



# NEWSLETTER # 12

## TERM THREE – WEEK 4 MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2017

### Dear Parents, Friends and Whanau

Kia ora koutou. It's hard to believe that we are already into week four and on the verge of spring. Where does the time go?

Some of you will have already heard about the Heriot School Spring Gala Day and Auction coming up on Saturday 9 September at the Heriot & Districts Community Centre, being run by the BOT and PTA. Please refer to the flyer and keep this date free. Thank you to the people who were able to help out on Sunday transporting auction items to the community centre. There will be another round up coming up soon if you are able to spare some time to help.

On Thursday last week the Sports Activator West Otago Winter tournament was held at the Tapanui RFC. Thank you very much to those of you who were able to help us out with transport. It was a fairly cold day down at the rugby grounds and we were eventually rained off just after lunch. Thank you to Penny O'Meara who organised this event for us all. It runs very smoothly and is enjoyed immensely by our students. Our Y3-6 students competed fiercely but fairly and we commend them on their sportsmanship.

On Wednesday 2 August some of our Y5 & 6 students competed in the ePro8 Challenge. This is a Science and Technology competition of innovation and creation. Students are given various tasks to complete and they can get different amounts of points based on the levels of



difficulty they complete. We had two teams that travelled down to Longford Intermediate in Gore; the Blue Bombers (**Madge Drummond, Kauri Roulston, Molly Pryde and Matt O'Meara**) and Cold Steel (**Jimmy Affleck, Ruby Thomson, Sebastian Hickman and Lucy McHutchon**). Both teams fought hard and the **Blue Bombers** qualified for the Southland Y5 & 6 final to be held at Waihopai School in Invercargill on Tuesday 15 August. Congratulations to both teams and all the best to the Blue Bombers for Tuesday's event. A special thank you to Mrs Lena Roulston for transporting the students tomorrow. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nga Mihi Nui  
Colin McHutchon,  
Tumuaki (Principal)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tue 15 Aug	ePro8 Competition Final
Wed 16 Aug	PTA Meeting - 7pm
Thu 17 Aug	BMC Performing Arts Festival - Y6's Only
Wed 30 Aug	Student Led Learning Conferences
Sat 9 Sep	Spring Gala Day & Auction - Heriot Community Centre
Thu 14 Sep	BOT Meeting - Meeting Rm, 7pm
Fri 15 Sep	School Photos
Mon 18 Sep	Quiz Night - Tapanui T&C Club
18 to 22 Sep	Arts Week
Wed 27 Sep	Life Education Bus
Fri 29 Sept	Last Day Term 3

# Important Information

*A special Heriot School welcome to **Deonte Tuffley-Brookes** (Y4) who has started in Ms B'Divine's classroom. Deonte has joined us from East Gore School and we welcome him and his family to our school community.*

## **EPro8 Challenge**

Congratulations to both Y5&6 teams who competed in the event at Longford last week. We wish the Blue Bombers; **Madeleine Drummond, Kauri Roulston, Molly Pryde** and **Matthew O'Meara** the best of luck for their Southland wide final competition tomorrow.

ePro8 are looking to make the Otago/ Southland part of their calendar a regular fixture and they require sponsorship. If you are interested then get onto their web page for more details.

<http://epro8challenge.co.nz/>

## **Heriot School Spring Gala Day and Auction**

Please keep an eye out for any information about this upcoming event **SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**. It is the PTA's major fundraising event and it is all for your children.

## **Winter Tournament**

Thank you very much to those of you who were able to provide transport. We had more than enough people offering to take cars so thank you very much for giving up your time to get our Y3-6 students over to Tapanui and back.

## **Feeding your child**

There are an increasing number of children who do not have enough to eat at play and at lunch times. Classroom teachers, as well as the duty teacher, check what children are eating and how much they eat at lunch times. Children are expected to sit and eat for the first 15 minutes of lunch so that we can ensure that they are eating something. Children who do not have lunch or do not have enough are coming to us to look for food. The school day is demanding on a child's energy intake and so nutritionally it is vital that they are getting enough food throughout the day. We do not have a supply of food at school for those who have nothing and so staff are giving up their own lunches and food to provide for our students.

**Please make sure that your child has enough to food to sustain them throughout the school day.**

## **Digital Technology Curriculum**

Here is an opportunity for you as parents and whānau to have your say on the draft document recently released by the Ministry of Education on Digital Technologies | Hangarau Matihiko. If you can attend any of the evening workshops in your region, please do, as we are told these workshops are particularly valuable for anyone who may find the digital world a bit of a mystery. This document is about strengthening the technology strand of the New Zealand Curriculum and the wāhanga ako for Hangarau in Te Marautanga o Aotearoa from 2018. It is relevant for all students from the ages of 5 – 18 (year 1 – year 13). **Follow this link if you would like to know more:**

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/news-stories/prepare-our-kids-for-the-future/>

## **Student Led Learning Conferences**

These are being held on Wednesday 30 August from 2.00pm until 7.30pm. School will remain open as per normal but there will be no classroom instruction during this time to allow teachers to be available for the conferences. Please keep an eye out for the time and booking information later this week.

## **ASSEMBLY**

From this term, our assemblies will be held **three times** in the term.  
The next ASSEMBLY will be run by the SENIORS and is on  
**Friday 8 September at 2.30pm.**