



NEWSLETTER # 9

TERM TWO – WEEK 6 MONDAY 5 JUNE 2018

Dear Parents, Friends and Whānau

It has been a busy few weeks of school activities mixed with sickness.

We had a school assembly where we farewelled Miss Keenan and had Tracey Fleming from Fonterra 'Milk for Schools' visit us from Auckland. We have now started Milk for Schools and at the end of lunchtimes we are drinking milk.

At times over the last while we have had about quarter of the school roll away with illness. There are a few bugs circulating so please be vigilant.

Mr Brensell has had a hectic time trying to squeeze everything in this week. Mrs Cormack and Mr B travelled to Dunedin on Monday for the National Young Leaders Day with our Year 6 students. This is a special day on our annual calendar and everyone enjoyed the day. Thank you to the PTA for supporting this initiative every year, by paying for our tickets as well as for our minivan hire. On Tuesday Mr B travelled to Balclutha with our Y3&4 and Y5&6 teams for the Rippa Tournament. Thanks to John McHutchon for coaching the Y3&4 team and thank you to those of you who provided transport and support to our teams. It was our responsibility to organise the west Otago Cross country this year and it was run in fine conditions on Thursday. It may not be everybody's cup of tea but it is important to participate in a range of activities and we have been training for this as a school. It is wonderful that everyone takes part in this event and I congratulate all of the competitors who gave it a go.

Thank you for your support. Any feedback you have is always welcome and I encourage you to make contact with me if you have any concerns or queries about your child's learning or well-being.

Nga Mihi Nui
Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki (Principal)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thu 14 Jun	Eastern Cross Country
Wed 20 Jun	Wig Wednesday
Thu 21 Jun	NZEI Union Meeting 12.30pm
Thu 21 Jun	BOT Meeting
Fri 22 Jun	Southland Cross Country
Fri 6 July	Last Day of Term 2
Mon 23 July	First Day of Term 3

**SLOW
DOWN
CHILDREN
PLAYING**

PLEASE TAKE CARE

Please take care when you are on the school grounds with a vehicle.

There have been a number of children in the car park and out in front of the office recently.

Our children have all been reminded to take more care and to stay away from the driveway and car-park areas. Children are unpredictable and at different times the car-park can be a busy place. Please take care.

Whakataukāi (Māori Proverb)

Ki te kahore he whakakitenga ka ngaro te iwi

Without foresight or vision the people will be lost

Said by Kingi Tawhiao Potatau te Wherwhero to show the urgency of unification and strong Māori leadership

Important Information

WELCOME/ HAERE MAI

A special welcome to Nurdan Erdem. Nurdan started in the Junior Room today and joins her brother Adil Orujov (Y3) at school.

Jazmine Sparks has joined us from Clutha Valley School. Jazmine is in the Middle Room with Mr Brensell and we welcome her and (Mum) Kelly-Anne and (Dad) Shaun to Heriot.

A special welcome also to Levi Gazeley and to his family Ben and Renee. Levi started a few weeks ago in the Senior Room. We welcome him to our school and to our community.

Gastroenteritis, Sore Throat, and School Sores

We have had a number of cases of each of the above. Please be vigilant and if your child has vomited or has had diarrhoea keep them away from school for 24-48 hours. Many children have also had sore throats with various symptoms. Please keep them away from school in the short term to prevent the spread of sickness.

School sores are very contagious when they are weeping. If the sores are treated with medication and/or covered then your child can be at school.

School Heating

A number of people including students have expressed concern about how cold the classrooms are. Especially over the last few weeks. You will be aware that our boiler is not working. The Ministry are still making decisions about what and how this will be replaced. In the meantime we have interim 2000W panel heaters. We have been provided a set amount of these and will receive some reimbursement from the MOE as far as electricity usage goes. We have appealed to our property services but it is important that children are dressed suitably and that we are prepared for closure if there is no power and it gets too cold.

Buses

Just a reminder that with winter sport we have children going many different directions at the end of the school day. We have about 50 children that travel on buses at any given time so if they are not travelling on their normal bus please get in touch with us and let us know. Please also remember that if your child/ren permanently finish after school activities to notify the office otherwise we assume they are still doing what is noted on the bus lists.

Equally important is signing out your children when you come in to school to collect them. If you do not sign them out on the bus list then we assume they are still at school.

Paid Union Meetings

The NZEI will be holding Paid Union Meetings again across the country over the coming months. The meeting that involves us will be held on THURSDAY 21 JUNE at 1.30PM. We ask for your understanding and patience as school will remain open but there will be no formal instruction during that afternoon. There will be some staff at school to supervise children but if you are able to collect children at 12.30pm, this would be greatly appreciated.

Staffing

On Monday 28 May Miss Keenan went on Maternity Leave. Miss Joleen Harding has now transferred to the Junior Room (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Debra Roulston every Friday. Mrs Roulston is also in the Senior Room, Monday to Wednesday, until Mrs Kinaston returns from her Maternity Leave at the beginning of Term 3.

As of Monday 28 May 2018

Junior Room Teacher <i>Monday - Thursday</i>	Miss Joleen Harding	jharding@heriot.school.nz
Junior Room Teacher <i>Friday</i>	Mrs Debra Roulston	droulston@heriot.school.nz
Senior Room Teacher <i>Monday - Wednesday</i>	Mrs Debra Roulston	droulston@heriot.school.nz
Senior Room Teacher <i>Thursday - Friday</i>	Mr Colin McHutchon	principal@heriot.school.nz

Seesaw

Children are continuing to use Seesaw to share their learning. They do have a new Seesaw Journal for this school year. Seesaw is private; you'll only see posts created by your child. If you used Seesaw last year or have more than one child using Seesaw, follow the link below, then click the 'Sign in' tab at the top of the screen. You do not need to create a new account.

Please Sign Up Now

1. Click on this link for your child's class –

Junior Class: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/812-712-360>

Middle Class: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/506-911-633>

Senior Class: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/817-056-740>

2. Choose your child from the list

3. Create your account

4. Once your child's teacher approves you, you can see content from your child

After you sign up, download the free Seesaw Family app and sign in. You can also access Seesaw from a computer at <https://app.seesaw.me>.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning!

West Otago Cross Country 2018



To create opportunity, release potential, celebrate success