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Kia ora whānau

This term has sped by incredibly fast and it is staggering to think that we are a quarter of the way through the school year already! As a staff we have been thrilled with how quickly the children have settled into school developing positive connections and classroom environments that support and promote learning. It is a pleasure to wander around the rooms and see learning in action.



A few highlights for me have been the 21st Century Maths parent evening, the whānau hui and of course the many occasions we come together at full school assembly to celebrate and acknowledge hard work and positive attitudes. When we see those 5 year old skipping up to receive their blendie awards waving excitedly to their fan club, it reminds us all of what a privilege it is to be part of every child's learning.



A big thanks to Michelle Meaclem for organising the full school cross country at Halswell Quarry. It takes a lot of careful planning to ensure major events like this go off without a hitch and I would like to acknowledge the amount of time and effort that Michelle puts into getting things just right and trying to think through every risk....even to the extent of assessing hay fever levels! Thanks Michelle – we do appreciate it! We hope that you all managed to get some sponsorship for your children's great efforts, and ask that **money be in by Wednesday next week (13th April)** – thank you for your support. Term One finishes next Friday, 15 April, and we will be holding a full school assembly this day which will incorporate the **Runathon prizegiving**.



Next term we are focusing on the delivery of the health curriculum. We are kickstarting with a unit on Keeping Ourselves Safe in conjunction with the NZ police. A parent meeting led by Senior Constable Ross Mitchell was held to talk through the programme. KOS will be followed up by a "Confident Me" programme which is delivered with the assistance of external facilitators. Both units are MOE approved and have been part of most school's health programmes for many years now. They focus on children feeling good about themselves, growing up, changing, relationships, decision making and knowing what to do when things make them feel uncomfortable and who they can go to talk things over with. There is a new component to the "Confident Me" programme which focuses on the reproductive system. Please come along and hear about it from the experts on 12 April at 6:30pm where the facilitators will outline the programme. We would encourage you to come along.



BREAKING NEWS: Congratulations to Mel Scott and her husband Blair, now proud parents of Zoe Lea, 6lb 3oz on 06 April. Everything is going really well and baby is gorgeous.

Ngā mihi

Lee

Welcome to:

A huge welcome to:

Blake B, Bryn W, Drew W,
Dela B, Grace F &
Roytara W.



principals Awards



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

Eva L, Hannah B, Amelia L, Alex Y,
Emily H, Lily F, Renan C, Kalyan B,
Eadie P, Rosario J & Sienna T.

Birthdays

Rā whānau – Bronson H, Brody T,
James R-F, Joshua B, Alex H, Alya D,
Samantha T, Carter R, Jarrah T-M & Keira R.



Rm 10 & Rm 18 lead assembly

Last week Rooms 10 and 18 joined forces to craft an amazing assembly based around Minecraft. This photo shows the children and their fantastic masks – can you pick out Miss Turner and Miss Scott? A video of their performance item is on their class blogs – click [here](#) to view it!



Cross Country

Congratulations to all our children who competed in the Cross Country at the Halswell Quarry on Tuesday 5th April. It was a beautiful sunny day and it was wonderful to see the children being active in the great outdoors.

Children were crossing the finish line with a real sense of achievement. They were also earning house points, and fund raising for our school as they ran. It is lovely to have a whole school wide event with all children being able to participate.

Everyone who crossed the finish line was a winner on the day and house points were collected.

Houses were very competitive and this year **Heathcote** took 1st place honours, with **Sparks** in 2nd, **Worsley** 3rd followed by **Cracroft**.

A **BIG thank-you** to the parents who helped out with marshalling duties on the day. Check out these great photos. More photos & results can be found on our school website on the sports page.

Please return your sponsorship cards and money to the school office by Wednesday 13 April.



Kapa Haka

On Friday, a small group from our Senior Kapa Haka visited Seedlings Early Learning Centre in Halswell. They performed two items from last year's Cultural Festival routine, sang two waiata-ā-ringa from Junior Kapa Haka which we encouraged the Seedlings' tamariki to join in with. They responded with a haka and then the tamariki all had kai together. Afterwards, we were given the opportunity to play together on Seedlings' cool equipment! Click [here](#) to view more photos on the [Kapa Haka blog](#).



Ka rongo ka wareware Ka kite ka mahara ka hangaia ahau ka
marama ahau.

I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand.

What else are we great at?

Luke S, Room 12, competed over the weekend 19-20 March in the South East Asia Pacific Cup International Short Track Ice Speed Skating competition, in Auckland. This meet was part of a tri-series between South East Asia, Australia



and New Zealand. Luke skated very well, learned a lot, and made some new friends. A highlight for him was winning the B final of the 777m race. It was a great learning experience for him. He was placed a very respectable 8th place in the International 10 and Under grade. Well done Luke!

