



Newsletter Term 4 / Week 2 - 24th October 2019

From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou,

We are very pleased with the decision to hold the field events section of the Senior Athletics day this Tuesday. Technology certainly was in the forefront of the decision, as we used four different weather prediction services to compare forecasts for the week and see that Canterbury's notable "Four Seasons in one day" weather pattern was ahead of us. Luckily, as predicted the rain didn't arrive until 4 pm. It was great to see our senior students fully involved in the event, where they showcased their skills and supported their fellow students to achieve some outstanding successes. It is planned to hold the track events on Friday at the Lincoln Domain. Our fields are not level enough to safely hold sprint races. It is the aim of the Board of Trustees to address this issue in the very near future.

If you have been at school in the last few days, I'm sure you will have seen the sculpture now mounted in front of the big window of the library. The students designed this art work and are now all participating in the carving, under the watchful eye of Shaugn Briggs. By the end of today, all Year 2 students will have been involved in the carving. Year 4 students are the next group to all take part. Many of our senior students have been very involved in the sawing and initial preparation of the Oamaru stone. It is certainly an iconic addition to the landscaping of this area.

On Tuesday evening about thirty parents attended the Annual General Meeting of the PTA, Friends of the School. Officers elected were Meredith Wiseman - Chairperson, Levana Jackson - Treasurer and Kate Velenski - Secretary. The AGM was followed by a general meeting where future initiatives were discussed. Many thanks to all the parents who attended. We look forward to the first scheduled event, the Fish and Chip picnic, which is being held on Tuesday 26th November, the same evening as our end of year Celebration of Learning. The first block where students and their families can participate in the Celebration of learning runs from 3.30 pm until 4.30pm, followed by the PTA, Friends of the School Fish and Chip picnic from 4.30pm until 5.30pm. A further block where students and families can share the learning of the year will run from 5.30pm. until 6.30 pm. We hope these time slots will allow all families to visit the learning spaces and share the highlights of the year with your children.

Pets Day is well and truly visible everywhere around the school. This day is certainly a highlight of the year for many students. I'm sure you will be identifying flowers around your gardens which will be targets for your children to bring along, as well as grooming of pets in preparation for the day. Learning spaces will be open following judging at 12.30pm. Please come along and view all the outstanding exhibits which students have prepared for the day. A grand parade will be held at 1.30pm with cups and trophies being presented at that time.

The Jump Jam teams performed during the lunch break yesterday to share their talents and also as a rehearsal of their routines in front of an audience prior to the competitions in a few weeks time. The Mufti Day fundraiser saw \$715.50 being banked. These funds are being used to purchase uniforms, pay entry fees and purchase new DVD's for the school to share. Thank you for your support.



Viv Butcher
Principal

REMINDERS

A friendly reminder that school finish time on Wednesday's is 2:30pm.

Assembly will be held on even weeks in the school hall starting at 9:15am. Parents are welcome to attend.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS [Click here to read more](#)

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
24	Syndicate 2 Antarctic Trip - Toetoe & Pīngao	1	Craft & Pets Day	4	PSC Athletics
24	BOT Meeting 7pm - All Welcome	1	Senior Jacket Orders Due	19	End of Year Assembly - 1pm
25	Athletics Synd 3 & 4 Track Events Only	5	Christchurch Music Festival	19	BOT Meeting 7pm - All Welcome
25	Assembly - 9:15am	6	Zone Athletics	20	End of Term 4
28	Labour Day (school closed)	15	Show Day (school closed)		
		21	BOT Meeting 7pm - All Welcome		
		26	Celebration of Learning &		
		26	PTA: Fish n Chip Pincic		
		27	PSC Triathlon		
		27-29	Syndicate 3 Kayaking & Boating		
		28	Syndicate 2 Athletics		

Pets & Crafts Day

Children who are exhibiting animals - *lambs, kids, calves, chickens* must have been born **AFTER** the 1st of July 2019.

Children wishing to take their animal to group day and area day at Canterbury Park need to keep a journal of their animal.

Cattle will be judged at the children's homes due to mycoplasma bovis concerns.

Please [click here](#) for programme of the days events

