



NEWSLETTER #11

TERM TWO – WEEK 10 TUESDAY 3 JULY 2018

Dear Parents, Friends and Whānau

This term has been extremely frustrating for everyone. There have obviously been a number of staff changes and things have been sent to try us. In spite of the many challenges we have all faced this term, I can assure you that staff are doing the best job for your children that they can. We thank you for your outstanding support during a difficult time. I thank those of you who have remained in contact with us, have asked questions, shared your thinking and been proactive in trying to understand our position so far this year.

The biggest goal for us, at this point going forward, is to re-establish some strong consistency. This means consistency in our staffing, in our learning spaces, and most importantly in our relationships.

We will have Mrs Tara Kinaston back from Maternity Leave next term and she will go back into the Senior Class in her Principal Release Position (Monday to Wednesday). Mrs Debra Roulston will continue every Friday in the Junior Room as well as being our Specialist Teacher. Miss Joleen Harding is the Junior Teacher and Mr Lachlan Brensell remains in the Middle Room. If you have any questions about staffing please contact me directly.



These are the new entrants who have started so far this year in the Junior Room. They are all looking extremely serious about having their photo taken.

Top left clockwise – Nurdan Erdem, Charley McHutchon, Harry Winterbourne, Lochie Fletcher, Annabelle Dennehy, Grace Pyper.

Congratulations to Libby Young. Libby is this year's Heriot School recipient of the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award. In her time at primary school Libby has displayed a number of skills and attributes of a successful leader. Importantly, she does things with a great attitude, she is not afraid to tackle challenging tasks and she works well with all others. There will be a special presentation made to Libby by Westpac at 12.00pm this Thursday 5 July.

Our Winter Tournament is on today in glorious sunshine with all of our Y3-6 students (as well as Waikoikoi, and Tapanui) taking part in football and hockey games. This has been

happening at the Tapanui RFC for quite a few years now and we always get fantastic parental support on the side-lines as well as in providing transport. If you were one, or both, of these things today then we thank you very much.

Thank you again for your support this term. It has been a big first half of the year and we could not have operated without your help and encouragement. I urge you to contact me if you have something you wish to discuss. I sincerely hope you get to have some time with your children over the next two weeks and I look forward to starting fresh next term.

Nga Mihi Nui
Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki (Principal)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri 6 Jul	Last Day of Term 2
Mon 23 Jul	First Day of Term 3
Wed 1 Aug	ePro8 (Y5&6 teams)
Thu 13 Sept	Firewise (Y0-3)
Tue 18 Sept	Tapanui School Production 1pm
24-27 Sept	Arts & Crafts week
Fri 28 Sept	Life Education Bus visit
Fri 28 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

Whakataukā (Māori Proverb)

**He aroha whakatō,
he aroha puta mai.**

If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.

Important Information

Classrooms in T3-4

At the end of this term (as previously planned) our classes will move locations. This is predominantly so the Junior and Middle classes have the facility to be able to work collaboratively and more closely together. The Junior Class (Miss Harding) will move to R1. The Middle Class (Mr Brensell) will move next door to R2. The Senior Class will start fresh in R3 with Mrs Kinaston.

Into the future it is our plan that the R1 & 2 learning space will be collaborative and shared. In this way the classes in it will change at times depending on different factors.

Reports

Middle and Senior Room Student Achievement Reports were sent home today. Some families did not receive theirs due to being away at the Winter Tournament. These will be handed out to students tomorrow. *Please remember that juniors have already received their reports earlier this term in week 3.*

We would really appreciate any feedback you have on these new reports.

Please email to Colin – principal@heriot.school.nz

Contacting School

If you need to get a message to school then please make sure that you email **both** Pauline; office@heriot.school.nz or myself; principal@heriot.school.nz. You can also phone 2042007 and leave a message on the answerphone (this is checked by staff throughout the day).

Wig Wednesday

Our Mufti Day raised approximately \$250 for the Child Cancer Foundation. Thank you for your outstanding support yet again.

Teachers

Junior Room Teacher <i>Monday - Thursday</i>	Ms Joleen Harding	jharding@heriot.school.nz
Junior Room Teacher <i>Friday</i>	Mrs Debra Roulston	droulston@heriot.school.nz
Middle Room Teacher <i>Monday - Friday</i>	Mr Lockie Brensell	lbrensell@heriot.school.nz
Senior Room Teacher <i>Monday - Wednesday</i>	Mrs Tara Kinaston	tara@heriot.school.nz
Senior Room Teacher <i>Thursday - Friday</i>	Mr Colin McHutchon	principal@heriot.school.nz
Specialist teacher	Mrs Debra Roulston	droulston@heriot.school.nz

PTA NEWS. PTA NEWS. PTA NEWS. PTA NEWS.

We have held our AGM, and the following office bearers were elected:

Co Presidents: Manja Hellewell/Lynn Fletcher
Secretary: Ruth Winterbourne
Treasurer: Donna Pringle

Many thanks to Sheree Hickman (outgoing President), Teresa Young (outgoing Secretary) and Teresa Green (outgoing Catering Convenor), for all their hard work over the past couple of years. An organisation such as the PTA does not run itself, so we thank these ladies for putting their hand up, and doing a great job.

