

Dear Parents, Friends and Whānau

Kia ora e te whānau and welcome to the beginning of term three. Given the speed at which we've rocketed through this year so far, it is no surprise that it is August this coming weekend.

It was great to start back under 'normal' circumstances and our children all seem far more rested and positive than they were at the end of our 22 week term. The term has started busily and we have much to look forward to. The end of last week saw Helen Gibbs (Resource Teacher of the Deaf) welcome a number of visitors (from our school and from the Pomahaka Kahui Ako) to celebrate the opening of the merger of Van Asch and Kelston Deaf Education Centres. Ko Taku Reo was opened officially on Friday and our students represented us with pride.

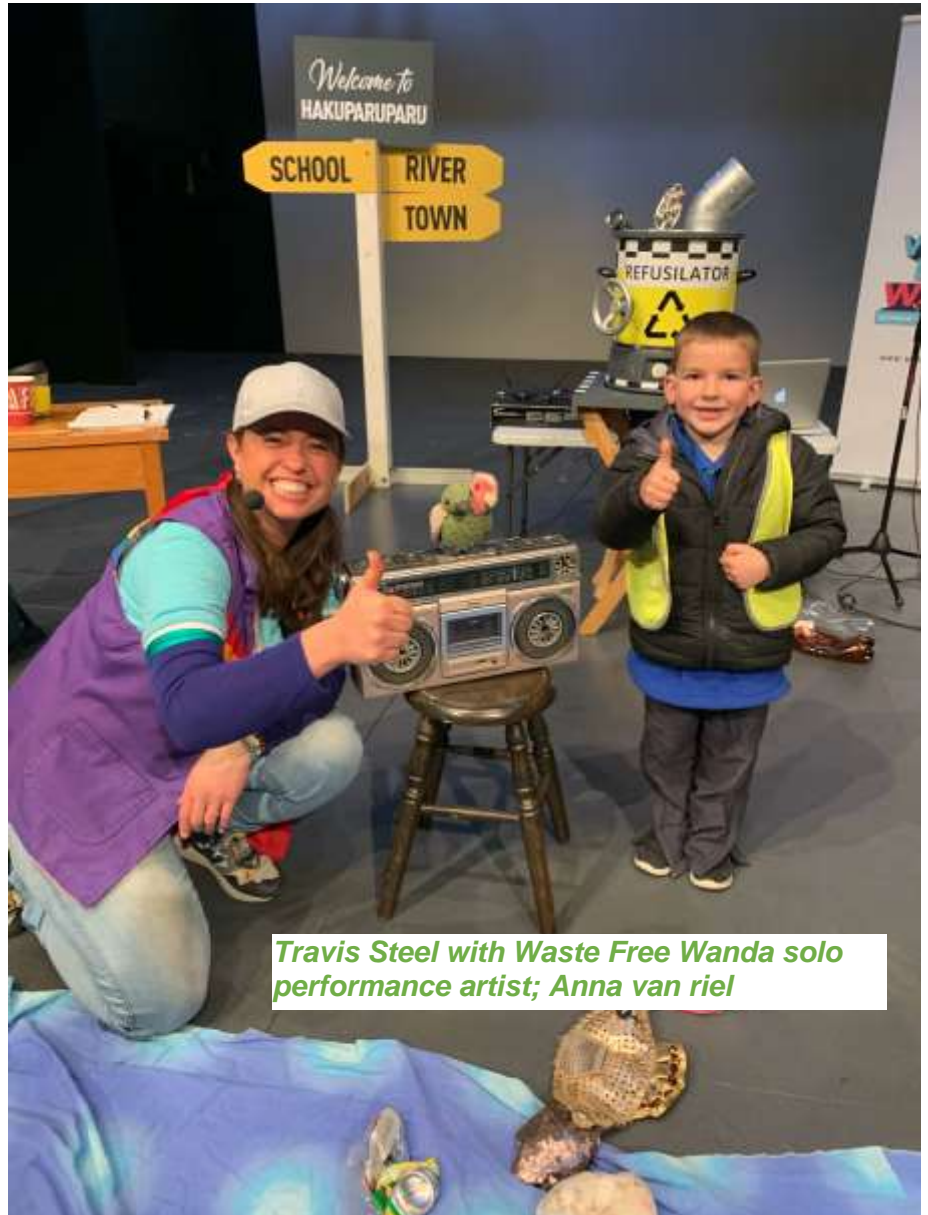
Yesterday the whole school travelled by bus to the West Otago Community Centre in Tapanui to watch the solo performance of Waste Free Wanda. It is worthwhile to make the most of performing artist opportunities that are presented to us in our community. On Friday this week it is the annual West Otago Winter Tournament (Y3-6) held at the Tapanui RFC. I know many of you will be down there at some stage of the day to support our teams.