Over Easter Weekend, Caleb A and Kaylin J competed in Dance Competitions. Caleb was awarded a very special award for the most promising male dancer and was placed 1st place in Demi character. Kaylin was placed 1st in Lyrical Dance. Great work guys.



Do you know Someone turning 5 Soon?

If you know of a 5 year that is in our Hoon Hay School zone and planning to attend Hoon Hay - please encourage their parents to phone the office to ensure that they are on the database. The more accurate our numbers are, the better we can plan. Thank you for your helping us with this.

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS - YR 5 & 6

We would like to thank all the children who turned up to the trials to be selected for one of our many winter sports teams. The selection process is given a lot of consideration and discussion between selectors. These teams have now been selected and children advised.

Our winter sport is played over terms 2 & 3 and begins week 3 of term 2 dates as follows:

Friday Hagley Sport 20th May - 26th August.

Pioneer Basketball 18th May - 7th September.

If your child has been selected for a team they will come home with more information next week.

School sports uniforms will be issued at the start of Term 2. These need to be looked after and returned clean at the end of the season.

WELL DONE Eddie F who swam very fast at the Primary Schools Swimming Championships at Selwyn Aquatic Centre on Thursday. Eddie swam his personal best time in his breaststroke heat – way to go Eddie!

Huxster Schools Mountain Bike Relay

Congratulations to George M and Lochie E who took part in this event at McLeans Island on Friday 8th April. These boys pedalled lap after lap in a very competitive field in wet and windy conditions – nice work boys.



What's coming up!

dates to Remember

Calendar Dates

APRIL

- 11 Museum Visit – Rooms 8 & 10
- 12 Museum Visit – Rooms 7 & 11
Top Team Challenge – Team Totara
Confident Me Parent Meeting – 6.30 pm
- 13 Crazy Hair Day - \$2 donation
- 14 Museum Visit – Rooms 9 & 12
- 15 Full School Assembly
Last day of Term 1

MAY

- 02 First day of Term 2
- 02-03 Team Koru – Wodend Camp
- 09 – 11 Yr 6 Arthur's Pass Camp – Rms 18 & 20
Yr 5 Spencer Park Camp – Rms 19 & 21
- 10 Primary School Duathlon – Ruapuna Speedway
- 11 – 13 Yr 6 Arthur's Pass Camp – Rms 18 & 20
Yr 5 Spencer Park Camp – Rms 19 & 21
- 13 Full School Assembly
- 18 Pioneer Basketball begins
- 20 Winter Sport begins
- 24 – 26 Science Alive visit – Team Koru & Legends
- 26 BOT Meeting – 7pm in staffroom
- 27 Full School Assembly
Zone Cross Country (pp 01 June)

JUNE

- 02 Dogsmart Presentation



**Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday 13th
\$2**

2016 School Terms

Term 1

Monday 01 February – Friday 15 April

Term 2

Monday 02 May – Friday 08 July

Term 3

Monday 25 July – Friday 23 September

Term 4

Monday 10 October – 12 noon Thursday 15 December

2016 Public Holidays

- Monday 25 April** ANZAC Day
- Monday 6 June** Queens Birthday
- Monday 24 October** Labour Day
- Friday 11 November** Show Day

Community News!

Hillmorton High School - Our 2016 Open Night will be held on Tuesday 24 May, 7-9 pm, with tours of the school available during the day on request.

Geek & Sundry's Tabletop Day, April 30, 10am to 10pm at the Burnham Community Hall. For more information visit <http://geekandsundry.com/shows/tabletop/>

Christchurch United Football Club is looking for a couple more players who are turning 9 or 10 this year. Please visit www.christchurchunited.co.nz or email info@christchurchunited.co.nz for more information. Training is Thursday afternoon and game on Saturday.

SURFKIDS - April Holiday Surfing Programme in Sumner. Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction. For kids 8 - 14 years. April School Holidays 10 am-12 pm, 18 - 22 April, 26 - 29 April. \$30 per day or \$135 for five. Bookings essential. Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at www.surfcoach.co.nz

Christchurch Football Academy has opened registration for their holiday camps. Open to footballers from any abilities. (You don't need to be registered to a club or to CFA to attend) You may use the link below to register for our Autumn and Winter Holiday Camps: [Please click here to register for our Holiday Camps in 2016!](#)

Halswell Community Market - Sunday 24th April, 12 – 3pm - 50 stalls of awesomeness with fresh vegies, flowers, plants, arts crafts, clothing, stuff for your home and garden - even apparel for your dog!! Live music, food and coffee. Come for a picnic - we will have an ANZAC scavenger hunt and colouring competition!! St John of God, Aidanfield, 26 Nash Road. Park at Aidanfield School for a gold coin. We are also looking for **performers** and children to join the market in the **Kids Corner**. If you would like to join the market or perform - contact Kate on 370 0344 or communitymarket.halswell@gmail.com.

