



NEWSLETTER # 6

TERM TWO – WEEK 2 MONDAY 8 MAY 2017

Dear Parents, Friends and Whanau

Kia ora koutou. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter break with family and friends. The first term and the holidays have raced by again but we have already managed to cram a lot into the year so far. Our Education Review Office external review report will be available online very soon. This was recently confirmed and will be published on their website; www.ero.govt.nz (if you are interested).

One of our major foci this term is our production “Hoodwinked”. Individual, group and school practices are already in full swing. Our performing artists (as well as Mrs Kinaston) are well and truly in their element. There is more information about this further on in this newsletter.



We were lucky enough to have some of the Highlanders visit us on the last day of term one. We did a great job of showing our support.

You will be aware that Mrs Kinaston is ‘with baby’ and this means that she will be taking maternity leave as of the end of this term. Mrs Sarah Davies will be assuming her role in the Senior Classroom for the time that she is away. Sarah is a wonderful fit because she knows and understands our learners. She can walk into this role with minimal transition and is familiar with our systems and structure. If you have any queries about this please do contact me.

This term we are really happy to welcome some new students and families to our school. William Ford (Y5) and his family (Nicky-Mum, Craig-Dad and Bridget-sister) have recently moved to Heriot from Little River on Banks Peninsula. We welcome them to the area and wish them all the best as they settle in. Vanessa Smart (Y0) joins her sister Charlotte, and is in the Junior Room with Miss Keenan. Adriana Roulston is the first child in her family to start school, so we welcome Holly-Mum and Stefan-Dad to the Heriot whānau (*it has been a while since Dad was at school here..*)

Unfortunately this week we have to farewell Leilani Falanisi and her brother Luca Bennett. Mum and Dad (Megan and Jack) and are taking up a new post in Kerikeri and we wish them the best of luck on their adventure north.

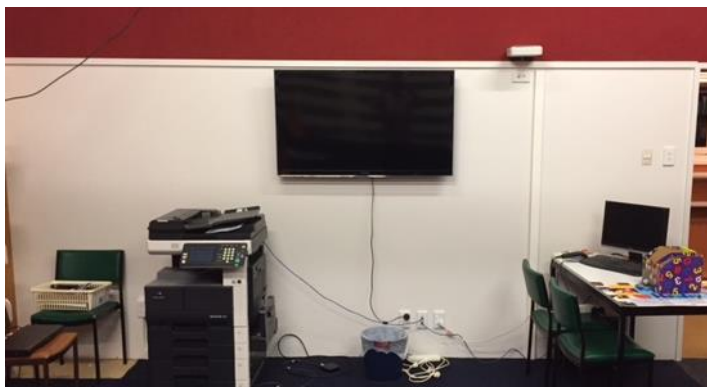
We appreciate and value your ongoing support and commitment.

Nga Mihi Nui
Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki (Principal)

To create opportunity, release potential, celebrate success

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 10 May	PTA 6.30pm
Sun 14 May	Mother's Day
Wed 17 May	Book Club Closes
Mon 22 May	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Mon 29 May	NYLD Dunedin – Y6's only
Wed 31 May	West Otago Cross Country
Tue 4 Jul	Production-Dress Rehearsal (Daytime)
Wed 5 Jul	Production-Dress Rehearsal (Daytime)
Wed 5 Jul	School Production 'Hoodwinked' (Evening)
Thu 6 Jul	School Production 'Hoodwinked' (Evening)



Todd Library Renovations

Jye Cormack has been hard at work for us again (in his own time) over the Easter break renovating the south wall of our library. You may not remember what the 'old library' used to look like but I can

assure you that this looks much, much better. I'd like to thank Jye for all of his hard work and for getting this done for us. The next phase is to have a bench installed along the entire wall for storage purposes.

Important Information

The Junior Room Want Boxes!

The Junior Room requires small and medium sized cardboard boxes for their technology unit this term. If you have any spare boxes lying around could you please send them to school with your child.

Pool Keys

As the pool is now closed, please return pool keys to the school office asap. Thank you!

School Accounts

School accounts are now due for payment. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

2017 Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics Competitions

For quite a few years we have participated in the ICAS (Australian) examinations. This year there is a New Zealand alternative created by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (University of Canterbury) - the *Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics Competitions*.

These will be held on the last two weeks of term 2 at a time that suits us. An entry form and letter are attached. **The cut off day for entries is Monday 15 May so if you would like to enter can you please let us know this week?**

Rippa Rugby Tournament

Tuesday 30 May at 10am. Balclutha Show Grounds. Postponement date **Thursday 1 June**.

A notice & permission slip will be coming home shortly.

Assembly

These are held each Friday in the library at 2.45pm. They are informal and organised by the students.

National Young Leaders Day 2017 – (NYLD)

The Y6 students have been given the opportunity to attend the NYLD conference in Dunedin again this year. Thank you to the PTA for generously supporting this leadership initiative and providing us with transport and entry costs.

Heriot & Tapanui Primary Schools' Cross Country

This will be held on Wednesday 31 May at Alastair and Julia Body's farm. More information will come to you as it becomes available to us.

We have started training for this during fitness times each morning (10.00am).

Please remember to send children to school with **appropriate footwear for running** every day (i.e. no gumboots, or fairy princess shoes, or fairy princess gumboots..)

Mid-Year Reports

We are all at different stages of gathering, collating and presenting information on student achievement in order to share this with you in Mid-Year Reports. EVERY child at Heriot School, irrespective of their age, will receive a Mid-Year Report in 2017. All five teachers; Miss Keenan, Mrs Roulston, Mrs Davies, Mrs Kinaston and I contribute to put these together. We are aiming to have this home to you the week of school production (beginning Monday 3 July).

Heriot School Production 2017 - 'HOODWINKED'

Our production this year will be held over TWO nights

These are: **Wednesday 5 July at 7pm & Thursday 6 July at 7pm**



This year we are doing things a little differently. Everyone wanting to attend the production will need to pre-purchase a ticket in order to be allocated a seat on the night that they specifically want to attend.

TICKETS are available at the school office for \$2 each. Please specify how many tickets you want and what night(s) you would like to attend.

NB: There will be no door sales.

DRESS REHEARSAL'S

On Tuesday 4 July we will be travelling to Tapanui for a dress rehearsal. The whole school will be travelling by bus. The following day (Wednesday) the whole school will again travel by bus to Tapanui for a full dress rehearsal (but on this particular day there will be an audience of school children and others watching us).

A more detailed notice will be going home soon to keep you informed.

If you have any questions at this stage then please talk with Mrs Tara Kinaston or myself.

Colin McHutchon
Principal