Thank you to Mrs O'Meara for her work in organising all of our sport for us. Especially for taking the necessary steps to ensure we hold a cross country here in Heriot again after so many years. This will be held at Fraser and Susie's on Tuesday 4 August.

Please get in touch with me if you would like to discuss your child's learning and/or well-being at school.

He aroha whakato, If kindness is sown,
he aroha puta mai eke noa then kindness you shall receive.

Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki/Principal



Travis Steel with Waste Free Wanda solo performance artist; Anna van riel

Important Information

A very special Heriot welcome to Myah Devereux (and to Mum and Dad; Boyd and Sarah) who started in the Junior Room this term. We wish you all the very best for your future at Heriot School.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Thank you for your wonderful support at our Learning Conferences held in the last week of last term. It was fantastic to get such a tremendous turn out. Having these learning conversations promotes increased understandings for school, parents and ultimately for students.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

This was sent out last term and if you have not filled this in I encourage you to have your say by completing as much as you can. If you would like a paper copy then please just get in touch and we will get one to you.

WINTER TOURNAMENT (Y3-6's)

This Friday, 31 July, at the Tapanui RFC. We are travelling by car and will be in Tapanui by 9.15am. There will be a briefing for all competitors before the games start at 9.45am. You may travel home with your parents afterwards as long as a teacher has been informed.

BUS BEHAVIOUR

If you have ANY concerns or complaints about what is happening, or has happened, on any of our school buses then please get in touch with me.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

Our external whole school review (by the Education Review Office) has been postponed until further notice. On the last day of term they collected information about our school's response to the Covid-19 lockdown. They interviewed Judy Miller (BOT Chair) and I via Zoom to gather this information. They have suggested that they would like to complete another evaluation of the ongoing impact of our Covid-19 lockdown at a later date.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed	29 Jul	Firewise - (Y0-2) 11.20am
Fri	31 Jul	Winter Tournament - Tapanui RFC, 9.00-2.00pm
Tue	4 Aug	WO Cross Country - F & S Fletcher's Farm, Heriot
Wed	5 Aug	Balclutha New World Primary School Netball Tournament
Fri	7 Aug	Ribbonwood Visitors
Thu	13 Aug	BOT Meeting - 7.00pm
Fri	14 Aug	Mufti Day - (P or Purple) Alzheimers Otago Whole School Assembly - 2.30pm
Mon	17 Aug	Life Education Visit
Fri	4 Sep	Whole School Assembly - 2.30pm
Wed	9 Sep	Wig Wednesday
Thu	10 Sep	BOT Meeting - 7.00pm
Fri	25 Sep	Whole School Assembly - 2.30pm Last Day of T3



**CHAMPION WEST OTAGO FEMALE SWIMMER
RUBY ANDERSON**



Junior Netball Programme

Wednesday afternoons - Term 3 2020 @
the MLT Event Centre.

Please register by following this link:

<https://www.sparty.co.nz/netball/easternsouth/FutureFERNs-1?em=0&ts=0.8667063832734656>



Alternatively you can check us out via
Facebook - Future Ferns Netball Gore

Boys and girls most welcome!

