



From the Principal's Desk

Finally we have reached the end of Term 2 and what a long and packed term it has been. We've had the Women's Self Defence in, we've had Kapa Haka and Matariki celebrations, Run, Jump, Throw to name but a few. Room 1 have been on their overnight camp to Dunedin as well as going to see some ANZAC displays. Room 2 and 3 have been out on a trip this week to see some of those same ANZAC displays. We've had Holly Hammond and Tanei Tamou being awarded Young Leader status by the Sir Peter Blake Trust / Westpac and we've seen a number of sporting activities take place over the term, including learning how to play Ki-o-rahi. Alongside all of this we have tried to squeeze in some work on the basics like reading, writing and maths 😊.

As well as this newsletter you will also receive your child's mid year report this week. The report will indicate the progress your child has made to date. For those in the junior school this will be based around the National Standards that we have to report on to the Ministry. For year 7 upwards the teachers have also commented on the wider curriculum that being in an area school enables us to provide. Senior students from year 11-13 are measured against the number of credits they have achieved at NCEA this year so far. Each report talks about 'next steps'. These are things the student, whatever their age and ability need to focus on to either significantly raise their level of achievement or maintain the high standard that they are currently working at. There will be a second Student led conference at the end of term 3 that will allow for discussion around progress but if you are concerned about the report you receive please feel free to make an appointment to discuss it with the teacher involved.

The end of term sees us saying goodbye to one of our staff members. Anita Collett leaves us to take up a position near Christchurch. As mentioned previously she has been a valued member of staff and we will miss her and her quirky sense of humour around the school. Although we advertised nationally for a specialist Science teacher we have been unable to fill the vacancy for the beginning of next term. This will mean some changes in the senior school. Mr Maloney and Mr Pearce will be taking the senior Science and Biology classes (both of these teachers have a Science background so their knowledge and understanding of Science is excellent). We will have a new teacher to the school who will be picking up some Science, Technology and Maths classes to enable this to happen.

Have a restful and safe holiday. Good luck to Moon, Travis, Brook, Elkanah and Eric who are heading up to Nationals in Whanganui and a huge thank you to Miss Quinn and Miss Dickson for taking them. Good luck too to Lyall, Hayley and Anna who are heading off for a trip of a lifetime to Malaysia. Another big thank you to Richard Bennett and Simon Pearce who have organized the trip and who are taking on the responsibility of an overseas trip. I hope you all have a fabulous experience.

WAS Awesome Certificates

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at Assembly last week



Sofie Templeton – Yr 1 – For continued success in all areas of her schoolwork. Sofie displays great motivation towards her learning and has developed some awesome work habits.

Lily Erskine – Yr 1 – For enthusiasm and effort throughout our solar system unit. You

have displayed some awesome knowledge and skill retention.

Pagemarie Boyd – Yr 3 - For showing she is a responsible learner by staying focused and on task during learning time. Well done Pagemarie.

Quinn Palmer – Yr 3 For showing he is a responsible learner by staying focused and on task during writing time. Well done Quinn the quality of your writing and spelling reflects your efforts.

Liam Pierce – Yr 7 – For excellent work when making pizza.

Connor Egerton – Yr 7 – For exceptional work when making pizza.

Robbie Bell – Yr 10 – For excellence in foods.

Cameron Johnston – Yr 9 – For excellence in foods.

Zackary Boyd – Yr 11 – For consistent effort towards his goals in L1 tech.

Zackary Boyd – Yr 11 – For making careful and accurate progress in Level One Mathematics.

Shiloh Tupua – Yr 12 – For obtaining a merit in his biology investigation internal.

Anna Hammond – Yr 13 – For obtaining a merit in her biology investigation internal.

Elkanah Tupua – Yr 13 – For obtaining a merit in his biology investigation internal.

