times            |
| 16 | Last day of the year – <b>school finishes 12 noon</b>   |



## End of Year Assemblies Tuesday 15 December

9:30 am - 10.00 am	The Nest
10:30am - 11.00 am	Team Koru
12 noon - 12:30 pm	Mighty Minnows
1:30 pm – 3.00 pm	Legends

## 2016 Term Dates

### Term 1

Monday 01 February – Friday 15 April

### Term 2

Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

### Term 3

Monday 25 July – Friday 23 September

### Term 4

Monday 10 October – 12 noon Thursday 15 December

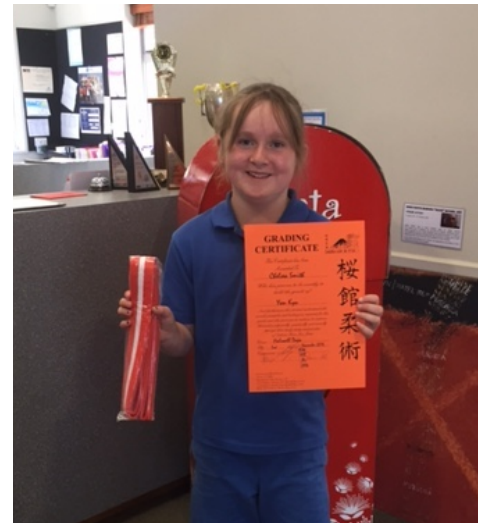


# Hoon Hay Heroes



Congratulations to Dallas C and Rhys T for being selected for a Canterbury Cricket Team to play in the Mandeville Tournament over the Holidays. Good luck boys.

Chelsea S (right) is pictured with her Orange Belt for Jui jitsu that was awarded after 2 ½ hours of grading. Well down to Ahnika D who was also promoted to Orange Belt.



## Community Notices

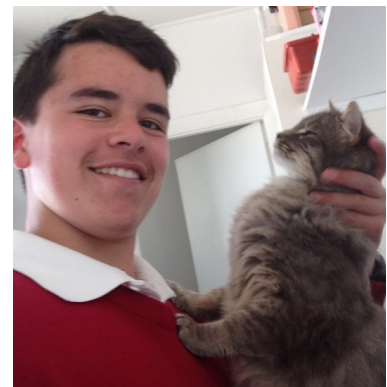
**Golf Holiday Programmes for Children** are being held at the Hagley Park Course between Monday 18th and Friday 29th January. Programme conducted by experienced "Canterbury Golf in Schools Presenter Neil Birkett". Please contact [neilandraewyn@paradise.net.nz](mailto:neilandraewyn@paradise.net.nz) for more details.

**Keyboard Lessons** available at school (before school or lunch time), Please phone Dianne Tovey on 9421 886.

### Cat Feeding Services over Christmas Holidays

Hi, my name is Kaleb Harrison and I have two brothers at Hoon Hay School. I'm a 13½ year old honest and reliable cat lover looking to make some pocket money over Christmas by feeding your cat while you're away enjoying your holiday. I know a lot of cats would much prefer to stay in the comforts of their own home to roam around instead of being put into a cattery. I have been feeding cats for over a year now for several families.

I'll feed them and give them lots of cuddles. I'm also happy to collect your mail, put your bins out, water your plants etc. All of this will be under my mother's supervision and guidance. I will feed them once a day for \$5 or twice a day for \$6. If you are not within walking distance to my house in Hoon Hay it will be \$1 extra, each trip. If you would like to discuss this further please contact myself or Mum by email [karen.harrison@xtra.co.nz](mailto:karen.harrison@xtra.co.nz) or call 021 2930434.



**Hillmorton Community Day** – Saturday 5 December, 12 – 3pm, Hillmorton High School Field. We welcome everyone to the Hillmorton High School community day. Heaps of fun with free events such as Zorb Football, Sumo Suits, Water Slides, Pony Rides, Haunted House plus many more. There will be food available to purchase. We would love to see you all there!



**Hoon Hay Neighbourhood**

# **Christmas Carols**

**Friday 18 December**

**90 Hoon Hay Road**

**Picnic Tea @ 5.30pm**

**Bring your own picnic and a rug or a chair to sit on**

**Carols starting @ 6.30pm**

**Come and join us for some Christmas fun**

**Keep our community connected**

**Join the Hoon Hay Neighbourhood network Facebook group  
and keep yourself connected with the Hoon Hay neighbourhood**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hoonhayneighbourhood/>**