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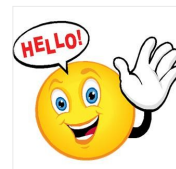
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Newsletter

9 April
2014

A very special welcome to our new pupils:

Noah Brown, Kobi Southon, Senituli Kavainutuu, Semisi Kavainutuu,
Moli Kavainutuu and Brooke O'Donnell.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Farewell to Newsletter!! This will be the final mass produced 'hard copy' Newsletter. Beginning next term you will receive the school Newsletter in digital form via your designated email address. I trust you have informed the school of any email change since you enrolled your child. If you wish to receive a hard copy you will need to let us know urgently, please contact Sally in the school Office.

W.F.W. - 'Wrapper free Wednesday': Beginning next term we would like to introduce a "wrapper free Wednesday". The purpose behind this move is to cut down on the amount of wrapper rubbish that ends up around the school. On a Wednesday we would love you to put your child's chips, bars (anything in a wrapper) either in a smaller container or a snap lock bag (to be taken home again) straight into the lunch box, thank you for your help.

Bunny Run: I hope you all have signed up for the "Bunny Run" on Sunday, 13 April starting at 10.00 a.m. at The Groynes. It will be a great family time together and a fundraiser for the next stage of the new playground. Get along and support your Home and School Association, there are heaps of great prizes. (pp Sunday 11 May)

Ultra Fast Broadband (UFB): Over the next week the final two stages of the installation of our UFB will be completed; today the fibre installation connecting all our Servers was completed and on Friday the installation of our Router is due to be completed. When this work is done we then await our connection into the Network for Learning (N4L) which will be our network that all our internet traffic will go through, exciting times.

Parents to help with Road Patrol: We desperately need Parents to help with Road Patrol. We only have 4 parents helping at the moment out of 335 families. If you can spare a morning or afternoon for 30 minutes please leave your name and phone number at the school Office. Thank you.

Reminder - Y3-8 Cross Country is being held on Wednesday, 16 April at 1.30 p.m. Postponement date is the next day, which is also the last day of the term.

End of Term: It is hard to believe that next Thursday, 17 April we finish the first term of 2014. Term 2 begins on Monday, 5 May. I would like to thank you all for your help and support during the term, it certainly has been a very busy one. From the Staff we wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable Easter and term holiday, stay safe.



Lost Property Sale: Will be held on **Thursday, 10 April** at 8.30 to 9.00 a.m. outside the Junior Learning Centre. Items that have been handed in will be for sale i.e. uniform pieces, swimming goggles, swimming shorts, cycle helmet, etc.

Dental Care over the School Holidays:

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine treatment'. The service will be available each working day from 8.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times: Tuesday, 22 April to Thursday, 24 April and Monday, 28 April to Thursday, 1 May. This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. Please phone and make an appointment for the Emergency Clinic on 0800 846 983.



Canterbury DHB is again offering **FREE** the **seasonal influenza vaccination** for all people aged 6 months and under 18 years of age in Canterbury. The vaccine helps protect against influenza which is a serious disease that spreads rapidly in the school environment, to homes and the wider community. The only effective way for people to protect themselves is to get vaccinated. Vaccination is available through your General Practice team. Be flu strong this winter!

Peter Simpson
Principal

Home & School Update:

- 1. Bunny Run - Sunday, 13 April at 10.00 a.m.:** Run, walk or hop around a set 2 km track at The Groynes. Registrations in the Hall before school.
- 2. Home & School meeting tonight** in the Staffroom at 7.00 p.m. See you there.
- 3. Entertainment Books** can be purchased through the School. Information packs were sent home with your child earlier this week.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In my last notice that was put in your school newsletter I mentioned nominations for awards. Here are a few examples of recent nominations that I have received:

A girl found a cell phone near her school which she took to the school office & the owner was found;

A boy offered to do road patrol when the student who was supposed to do it didn't arrive; A girl helped her neighbours to clear away all their leaves after the recent big flood; A boy saved a little girl's life by pulling her out of the sea; A girl helped her elderly neighbour who had bad health, to weed his garden; A little boy rang his Nana in the middle of the night when he realised that his Mum she was very sick & he kept calm & waited for the ambulance with his Nana; A boy fed his neighbour's cat for 2 weeks while his neighbour was on holiday.