From Our Students

Waste Audit

On Wednesday the 22 July the year 13 students will be conducting a waste audit. This will involve collecting waste from the Junior & office blocks over a period of one day. There will be bins spread around these areas for a specific type of waste e.g. Paper, food scraps, plastics. We will label these bins to make it easier for you. We ask if you could please participate by putting your waste in the appropriate bin. The aim of this is to measure the amount of waste being produced so we can put actions in place to reduce it. Thank you ☺

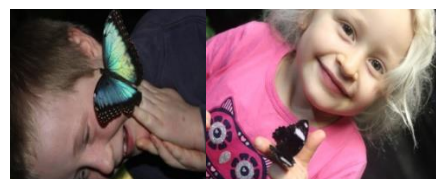
Room One Dunedin Museum Sleep Over



Our Amazing Sleepover

On Thursday Room 1 went to the fabulous Dunedin Museum, we travelled a long way. First we went up the stairs and met a lovely lady she let us have a snack, it was yummy, then she set up the starlab. Then we met another lovely lady and we went in the starlab and it was dark, we saw lots of constellations. Next we went into the tropical rainforest, there were hundreds of butterflies. I held a beautiful butterfly. Next we had some delicious pizza for dinner. After dinner we went to see the old mummy. Lauren taught us how to wrap a mummy, we wrapped Baxter up like a mummy. After that we went to have supper with the butterflies. After supper we went to the animal attic. I saw a humongous whales eyeball and an enormous turtle shell and I got to wear it. Next we got ready for bed, I slept by my mum. I could not get to sleep because it was hot. In the morning we went on a treasure hunt around the museum. We were the only ones there because it wasn't open yet. Then it was time to pack the cars and go home. We stopped at scrumptious McDonalds in Gore for our lunch. It was an awesome camp.

Sofie Templeton



The Amazing Camp

I feel happy because on Thursday we went to the Dunedin Museum for a sleepover. We went in the starlab then we played at Discovery World. Next we went to see the butterflies. I held a big one. Next we had pizza for tea then we saw a mummy and went in the animal attic. Next we went to sleep. I slept by Ashton. The next day we had a treasure hunt then it was time to go home. I had an amazing time at camp.
Jayjay Tamou

Awesome School Camp

On Thursday we went to the Dunedin Museum. When I got there I went in the starlab. Then we had a piece of fruit and went to discovery world. I liked the magnetic crane. After that we went to the butterflies. I was too scared to hold a butterfly. Next we had pizza for tea. After tea I got dressed up as a mummy then we went to the animal attic and I saw lions. Next we went to bed. In the morning we had a treasure hunt then it was time to go home. We went to McDonalds for lunch then we went back to school. I had a very exciting time
Baxter Erskine

**Year 9/10 Team Building**

Students in Year 9 and 10 have been participating in some team-building activities to consolidate their learning about accepting diversity and making quality decisions in PE & Health.

The group have had to complete such exercises as problem-solving, confidence testers and physical challenges.

Last week, students tackled an assault course entitled "Mission:

Impossible" in which they had to find clues, answer riddles, collect items, locate keys, unlock doors and overcome various obstacles. This week the participants demonstrated their ability to help each other face their fear of heights by climbing a vertical bench supported only by members of the group.

Well done for being such a co-operative and supportive team!

**WAS Artists**

Look at the talent we have at our school!!!

Four lino cuts now hung in the front entrance of the school office.

The two black papered ones are by the year 7&8 class (Top: Ethan McCallum & Bottom: Tekoa Mangion). The two white background prints are by two year 10 students (Top: Bailey Harding & Bottom: Robbie Bell).

**May Be Useful To You**

During the course of time we have accumulated a lot of surplus furniture that is

not all in the best condition or no longer required.

We will be opening the prefab opposite the junior department to the public every afternoon at 2:30pm during the first week of next term. You will be welcome to help yourself to these items. There will be no payment expected but a koha is always happily received.

Please note it will be first in first served on these items and you will be expected to pick up and take the item at the time.

The old changing room sheds at the back of the school will also be open to inspection of items.

Reminders

- It is vital all personnel including parents sign in at the office when they arrive and sign out when leaving our school site. (unless you are just dropping off and collecting your child before and after school)

- While we have an open school policy it is important that parents wanting to sit in on their child's class arrange a suitable time with that teacher as sometimes it is not practical and can cause disruption to the class.

- All money must be placed in an envelope clearly named and stating exactly what it is for and placed in the office wooden box. (note we have some students with the same first name so either the students surname or at least last initial needs to be included)

- Absences along with the reason why need to be either phoned in, texted, emailed, faxed, or relayed via sibling verbally or a note explaining the reason to the office by 9:00am at the latest.

