



Heriot School

NEWSLETTER #2

Monday 24 February 2020 (Term One – Week Four)

Dear Parents, Friends and Whānau

Kia Ora Koutou. We are so fortunate to be blessed with such supportive and positive children and families.

On Thursday our Y5&6 campers returned from Bannockburn. All were happy and full of tall tales of what they had been up to. A huge thank you to the parents who supported our children over the week; Grant Anderson, Richard Brandon, Angela McHutchon and Lynn Fletcher. Thank you also to Rochelle Pryde for her support. A big thanks to Mrs O'Meara for all of her work in preparation for, and during camp. It is much appreciated.

Corey Roulston, Andrew Herriott, John McHutchon and Scott Walker all put in the poles for our swings and shade sail last week. As I mentioned we are so fortunate to have volunteers from our families such as these guys. They contribute in order to make our school environment a better place for your children and for our community. Thank you. If you are interested in helping out we are having a working bee on Friday at 3.30. If you can spare an hour or so to help out it would be valued.

We have spent an amount of time on run, jump, throw skills and tomorrow is the day we can put it all together. Waikoikoi, Tapanui and Heriot Schools compete in the West Otago Athletic Sports and these have been running for many years. You should have received a notice with all of the necessary information but if not then please contact the school. Some people have raised concerns about the level of competition for 6



year olds. Each year we review the organisation and criteria in all aspects of the athletics. Six year olds who have only competed in the junior sports once are required to compete in the junior run, jump, throw activities. All three schools agree on the criteria each year and did so again after the 2019 sports. If you have any issue with this then please get in touch with me so that I can bring them up at our review meeting after athletics.

Please encourage your child to take responsibility for and

look after their own belongings. There have been a huge number of hats, jackets, all sorts of clothing, and many socks left out at school every afternoon. We need to help them to be able to better help themselves. Nga Mihi Nui. Thank you

Colin McHutchon, Tumuaki/Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tue 25 Feb	West Otago Athletic Sports, <i>BMC Grounds Tapanui</i>
Fri 28 Feb	Working Bee 3.30pm
Fri 28 Feb	WO Triathlon (Tapanui) Y4-6
Th 5 March	BOT/Staff Dinner
Fri 6 March	Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm
Tue 10 March	Eastern Zone Athletics
Tue 17 March	BOT Meeting, 7pm
Mon 23 March	Otago Anniv. Day (School Closed)
Tue 24-26 March	Education Review Office Visit
Thu 2 April	Last Day Term One 2020

HERIOT SCHOOL WHAKATAUKI

**Whaowhia te
kete mātauranga**
Fill the basket of
knowledge.

Teacher Contact Information:

Debra Roulston (Junior Mon-Wed)
Aimee Keenan (Junior Thur-Fri)
Joleen Harding (Middle Mon-Thur)
Penny O'Meara (Senior)

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Important Information

A special greeting to Sophie McCraw who started on Friday last week in the junior room.
Welcome to the Heriot School community to Cath and Luke (Sophie's parents)

HOME/SCHOOL - COMMUNICATION

We try to keep parents, whānau and our school community as informed as possible and this newsletter is one of the important ways that we attempt to achieve this. It is emailed home every fortnight (usually on a Monday) and it also goes onto our school website; www.heriot.school.nz and onto our school app; School Apps NZ, Snapp Mobile. If you would like a paper copy please contact Mrs Pauline Cormack our school Office Manager (office@heriot.school.nz or phone 2042007) otherwise it will be emailed to you. We have set up Seesaw (student driven digital communication tool) and information about how you can easily access this, should be with you. Our school PTA have set up a Facebook page and you are welcome to join up to this as well if you wish

CONTACTING SCHOOL

You can ring the school office on 2042007. Please leave a message if no one answers your call. Messages are checked regularly through the day. You can email the office or the principal at office@heriot.school.nz (Pauline Cormack- Office Manager) or principal@heriot.school.nz (Colin McHutchon – Principal). It pays to send a message to both of us because Mrs Cormack works 4 days per week and I can be teaching or out of the office.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure that we have your up to date contact information. It is also very important that we have a back-up in case we cannot contact you in the first instance.

