



HERIOT SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER #3

Tuesday 5 March 2019 (Term One – Week Six)

## Dear Parents, Friends and Whānau

We are halfway into term one and there are a number of things coming up for us all to look forward to.

Firstly, congratulations to Addie McHutchon and Toby Hazlett for competing in the recent Tapanui Swimming Sports. They were our sole competitors and we are proud of their performances and way they represented Heriot School.

The same can be said for our entire school at the West Otago

Primary School Athletic Sports. Parents and staff commented positively on the way that Heriot School students conducted themselves in competition and in the way they treated others. We congratulate Waikoikoi School accumulating overall points and winning the WO Primary Schools Athletics Trophy again in 2019. Well done to their students and school for this achievement.

Student Led Learning Conferences are taking place tomorrow afternoon and evening. It is not too late to contact the office to arrange a time to meet together with your child and teacher(s) to discuss their learning progress. This is important as far as identifying where your child is 'at' in their learning journey and what sorts of things you can help them work on from this point.

Thank you to those parents who helped with supervision and transport on the Y5&6 Leadership Day at Camp Columba in Pukerau yesterday.

Our behaviour 'Reward Day' was held on Friday and the reasons we celebrate days like this were evident in the attitudes of all of our children. They demonstrated Heriot School values and the day's activities were a success largely because of their amazing attitudes and standards.

Please be aware that we have a Community of Learning Teacher Only Day coming up in three weeks. This is the same weekend as Otago Anniversary Day.

Keep up to date with what is happening at school by reading 'Important Information' in this newsletter. If this does not answer the questions you have then please just get in touch with us at school.

Mauruuru koe mo to tautoko  
Thank you for your support

**Colin McHutchon**  
**Tumuaki (Principal)**



Jaydn Martyn enjoying the sun today

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 6 Mar	Learning Conferences 2.00-7.00pm
Thu 7 Mar	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 8 Mar	Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm (Middle)
Tue 12 Mar	Eastern Zone Athletics, Gore
Wed 13 Mar	Eastern Athletics Postponement
Wed 20 Mar	Paid Union Meeting 2.00pm
Fri 22 Mar	CoL Teacher Only Day ( <b>School CLOSED</b> )
Mon 25 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day ( <b>School CLOSED</b> )
Sat 30 Mar	Southland Athletics, Invercargill
Fri 12 Apr	Last Day of Term One

# Whakatauki (Proverbs)

Ko te wai te ora o ngā mea katoa

Water is the life giver of all things

## Important Information

### Student Led Learning Conferences

Please remember that these are being held tomorrow afternoon/evening from 2.00pm until 7.00pm. Ring the office to make a time if you have not already.

**NB:** School will remain officially open but there will be no classroom instruction in the afternoon. Feel free to collect your children from lunchtime onwards however buses will be running as per usual.

### Pomahaka Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day and Otago Anniversary Weekend

We will be having a 'Teacher Only Day' this term on Friday 22 March. This means that school will be **CLOSED** on this day. This was shared with you in 2018 and ALL learning centres in our Community of Learning (CoL) will be closed (including BMC and Kidzway). It is followed by the Otago Anniversary Day holiday on Monday 25 March.

### Life Choices Starts

Christian Religious Education is now known as 'Life Choices'. It began for 2019 this afternoon and runs from 1.30pm until 2.00pm every Tuesday. If you would like your child to be excluded from these sessions please contact the school.

### Sports Shed

This has been removed and all of our sports equipment is now housed in R4 until we find a suitable replacement.

### Boiler

The tender for our boiler replacement project closed on 21 February. The MOE now go through a procurement process in order to select the most appropriate contractors.

### Swimming Pool

The swimming pool remains open as usual. With the recent colder snap of weather, the temperature has dropped and it is currently about 20 degrees. Classes have not been swimming over the last week or so because of the temperature of the water.

### Ranfurly Shield

This is still subject to confirmation, but the Ranfurly Shield may be coming to our school on Wednesday 27 March (at some stage in the morning.) We will let you know as soon as we have more information.

### PAID UNION MEETINGS

NZEI are holding national paid union meetings in March. The meeting that we will be attending is in Gore on Wednesday 20 March at 2.00pm. If you are able to collect your children on this day then it would be much appreciated. Teachers will be travelling to this meeting from about 1.00pm. School will remain officially open but there will be no classroom instruction in the afternoon on this day.

### PTA

Please read the notice attached and try to get along to the first PTA Meeting for 2019 in the school meeting room on Thursday 7 March at 7.30pm.



With it being the start of a new year and with lots of new families beginning their time at Heriot School we thought it might be a good idea to outline what the PTA is all about and what we do.

The PTA is a group of Mums, Dads and teachers who come together to support our children's education. One of our main aims is to fundraise. This directly benefits all of the pupils at Heriot School. This money is used for a wide variety of things and provides numerous opportunities, events and activities for our children.

The PTA is open to ALL parents. It's a great way of connecting with other families through meetings and events and it helps to build a real sense of community.

Did you know that the PTA:

- \* organises and runs the School Disco
- \* organises the Bi-Annual Pet Day
- \* donates money to the BOT to help with additional opportunities for our children.
- \* organises swimming lessons (usually!)
- \* helps with the costs of Yr5/6 school camp
- \* helps with costs of Yr6 Leadership day in Dunedin
- \* run weekly raffles at Heriot Hotel
- \* Provides sunscreen for each classroom

Last year we also:

- \* provided new furniture for the new classroom upgrade
- \* provided the paint to re paint the school pool

Check out our Facebook page 'Heriot School PTA'. We post on this when anything is coming up. We would love to see more people get involved. If meetings aren't your thing, no worries, any type of help is always appreciated. Money raised by the PTA benefits EVERY child at school. So, if you have some great fundraising ideas, or even awesome opportunities you think we can provide for our children, come along to our next meeting or let Manja or Lynn know.

**NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7.30pm in the school Meeting Room.**

Lynn and Manja



## Assembly Awards

These people were awarded VALUES Certificates at our last assembly. We have values assemblies every week on a Friday at about 2.45pm to celebrate our successes and to acknowledge those students who have exceeded in displaying our values during the week. Mrs Roulston has organised an assembly process where the children who win certificates get acknowledged every week and become VIPs at the next week's assembly.

This week we are having a Whole School Assembly run by the Middle Room. We invite parents, friends and whānau to come along and celebrate with us.

**Lachie Fletcher (Junior)**  
**Caitlyn Steel (Middle)**  
**Peyton-Rose Young (Senior)**



### SANITARIUM

## WEET-BIX KIDS TRYathlon

Memorial Park, Mosgiel - Sunday 10/03/2019

Age 7 -15 years (Based on age on event day)

Compete as an individual or team

Teams can be mixed gender

Online entries close 7/03/2019

Register online now at <https://tryathlon>



## JADE SCHOOL OF DANCE

**HIP HOP CLASSES- TAPANUI**  
**WEDNESDAYS-Ages 5-18**

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