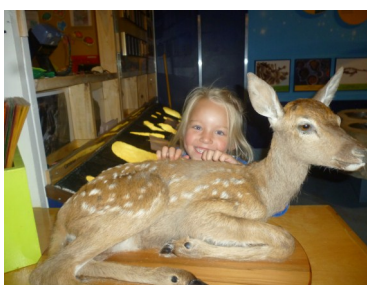
The nomination forms are kept by the white letterbox by Room 18, or you can fill in the nomination form on our website - www.nscanterbury.org.nz. Just click onto the junior section. Junior Neighbourhood Support is all about helping children, adults & animals in any way possible.

Take care, Andrea. (Co-ordinator for Junior Neighbourhood Support)



NEW ENTRANTS TRIP TO THE BOTANIC GARDENS AND MUSEUM

The New Entrant Syndicate went to the Botanic Gardens and the Canterbury Museum for their Syndicate trip. When the children were boarding the bus they got to pay with pretend money to receive a bus ticket. At the Gardens they did a Scavenger Hunt and were required to find all sorts of natural treasures. They learnt how the Museum and Gardens are important places for Christchurch and our community.



Zara Johnstone ~ My favourite part of the day was when we got to go and look at all the pretty flowers and colours in the Botanic Gardens. I give it a 10/10!

Tane Claxton ~ My least favourite part of the trip was the big, scary, old dinosaur bone in the Museum. I give it an 8/10.

SENIOR SYNDICATE TRIP TO THE CHRISTCHURCH ROPE COURSE

The Senior Syndicate went for their term trip to the Christchurch Rope Course, held in the outskirts of the Groyne. They had to work as a team to do some of the activities whereas on others they could climb up the ropes themselves. They walked all the way to the Groyne and on the way back they got caught in a thunderstorm!



What was your favourite part of the day? "Getting further than I expected on the high ropes." ~Chloe Wooldridge

What was your least favourite part of the day? "The fact that it started raining while we were walking back and getting soaked!" ~ Lagan Edwards



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Important Dates - April/May

Thurs. 10	Juniors trip to Blue Skies Lost Property sale 8.30 a.m.
Wed. 16	Years 3-8 Cross Country at 1.30 p.m. Postponement date 17/04
Thurs. 17	Celebration Assembly 2.00 p.m. Last day of Term 1
Mon. 5 May	Term 2 begins

Belfast Stars

Assembly - 31 March

- Rm 1 Leo Byron
- Rm 2 Troy Knox
- Rm 3 Selina Weir
- Rm 4 Hayden Downes
- Rm 5 Lucas Harvey
- Rm 6 Ben Rowe
- Rm 7 Riley Barriball
- Rm 9 Eric Holt-Hegan
- Rm10 Emma Nicolson
- Rm11 Liam Boyd
- Rm12 Jamie Veitch
- Rm13 Yotaya Sasomsub
- Rm14 Bailey Owen-Marshall
- Rm15 Lachlan Botting
- Rm16 Weiland Mackie
- Rm17 Reuban Goodman
- Rm21 Alyssa Harris
- Rm22 Pearce Archer-Fife
- Rm23 Faith Peters

Community Notices

Air Force Museum's OSCAR holiday programme, "Travel to the Future", sports, games, craft challenges, etc. Runs 22-24 April (excludes Easter Monday & ANZAC Day) and 28 April-2 May. Bookings are essential, please phone 343-9504 or visit www.airforcemuseum.co.nz

Belfast OSCAR Programme: Morning, after school and holiday programmes. **School Holiday programme** Tues. 22 April to Fri. 2 May; 8.30am to 5.30pm, \$35.00 per day. Phone 323 9731 or Lizi 021 URKIDS. Visit www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz for booking information.

The North Canterbury Musical Society presents **Chicago** at the Rangiora High auditorium, 1-17 May, Wed. to Sat. Visit www.ncms.co.nz to purchase your tickets online.

Bouncy Castles for hire: Prices range from \$150 to 200, no cancellation fees, indoor and outdoors. We deliver and pick up. Visit www.go-jump.co.nz to see the wonderful selection of castles. Contact Jeremy /Marie on 359 1956, 021 1884598, or 0508 465867.

Art Classes for Children: For anyone who wants to give art a go. Visit www.artwithmark.co.nz or phone 03 310 2213.

Papanui High School - Adult Evening Classes: We are enrolling for Term 2 courses beginning week of 12 May. Visit www.papanui.school.nz for course information or phone the Office on 352 0701.

Sport Canterbury Active Kids Holiday Programme: Structured programme of sport, physical activity and play for primary school children. Programmes are safe and affordable. For more info visit our website www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

Icicles in my Tent - A holiday programme for 6-12 yo at the Antarctic Centre; 29, 30 April & 1 May 9.00 to 5.00 pm. For info and bookings phone 357 0519 or visit www.iceberg.co.nz