



NEWSLETTER # 11

TERM THREE – WEEK 2 MONDAY 31 JULY 2017

Dear Parents, Friends and Whanau

Kia ora koutou. Welcome to term three 2017. This week there was much renewed energy and reinvigoration from both staff and students. Last term was busy and with the production at the pointy end of the term everyone was very tired. People have obviously had a bit of a breather and are keen to be back into it again this term.

I am really happy to extend a warm welcome to Ms Sandra B'Divine who is the new classroom teacher in our Middle Room (Y2-4). Sandra

has had a busy first week settling in and getting to know her learners. She has met some of you already and is looking forward to meeting more of you as we move deeper into the term.

Welcome to Mrs Sarah Davies who is in the Senior Room Monday to Wednesday each week. Sarah has already been working with Rylee in a specialist teacher role (and this will continue each Friday). Many of you know Sarah already and more importantly she knows our learners which means that her transition into this teaching role is made a lot easier.

Mrs Debra Roulston finished in her official capacity with us at the end of last term. I want to thank her for everything that she has done for us in the first half of the year and for the sacrifices that she made in order to contribute in such a significant way to our children. Although she has finished with us in this capacity she will now begin her new role as Tutor/Release Teacher for Sandra on a Monday each week.

The PTA is working hard to organise our Gala Day (Saturday 9 September) which is sneaking up on us fast. They are meeting regularly to discuss this and put plans into action. If you can help them or have goods you would like to contribute to the auction then please contact Andrew Herriott on 204 2315 or 027 2017335. As they are meeting quite regularly, presence and input would be appreciated if you'd like to come along. Thank you to the PTA for providing ice blocks for the whole school at the end of last term. The PTA made sure that they recognised the effort and energy of our students in making the production the success that it was. It really is awesome to have this huge effort rewarded with a special treat. Thank you. On behalf of the staff I also thank the PTA for organising 'Staff Appreciation' at the end of last term. The food we were treated with was unbelievable and it is wonderful to be spoiled by you. It really is positive to be appreciated in this way and we thank you.

Its great to be back this term and we are all looking forward to the next ten weeks.

Nga Mihi Nui

Colin McHutchon,
Tumuaki (Principal)





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Wed 2 Aug | ePro8 Competition, Gore - Y5&6 |
| Thu 10 Aug | Winter Tournament (Y3-6 Only) |
| Thu 10 Aug | BOT Meeting, Meeting Rm, 4pm |
| Fri 11 Aug | Assembly, School Library 2.30pm |
| Wed 30 Aug | Student Led Learning Conferences |
| Sat 9 Sep | Gala Day/Auction, Heriot Rugby Club |
| 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

Last Monday we welcomed **Cayden Green** and today **Prue McNaughton** to the Junior Room (NE's). We also welcomed **Toby Patterson** (Y6) to the Senior Room.

As many of you will be aware, Cayden is the brother of Kenzie (Middle Rm) and son of Teresa and Scott Green. Toby and his Mum (Rebecca) and Dad (William) have come to us from Lumsden and Prue and her family - Mum (Heather), Dad (Alastair) and twin brother & sister (Archie and Pippa) may be familiar to some of you as they used to live in the area and have recently moved back. A special Heriot School welcome to you all!

EPro8 Challenge

Thank you to everyone for returning these permission slips so promptly. We will leave as smartly as we can on Wednesday morning and will be back early afternoon.

Māori Consultation

At the end of last term the BOT sent home a consultation for you to complete, about Māori teaching and learning. Thank you very much to the three people who completed this. If you are having trouble accessing this or would like a paper version of these four questions then please contact the office.

Winter Tournament

This is now happening on Thursday 10 August (Week 2) and involves all Year 3-6 students. We will be playing hockey and football and this will be happening at the Tapanui RFC. If you can help us with transport this would be much appreciated. Please return these permission slips as soon as possible.

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/>

ASSEMBLY - From this term, our assemblies will be held **three times** in the term. The first assembly will be on Friday 11 August (Week 3) at 2.30pm and will be run by the JUNIORS.

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SEESAW – *Sharing Learning*

Dear Parents & Caregivers

This year we have been using a tool to share what we are learning in class called 'Seesaw'. As we have a number of new students at Heriot School and now have 3 classes we are resending the links so everyone can have access to their child's learning journal.