We held our Annual Disco on Friday night, it was so awesome to see all the kids having fun and bopping along to some great music. Thanks to all involved who helped out, and made it happen. For our first fundraising effort for the year, we are selling croissants. These come frozen from Quality bakers in Invercargill, and are really yummy. Later this week each family at school will be given an order form, so please get selling over the school holidays to family and friends. Order forms will be due back end of the first week back at school.

We are running a competition, to see who can sell the most! One prize for the family that sells the most, and another for the individual that sells the most. This has the potential to raise very good money, so your support will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

Manja and Lynn

Ski Trip

The Heriot ski trip this year to Cardrona is Friday 14th September, Saturday 15th September and Sunday 16th September.

The cost for each day is \$70 per person per day for a lift and lesson and \$90 per person per day for lift, rental and lesson. The price is the same for adults and children. Children under 6 years, receive free lift passes.

If you are interested or have any questions, please give me a call or send an email through. Spaces this year are limited, so first in first served. Thanks Beck Hazlett

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Paid Union Meetings

On behalf of the staff I thank you for your patience during the last two paid union meetings that have been run during school time. We realise this is inconvenient for you and certainly appreciate you collecting your children. In doing so this is actually supporting us and allows us to meet and consult with other primary teachers from around the Gore & Districts area.

The main issue is around the impact of a teacher shortage on resourcing children (especially those with learning needs).

As soon as I have any more information about anything coming up then I will share this with you directly.

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Pomahaka Kahui Ako

Working together to empower students, develop pathways and release the potential of our 'Pomahaka' learners for life.



July 2018

It has been a while since we have sent out a newsletter to our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) communities. A number of things have been happening to progress our COL.

We have had our Achievement Challenges approved by the Ministry of Education, after a long delay because of the change of government in September last year. We are pleased to share them with you, and excited to get started on working with them together:

Challenge 1

- A. To improve hauora (well-being), achievement, engagement and motivation through effective transitions throughout the Kāhui Ako.
- B. To improve achievement, engagement and motivation through effective oral language development.

Challenge 2

- A. To improve achievement in writing for Boys and Māori (female and male) students.
- B. To improve achievement in Mathematics for all students in Year 6 - 10.

We have also made some new appointments of staff to help Antony Criglington in his role as Foundation Leader. Mrs Lindy Cavanagh-Monaghan (BMC) and Miss Bronwyn McCall (Waikaka School) as support principals, and Mrs Jane Stuart (Tapanui School) as our Across Community Leader working on Challenge 1 - Oral Language and Transitions. This team, alongside the stewardship group, will be working closely to move our community forward.

We had a meeting in Term One where all teaching staff were invited to attend to hear the vision for the Kahui Ako. This was well attended and appreciated by all. Through this process we sought some feedback from our teachers about things that are working well. Teachers thought that they were responsive to student needs and worked hard to meet them, they had the capacity to learn new things themselves which they can then transfer to students, they want to be able to keep up to date with new technologies, and develop oral language (speaking) skills across all age groups.

Students were also surveyed about their learning. They are excited to learn new things in new ways, follow their passions and achieve at their best. They were asked what they thought were important skills to take into the future: self management, responsibility, communication, collaborate with others, perseverance, being flexible and having personal drive to be their best were among the top few. This is very heartening to see!

Antony Criglington has been leading us through these processes in a timely and managed way. We are pleased to inform you that he has had a very successful mid-year appraisal and his great work will continue.

As always the stewardship team of Antony Criglington (CoL leader), Lindy Cavanagh-Monaghan (BMC), Bronwyn McCall (Waikaka), Denise Sanne (Kidz Way), Colin McHutchon (Heriot), Zita Young (Tapanui) and Mark Tiller (Waikoiko), are meeting regularly and keeping the working going on in the background.

If you have any questions about the Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) please feel free to get in touch with any on the stewardship team. We would love to hear from you.

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Mr Alexander's BUS

IMPORTANT

As you will be aware Mr Ian Alexander drives for Ritchies and his bus leaves from Heriot everyday to travel to Tapanui where he begins his school run.

For many years we have taken advantage of Mr Alexander's generosity and kindness in transporting children to Tapanui on the 'Early Bus'.

Ritchie's Southern Area Manager has informed me that this will not be continuing as of today.

First and foremost it is our responsibility to ensure your children are safe at all times. From a school perspective this means that these children are ineligible passengers. From Ritchies perspective this means that they will not be covered under their contractual obligation to the Ministry of Education for things like; insurance.

If you would like your child to travel on Mr Alexander's bus then you will need to write a letter to Ritchies Southern Area Manager; Robin Stevenson and to Heriot School. We will need to know the dates each term that your child will be travelling on the bus and you will also need to pay \$2 per one-way trip.

Please be aware that this is effective as of today 3.07.18.

Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki/Principal
Heriot School