



# NEWSLETTER #17

## TERM FOUR – WEEK 2 WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2018

### Dear Parents, Friends and Whānau

Welcome to the last term of 2018 at Heriot School. Spring is well and truly upon us and everyone is enjoying longer days and more time in the playground and outside.

It goes without saying that the final term of the year is a busy one for everyone in and out of school. I urge you to keep an eye on our Important Information as well as on our Calendar of Events. All newsletters are also available on our app and website. Some people require paper copies of our information and we just ask you to let the office know so that this can be organised regularly for you.

Last week we reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mr Ian Alexander, our resident groundsman and caretaker. Ian has been a part of the furniture here at school for many years. He will finish in his role with us at the end of this year.

On the last day of term we were visited by Pip Tisdall and Harold the Giraffe in the Life Education Bus. We worked through some activities linked to the function of our bodies in our topic; 'Superheroes inside us'.

Coincidentally, it was also Loud Shirt Day (Superhero theme) and we managed to raise \$210.00 for The Hearing House and the Southern Cochlear Implant Paediatric Programme. Thank you for generously supporting a cause that is so directly important to us.

You will have received a notice about Sexuality Education. This is our topic this term and we if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning in this area please contact me.

The NZEI have continued to negotiate terms but there has been no settlement further to the initial primary teacher strikes. A ballot of all primary teachers was taken last week (of which we do not yet have the results) and this will determine whether there will be rolling industrial action in November. If this does go ahead then it is scheduled for the South Island to strike on **THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER**. This is a pre-warning for you at this stage. This action is beyond our control and we appreciate your support and understanding.



It is virtually the end of October and this means there are only about 40 days of school left. We have a number of activities and events planned at school for the term so if you are unsure of what is happening please contact us via phone or email. This information is also available on our app and website.

We are excited about what is to come this term and we look forward to working alongside you and your children to ensure it is a positive and successful term.

Nga Mihi Nui  
Colin McHutchon  
Tumuaki/Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thu 25 Oct	BOT Meeting - Meeting Rm, 7pm
Fri 2 Nov	Whole School Assembly- Middle, 2.30pm
Mon 5 Nov	PTA Meeting - Time TBC
Thu 8 Nov	BOT Meeting - Meeting Rm, 7pm
Mon 12 Nov	Y5&6 Bannockburn Quiz Night - T&C Club, Tapanui 7pm
Thu 15 Nov	Possible NZEI Action
Fri 16 Nov	Science Roadshow Y4-6 – BMC
Fri 16 Nov	Whole School Assembly- Junior, 2.30pm
Sat 17 Nov	WO A&P Show
Mon 19 Nov	Y5&6 Camp Meeting - Mtg Rm, 7pm
Thu 22 Nov	BOT Meeting - Meeting Rm, 7pm
Tue 27 Nov	BMC Orientation Day
Wed 28 Nov	St John's Visit
Thu 29 Nov	Reward Day – Invercargill
Fri 30 Nov	Whole School Assembly- Senior, 2.30pm
3-6 Dec	Y5&6 Bannockburn Camp
Thu 6 Dec	BOT Meeting - Meeting Rm, 7pm
Wed 12 Dec	Y6 Leavers & EOY Celebration
Fri 14 Dec	Last Day 2018

## Me aro koe ki te ha o Hine-ahu-One

*Pay heed to the dignity of women*



## Important Information

### Targa Rally

The Targa Rally is back in West Otago again tomorrow, Friday 26 October. Ritchies have confirmed today that all buses will operate as per their regular schedule however some affected by the road closures will be escorted through by race officials. The disruption to the bus service on Tuesday was insignificant and organisers have assured us that it will be the same this time as well.

### TERM 4 - School Behaviour Reward Trip

We will be travelling to Invercargill by bus on **Thursday 29 November** – leaving at 8.30am. We are going to Stadium Southland to Clip 'n' Climb and to play squash, while another group goes swimming at Splash Palace. We will swap over and then aim to leave by 1.30pm to be back in time for the buses in the afternoon. Splash Palace require a supervision ratio (for 5&6) years olds of 1:2. This means we will need approximately 11 parents helpers (anyone over the age of 16) to assist **IN THE WATER**. More information will be sent to you in a notice coming home soon.

### UV Index

Sunhats are part of our uniform and children need to have these on every time they go outside in the summer months. If they bring their sunhat home then please make sure that it comes back to school again the next day. Sunscreen will be applied every day.

### PTA Meeting

There is a PTA meeting coming up on **Monday 5 November** (time: TBC) in the school Meeting Room.

### Uniform

The school community and BOT went through a lengthy consultation over a period of years to establish our school uniform. It is expected that all children wear school uniform. If you have any issues with acquiring or having your child wear our uniform then please contact me.

### Tailing

Thank you to everyone who has been helping out with the tailing recently. It is a massive contribution that directly impacts the opportunities we can provide for your children.

### Assemblies

We will squeeze three whole school assemblies in this term:

Friday 2 November at 2.30pm - **MIDDLE**

Friday 16 November at 2.30pm - **JUNIOR**

Friday 30 November at 2.30pm - **SENIOR**

### QUIZ NIGHT – Y5&6 Bannockburn Camp Fundraiser

We are having a Quiz Night at the Tapanui T&C Club on **Monday 12 November**.