Students in the Middle Room (Ms B'Divine's class) will have a new journal for their class. If you have a child in the Middle Room you will need to follow the Middle Room link at the bottom of the page, then click 'Sign in' tab at the top. You do not need to create a new account.

For parents new to 'Seesaw'

Your child will have his or her own learning journal, and you can get notified when your child adds new items. It's completely private - only you can see your child's journal outside of class.

Click on the links below to sign up -- it takes just 30 seconds.

Junior Room: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/012-211-315>

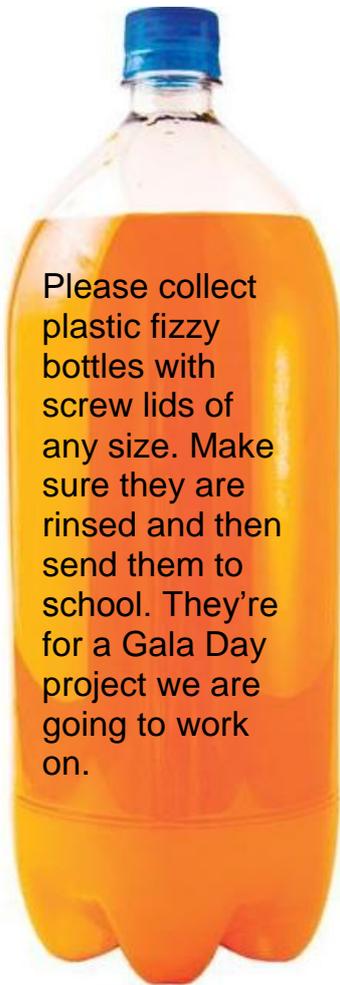
Middle Room: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/142-906-162>

Senior Room: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/168-177-067>

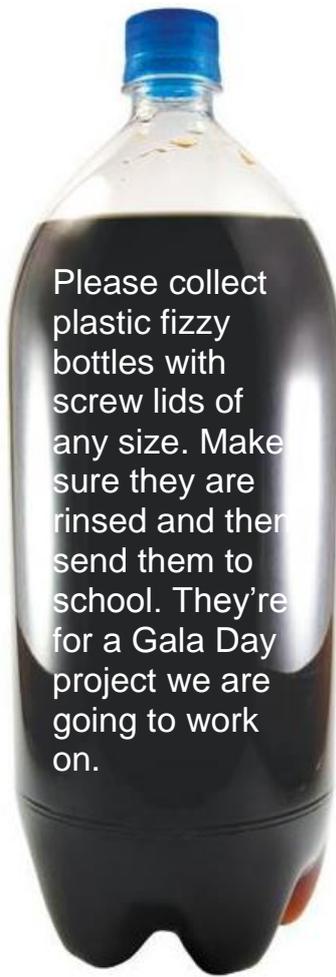
Once you sign up, you can download the Seesaw Parent App for iPhone or Android, or access your child's journal on the web.

Thanks!

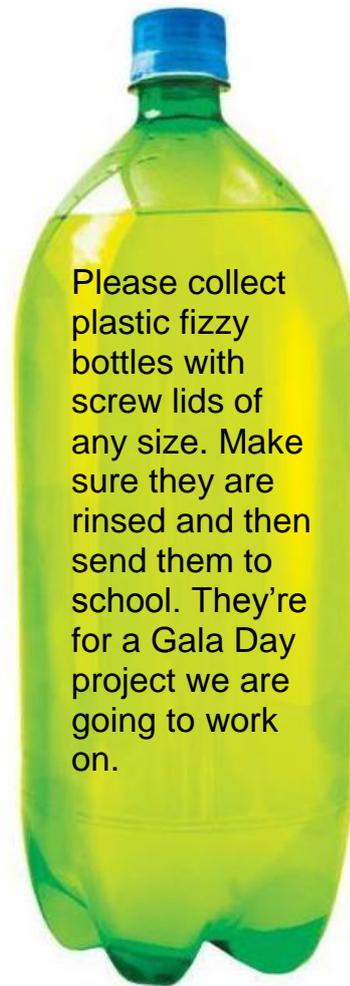
Aimee, Sandra, Sarah and Colin



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