



NEWSLETTER #12

TERM THREE – WEEK 2 TUESDAY 31 JULY

Dear Parents, Friends and Whānau

Kia Ora Koutou and welcome to the third term. We have a busy term in store with a number of events and activities planned for our learners.

The first of these activities is happening tomorrow at Gore Main School. We have two Year 5 & 6 teams travelling to Gore to compete in the ePro8 Science and Technology Challenge event. Last year one of our teams qualified for the Southland final so it will be an exciting day of problem solving and collaboration.



Sandra Robertson (Westpac) and Lisa Elder (Mum) with our 2018 Sir Peter Blake Leadership award recipient; Libby Young

Classes are learning a variety of topics at the moment and our inquiry topic is called 'Turangawaewae'. We have started some learning activities as part of a class interchange to help us improve our knowledge and understanding of Maori culture.

The staff have met and worked with one another over the holidays and everyone is excited to be back. In spite of our best laid plans we have had Mr Brensell away sick for a few days of the first week. Mrs Roulston has been steering the ship in the Junior Room since the beginning of term. Miss Harding will return on Monday. We would like to welcome Rochelle Pryde to the staff as a permanent teacher aide.

After reviewing our behaviour processes at the end of last term we have decided to acknowledge the students who consistently make positive behaviour choices. We will be having a school reward in the

middle, then at the end, of the term for those students who have not had any consequences through each of these periods.

The croissant orders have flooded in and obviously everyone has been working hard to sell as many of these as they can.

All of the staff are looking forward to the excitement of the term and are glad to be back into it together, as a team.

Nga Mihi Nui

Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki/Principal
Heriot School

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 1 Aug	ePro8 Challenge, Gore
Fri 10 Aug	Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm - Junior
Wed 15 Aug	NZEI Action School Closed
Thu 16 Aug	BOT Meeting, Meeting Rm, 7pm
Wed 29 Aug	Learning Conferences, From 2pm
Fri 31 Aug	Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm - Senior
Mon 10 Sept	School Photos, 12pm
Tue 11 Sept	Speech Competitions
Thu 13 Sep	Firewise (Y0-3)
Tue 18 Sep	Tapanui School Production, 1pm
Fri 21 Sep	Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm - Middle
24 - 27 Sep	Arts & Crafts Week
Fri 28 Sep	Life Education Bus
Fri 28 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

Whakataukāi (Māori Proverb) Manaaki to katoa – Be kind to all

Important Information

NZEI Action

This Friday, 3 August, we are having a Mufti Day. We are asking the children to dress up as a teacher. Please don't bring a donation because the purpose of the day is to draw community attention to the NZEI campaign; *Kua tae te wa* – It's time. NZEI is the Primary Teachers' Union and all primary schools in NZ will be promoting this cause on Friday.

On Wednesday 15 August NZEI will be taking strike action. As yet, it has not been confirmed whether primary schools will be closed for just the afternoon, or for the whole day. We will advise you as soon as we are informed, hopefully by the end of this week.

Buses will run as usual on this day because BMC will still be open.

Waikaka, Waikoikoī, Tapanui and Heriot Schools will all be closed during this time.

Heriot School Welcome

Late last term we welcomed Grace Pyper, and her mum Josie Parnham, to school and on Monday this week, we welcomed Archie Jenkinson. Archie is Rylee's brother, and both he and Grace are new entrants in the Junior Room. Welcome!

Student Led Learning Conferences

Learning Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday 29 August. They will begin at 2pm in the afternoon. These notices were sent home last week and many of you have already taken advantage of booking in times.

Signing Children Out

In the school office we have lists of all of the children who attend Heriot School. Each day as children leave school their names are checked off these lists. We are responsible for ensuring all children are accounted for while they are at school. Please make sure that you sign your children out if you are collecting them during or after school.

Boiler/Heating Update

As of today, the tender process has begun for a wood pellet burning boiler as a replacement for our coal boiler. Overall the replacement process will be a lengthy one as the boiler broke down in November 2017 and the MOE has only now made the decision to replace it.

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).

Mr Alexander's Bus

If you would like to use this bus then you need to contact Ritchies Transport Holdings Ltd (Gore Branch) 2089902 to discuss dates and payment with them.

Espresso 2 Go

Thank you to Jason and Shona Rodgers for their kind donation to Heriot School.

NO Sports Extravaganza

The management group of the South West Otago Sports Activator wants to ensure that everyone knows that the Sports Extravaganza will only be held biannually. The reasons for this event only being held once every two years are; *travel costs, difficulty in finding helpers, alternating the location of the event, ongoing costs to the activator group, the number of schools attending and the amount of work involved in organising the event.* The next Sports Extravaganza will be in 2019.

Swimming

Please read the letter below and contact me asap if you are interested.



SWIMMING

The Central Otago Swim School would like to offer swimming lessons over the summer holidays on location in your community. We would be providing instructors and teaching in your local pool. We are wanting to gauge interest in this area to see if it is a viable option for the Swim School. Depending on interest we are looking to offer pre-school and school aged lessons but could also provide babies and toddlers dependent on school temperature.

Our Swim School programme has a strong water safety component, with a focus on enabling the child to recognise their abilities in the water and to take action to help keep themselves safe. We provide a fun and interesting learning environment run with qualified staff who are supported with ongoing training and development of programmes. Standard lessons are 25 minutes in duration. Children are encouraged to practice their skills outside of lessons (with suitable supervision). We encourage all children to participate in swimming lessons as it is such an important and lifesaving skill to have.

Sue Stokes
Swim School Coordinator

If this is of interest to you can you please get in touch with me before Friday 17 August?

Colin

PTA CROISSANTS

Thanks heaps to the people who have placed their Croissant Order Forms, awesome selling so far!!

There are a few that are still outstanding:

If you still have orders to place, please contact either:

Manja 0277263037

Lynn 0274917283





IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Let your teachers know you support them and join in campaign activities at your local school.