This is to raise funds for our upcoming Y5&6 Bannockburn Camp. Everyone is invited to attend. If you cannot attend it would still be great if you could donate a raffle prize. If you have anything for us to use as prizes then please drop them in here to school otherwise you can take them in when you come along to our quiz.

### Swimming Pool Update

We have discovered that the pool may be disconnected from our new boiler. For this reason we will NOT be holding any swimming instruction for pre-school children, or for our own learners, this year. It is most likely that the pool will be warm enough to have instruction at the beginning of 2019. The pool will be open to the public over the Christmas break as usual.

### Tara (Leave)

Mrs Kinaston is taking leave over the next couple of weeks. This will have little impact on the classroom programme as Mrs Debra Roulston will teach the five days that she is away.

### Pomahaka Kahu Ako (Community of Learning)

We recently appointed Lisa Miller from Waikaka School as the second (and final) Across School Leader in our CoL. Lisa and Jane Stuart (Tapanui School) have been working collaboratively, and with all of our learning centres, to help us to reach our strategic aims.



*Congratulations **Toby Hazlett (Y5)** on qualifying for the Southland Primary Schools Tennis Tournament after competing in the recent Eastern Zone Primary School Tournament.*

*The Southland event is coming up next week on Wednesday 31 October.*

*Fantastic effort and all the best of luck Toby.*

## ***Thank You - ARTS & CRAFTS WEEK***

Traditionally the support we receive for any school event or activity is fantastic.

We have 44 busy working families and it never ceases to amaze me the time and energy that parents, whanau and friends of the school contribute to support our learners. The Arts and Crafts Week that was held in the last week of term three is no exception to this.

The week has been an annual feature over the past four years and is something that our school community and especially our learners genuinely look forward to. An undertaking such as this is simply not possible without commitment. The Moa Flat Rural Women, along with a band of our parents, grandparents, and friends of the school have given up their precious time to ensure a nurturing week of fun.

Many of you may not even be aware that the Moa Flat Rural Women also held a bake sale especially for Arts and Crafts Week and they raised about \$800.



Small groups of mixed age children work cooperatively and collaboratively to complete various arts and crafts based activities with the help, guidance and facilitation of adult instructors. The children complete two activities each day and have the added joy of taking home their completed article at the end of the day.

It is beneficial to our learners in so many different ways, but we hope that it is a positive experience for the army of adult supporters as well. At the least it is an opportunity for friends of the school, grandparents, and friends to come into Heriot School (a place that belongs to all of us) and work alongside our children and get to know them a bit better.

On behalf of the parents, staff and students at Heriot School, thank you very much to all of the helpers during our Arts and Crafts Week for your contribution to our learners and in making sure that our children have such wonderful opportunities and have such a wonderful time.



# Lamb Club



## West Otago A & P Show 2018

The West Otago A & P society invites the young people of the district to rear lambs for the children's pet classes, at this years show on the 18th November at the Tapanui show grounds.

Open to children from preschool to year 8 and entry is **FREE!**

Parents we want you to get in behind your children and help them pick a pet for the show. The lambs can be any breed or cross breed, male or female, and must be born after the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

They must have been hand reared and halter led. (Please note there are no dog classes this year).

The children will be judged on their animal care, knowledge, leading and handling.

We have received great sponsorship and prize money for the classes. There is also a poster competition. This is an A2 sized poster about your pet. You can include pictures and photo's.

We also have a prize for the best dressed Lamb, so dress your lambs up.

**Entries or any questions, please contact Craig Tomsett ph 2048355**



# ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Invitation to get into the Theme of Armistice Day on 11/11/2018, and attend the celebrations and /or enter this competition or the " dress in period costume" competition.



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let's We Forget*

## Poster Competition

**Prizes to be won!**

**Life in 1914 - 1918**

It can be paint, crayon, felt tips, pencil, even a collage, any media you wish.

Suggested topics: fashion of the time, transport of the time, war activity, general scenes, anything you can think of.

Age groups: 5 and under

6 & 7 years

8 & 9 years

10 & 11 years

12 & 13 years

14 & 15 years

16 and older, including adults.

Age as of 1st November 2018. Please put your name and age on the BACK of your poster.

Completed posters to be dropped off at Idealprint by November 2nd.

## West Otago Junior Cricket 2018/19 Season

Any children interested in playing Friday night cricket this term we now have two grades of cricket available.

Superstar Advanced (Semi-Hard Incrediball) For those players wanting to take the next step between softball & hardball.

Super Star Hardball (Traditional Hardball) For those players confident in hardball cricket

Time- Approx 4pm to 6pm Fridays

Where-Eastern Southland (mainly Gore/Tapanui)

Cost-\$15 per half season (all gear provided)

Practice night-TBC

Enquiries and Registrations to Hamish Ottrey 0276042112 [ottrey.farm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ottrey.farm@xtra.co.nz)

Note- For Superstar Tuesday night cricket in Gore contact your local school for Registrations

To create opportunity, release potential, celebrate success