- All students arriving late, leaving or returning during school hours are expected to use the sign in/out folder.

- Students not going home on the bus including those that have after school activities are expected to use the sign off bus folder.

- Where possible messages for student change of after school arrangements need to

be known by 2:30pm to enable us to pass the message on in time.

- Office staff only work so many hours each and at times there is only one person working. They have different areas of responsibility so don't always have the answer but they do their best to either pass your query/information on to which ever one of them is the person in charge of that area. They also endeavour to pass on all messages regardless of the form received to the appropriate staff member.

Please remember it does take time for all staff to get back to you for various reasons.

- Four Square lunch orders need to be placed in the office box first thing in the morning with the correct amount of money to enable them to be processed in time. Students collect these from the office at lunch time.

Tuesday & Thursday heat ups are to be in suitable named heating packaging. Junior school students place theirs in the container in their classroom. Yr 7 – 13 place theirs in the box provided at the office. Students collect these from the library.

- It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure that the office is informed of any change of circumstances concerning your child e.g. change of address, phone numbers, medical issues etc.

- If you want to meet with a staff or BOT member, this includes the Principal please make an appointment to see them via the office as at times staff are unable to drop what they are doing to take the time to see you. Informing us as to what the matter is about enables us to inform the person you want to see at times enabling them to look into the matter further if necessary. (Office staff are skilled in confidentiality).

2015 Timeline

Wed 4 Feb to Thurs 2 Apr	TERM 1 (8 Weeks)
Mon 20 Apr to Fri 3 July	TERM 2 (11 Weeks)
Thurs 2 to Wed 15 July	Trip to Malaysia
Mon 6 to Thurs 9 July	National Area Schools Tournament - Wanganui
Mon 20 July to Fri 25 Sep	TERM 3 (10 Weeks)
Mon 20 July – 7pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 27 July – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 10 August – 7pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 17 August	School Photos
Mon 17 August – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 14 September –7pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 21 Sept – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 12 Oct to Wed 16 Dec	TERM 4 (9 ½weeks) (Tentative end date)
Mon 19 Oct – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 16 Nov – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 7 Dec – 7pm	BOT Meeting

Community Notices

Life Can Be Tough

Flood Snow Wind Drought

Stress Financial Personal

Be aware of how you are coping

What to watch for

- Loss of energy
- Persistent anxiety
- Interrupted sleep patterns
- Feeling of isolation

What you can do

- Talk to someone you trust
 - Partner, family, friend, GP
 - Or
 - Call Southland Rural Support
Trust
 - 0800 787 254
 - Services are free and
confidential



Holiday Development Camp For Year 5 – 6.

This is a wonderful netball opportunity for any Y5 –Y6 player who loves netball and wants to improve their skills, knowledge and playing ability.

Covering: Defence skills, Ball skills

Attack/shooting skills & Umpiring rules with a mini tournament on Day Two!

9.00am – 1.00pm Thursday 16 & Friday 17

July, ILT Stadium, Southland - Invercargill

\$65 registration fee (limited spaces)

Register with: Hannah Coutt,

shannah.coutts@netballsouth.com 027

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Sporting Clay Shoot

50 target fun field sporting clay bird shoot.

Sunday 28 June. Start 9:30am – 11:00am.

Held at Russell Bickleys property, 215

Endowment road, Thornbury.

Fundraising event to send the Aparima

college Clay Target Team to compete in the

New Zealand secondary school nationals held at Hamilton in September.

Hot food and drinks available all day.

Trophies and prizes for Junior, Senior and

Teams.

Spot prizes and raffles. Fun for all ages, bring

a team.

Inquiries to Bryan Bickley 027 2346 488



Starship Mobile Phone Recycling Appeal

Starship National Air Ambulance

By recycling phones you can help raise funds for The Starship National Air Ambulance, an invaluable service that flies medical experts to emergencies around the country and brings children back to Starship for lifesaving care.

To date we have raised over \$2.4 million for this vital service from the sale of old unwanted mobile phones.

I have attached a freepost address you can use to get any unwanted phones into our warehouse. All you need to do is package the phones up securely and write or tape the Freepost label to the package and drop to any NZ Post Store.

Kate Bunge

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