Mind Lab – To find out details of April School Holiday Programmes and our open day, please visit www.mindlab.com.

THE SALVATION ARMY

SYDENHAM CORPS

FIJI FUNDRAISER

FILL-A-BAG * SAUSAGE SIZZLE * FACE PAINTING

April 9th
9.30am-12pm
\$2 a bag

The Salvation Army Sydenham,
250 Colombo Street.

All proceeds will go to The Salvation Army's relief efforts in Fiji in response to Cyclone Winston.

FILL A BAG EVENT*

Community News!

BEGINNER SELF DEFENCE & FITNESS CLASSES



What are you doing over the school holidays? Ever thought of trying a karate class? Here's a great opportunity.

During the holidays, GKR Karate would like to invite you and the family to come and try out a class. Being non-contact it's safe for kids as young as 5 and adults up to 75. Everyone welcome.

28 APRIL - 1 MAY

We have 20+ locations in Christchurch. The closest one is at the local school.

Mondays at Addington School
(held in school hall)
22 Brougham Street, Spreydon
Arrive at 5.40pm for 6pm start till 7.30pm

Cost: \$13pp per class

Arrive 20 minutes before class to fill out some details and introductions.

Wear comfortable clothes, bring a drink bottle and smile.

After the class, you will have the opportunity to become a GKR Karate member at a heavily discounted fee. Further discounts will also be available if you wish to join the whole family.

Queries: Sensei Anthony Kaiaruna 0277 653 935



GKRKARATE.COM/PROMO
GKRKARATE.COM   



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www.kellysports.co.nz
OSCAR Subsidies Available

APRIL 2016 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME St Martins School

Monday 18th to Friday 20th April

Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes aim to encourage children to give sports a go, build their confidence and skills while having heaps of fun in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Our friendly coaches are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Our programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee your children have a great time! Come and join us for....

Nutritional Session with Commonwealth Games Road Cyclist Reta Trotman • Dodgeball • Inter Programme Challenge Day • Football Skills and so much more

Ninja Activities • Dodgeball • Wheels Day • Cricket World Cup and much more

WHO

Boys and Girls aged 5 – 13 years

INFO

MSD Approved: All Kelly Sports programmes have been approved by Child, Youth and Family and meet all professional standards.

WINZ/OSCAR Subsidy: Parents/caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information <http://www.workandincome.govt.nz>.

ENROL

Online - www.kellysports.co.nz click on 'Events' & search for Christchurch East
OR email steve@kellysports.co.nz

Half Day - \$28 Full Day - \$40 Full Week - \$185
Breakfast Club - \$8 Twilight Club - \$10

Email: steve@kellysports.co.nz Phone: 021 044 6283



Like us on Facebook – facebook.com/KSportsCHCH

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

ROBOTICS

Tues 19th April

Session One: 10am - 12 Noon

Session Two: 1pm - 3pm

Wed 20th April

Session Three: 10am - 12 Noon

Session Four: 1pm - 3pm

8 - 13yrs - \$10pp

CULTURAL CONSTELLATIONS

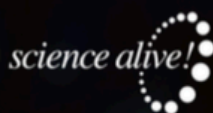
Tues 26th and Wed 27th April

5 - 13yrs - \$5pp or \$20 per family

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!!!

contact community@sciencealive.co.nz

WITH



SCIENCE SNIPPETS
(in the library)
returns Mon 9th May

If you can share your skills you can be a trustee



SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Step forward
Piki ake



What is a school board of trustees?

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees.

School board membership includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal. If the school has students above year 9, the board also includes a student representative.

What do trustees do?

First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents and community. The board has the overall responsibility for the school. This includes legal obligations covering curriculum, property, personnel, finance and health and safety.

Here are some specific things the board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and long-term plans for the school and monitors the board's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress and achievement.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special education needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the school's performance are in place.

Check out www.nzsta.org.nz/trustee-elections/what-is-a-trustee/ for more information regarding trusteeship.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board. Your school will be happy to help you find out more about standing for election or nominating someone else.

How is a board elected?

The school staff and parents elect boards of trustees every three years.

All parents of students who are enrolled full-time in a state or state-integrated school can and should vote in the elections for parent representatives.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association, through a Ministry of Education contract, provides free advice and support. They also fund a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

Your local Ministry of Education office also support and resource professional learning opportunities and guidance to boards

NZSTA ELECTION ADVICE

0800 STAHELP (0800 782 435)

www.nzsta.org.nz



If you can share your skills you can be a trustee

Becoming a school trustee could be one of the most rewarding roles you have.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning. Step forward and nominate yourself or someone you know by filling out a nomination form available from your school.

Learn more at www.trustee-election.co.nz

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