If you need to update any information then please get in touch with Pauline in the office asap.

BOILER

Spark Energy will be here on Thursday this week to begin pre-commissioning the boiler. We are hopeful that it will be up and running before the end of February. After deliberation with the MOE we have learned that we will be able to supplement the heating of the swimming pool with heat from the boiler.

PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAMME

You may not be aware that Susie Burrows is volunteering her time and expertise in developing a perceptual motor programme (PMP) with our junior learners. PMP is a movement-based programme that concentrates on the development of perception and language through a series of planned activities. The objective of the PMP programme is to improve a number of skills such as language, concentration, concepts of print, social skills, behaviour and motor skills.

If you have any questions about PMP please contact Debra or Aimee in the junior room.

SNOW PHONES

The first week of school this week was one out of the box. It emphasises the importance of being able to contact everyone in a short period of time though. The Snow Phone Lists are updated every year. The bus drivers are given lists of families and they add and subtract families as required. There is no reason why the list should not work unless someone decides not to ring the next family in the chain. We have agreed to review this process going forward and will be looking at blanket texts, messenger, email, Facebook etc as options. If you are uncertain about what is happening or you have not heard anything, then please just get in touch with me.

WEST OTAGO ATHLETIC SPORTS

These are contested between Waikoikoi, Tapanui and Heriot School at the Blue Mountain College Fields. This year it is being organised by Waikoikoi and will be held on Tuesday 25 February. There is no 'school' on this day as everyone congregates at BMC. It is expected that you will travel with your child or work in with others to ensure that they are at the sports. The juniors 6< will participate in run, jump, throw activities while all other children rotate in their age groups. The juniors are usually finished by 11.30 and at that time they are free to go home (as long as you inform Mrs Roulston). As soon as the seniors have finished their events (including sprint finals) then they are also free to go home. More information will be available as soon as it is available to us.

SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, RIPSTICKS, SKATES/ROLLERBLADES

The school has been kindly donated two scooters by Tracy and John Herbert. We have informed all classes that they are allowed to ride the scooters if they have their own helmet. They are allowed to bring scooters, skateboards and rip-sticks to school at their own risk as long as they wear a helmet at all times and store their vehicle behind the benches against the classroom (away from walkways). You will also need to check with the bus driver in case they do not permit students to bring scooters, skateboards or rip-sticks on board the bus. If children want to bring rollerblades or skates then they need to have wrist/elbow and knee pads as well as a helmet. If you would like to discuss this with me further then please get in touch.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

We are missing many, many sports uniforms. We are missing shorts, especially. Please if you have any at home can you please return these to school as soon as possible. Thank you

**WORKING BEE – THIS FRIDAY 28
MARCH FROM 3.30**

TAPANUI TRAMPOLINING

A trampoline club in Tapanui ?

(initially for primary & intermediate age students)

Please register your interest by contacting:

Merv. L. Clayton (qualified coach) on

03-2048951

or 0274444260 or mervjude@gmail.com

Heriot School Values Awards



Every Friday we have a values assembly at approximately 2.45pm.

This is a brief time, that we are together as a school, where we recognise and celebrate any successes our students have had. We share any activities we are proud of as a class and teachers share any special notices.

Importantly this a time that one student from each class is awarded a values certificate for consistently displaying a particular Heriot School value over the course of the week. These values are;

Honesty
Excellence

*Term One, Week Two - Senior: **Hunter Sargent** (Tenacity), Middle: **Saxon Hellewell** (Respect), Junior: **Amalie Saunders** (Independence)*



To create opportunity, release potential, celebrate success



*Term One, Week Three - Junior: **Charlotte Winterbourne** (Excellence), Middle: **Grace Pyper** (Independence), Senior: **Jazmine Sparks** (Excellence)*

Respect Independence Open-Mindedness Tenacity

Achievement is also recognised through classroom certificates, which are awarded to one student per classroom each week as well.

You are welcome to attend our values assembly if you are collecting your child or simply want to have look at what we're up to. The opportunities for us to present and share a whole school assembly to you this term are; **Friday 6 March** and then **Friday 3 April**.

These will begin at **2.30** and we would love to see you there.