



NEWSLETTER # 21

Dear Parents, Friends and Whānau

TERM FOUR – WEEK 10 TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2018

Meri Kirihimete, Merry Christmas. This is our last newsletter for the year and its main purpose is to share with you which teachers will be with our learners in 2019.



Firstly we bid farewell to all of our Year 6 leavers and wish them well in their next endeavours at BMC. I especially acknowledge those families who reach the end of an era here at Heriot School; Affleck, Brensell, Eason, Devery, Ford, Hickman, Kempthorne, Peters and Young.

In 2019 Mrs Tara Kinaston will be teaching Year 0-1 (Monday-Wednesday) in the Junior Room along with Miss Aimee Keenan (Thursday and Friday) *who will return from maternity leave for two days per week*. Miss Keenan's maternity leave will finish at the end of term one so Mrs Debra Roulston will remain with the juniors on a Thursday and Friday for term one. Mr Lachlan Brensell will be teaching Year 2-3 in the Middle Room. Miss Joleen Harding will be teaching Year 4-6 (Monday-Thursday) in the Senior Room. I will be teaching Year 4-6 in the Senior Room on Fridays. Mrs Carla Johnston and Mrs Rochelle Pryde will remain with us in their teacher aide roles. Mrs Pauline Cormack is our Office Manager and Mrs Fay May our Cleaner. As yet, we have not found a Grounds Person.

Reports, classes and Stationery Lists will be posted today. This is the safest way to ensure that they reach their destination.

It is a busy time of the year for everyone. I hope that you are getting a bit of help with whatever it is you're doing, in order to get to the point where you can take a short time for yourself and your family.

The first half of our year was tumultuous and so I thank you all for your tolerance and encouragement. The power of the positive feedback that we receive, including cards and gifts at this time of year, should not be underestimated. We genuinely appreciate your kind wishes and continuous support, especially in the face of challenges. I wish you a safe and happy Christmas with friends and family and I look forward to seeing you back with renewed vigour in 2019.

Nga Mihi Nui

Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki/Principal

Important Information

Year 6 Leavers and End of Year Celebration 2018

This is happening at the Heriot and Districts Community Centre tomorrow; **WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER at 5pm**. Children will need to be there just before-hand in full, clean, school uniform, so that we can get organised to start on time. To conclude our celebration, the BOT invite you to join them for a BBQ and refreshments.

Last Day 2018

Our last day is this **Friday 14 December 2018**.

First Day 2019

Our first school day is **Monday 28 January 2019**.

Y5&6 Bannockburn Camp – THANK YOU

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to our Year 5 & 6 Bannockburn Camp and to those who made it possible. A special thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time to be helpers. This is a huge commitment and we thank you for your time and energy.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is in the process of being painted. It will not be ready to swim in until **20 December** at the earliest. PLEASE REMEMBER that the pool is NOT HEATED in any way. If you would like to purchase a key, please call in to the school office. These are worth \$50 and please remember we do not have Eftpos. If Internet banking please use 'Pool' as a reference. The account number is: **03-1750-0016049-000**

BOT Community Consultation

Thank you very much to the 12 families that have taken a few minutes to complete this. The information we draw from this is hugely valuable and it will be used in decision making over the next few years. This will be open online until the end of the week; Friday 14 December. If you would like a paper copy please let me know.

BOT Update

The #5 instalment of the Heriot Board of Trustees Newsletter has gone home today.

School emergency or issue

If you are at school over the holidays and notice anything out of place, or 'not right' then please contact me; 0272027977. Thank you

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 12 Dec **Y6 Leavers & EOY Celebration - 5pm**

Fri 14 Dec **Last Day 2018**

Thu 19 Dec **BOT Meeting - Meeting Rm, 7pm**

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Mon 28 Jan **Term One begins 2019**

Wed 6 Feb **Waitangi Day**

Fri 15 Feb **Tapanui Swimming Sports**

Wed 20 Feb **WO Primary Athletic Sports**

Tue 12 Mar **Eastern Athletic Sports**

Fri 22 Mar **CoL Teacher Only Day**

Mon 25 Mar **Otago Anniversary Day**

Sat 30 Mar **Southland Primary School Sports**

Fri 12 Apr **Last Day Term One 2019**