



NEWSLETTER # 13

TERM THREE – WEEK 6 MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2017



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Wed 30 Aug | PTA Meeting - 7.30pm |
| Wed 30 Aug | Student Led Learning Conferences |
| Fri 1 Sep | Pyjama Muft Day - Donation Please |
| Sat 9 Sep | Spring Gala Day & Auction - HDCC |
| Thu 14 Sep | BOT Meeting - Meeting Rm, 7pm |
| Fri 15 Sep | School Photos - Starting 9.00am |
| Mon 18 Sep | Quiz Night - Tapanui T&C Club |
| Tue 19 Sep | Craig Smith/Wonky Donkey - WOCC 10.00am |
| 18 to 22 Sep | Arts Week |
| Wed 27 Sep | Life Education Bus |
| Fri 29 Sept | Last Day Term 3 |

Dear Parents, Friends and Whanau

Kia ora koutou. The daffodils are out, there's only four weeks until daylight saving and spring is edging closer every day. This week at school we are holding our second round of Student Led Learning Conferences for the year. Times for these conferences are almost completely full and we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's learning progress.

The Heriot School Spring Gala Day and Auction is coming up on **Saturday 9 September** at the Heriot & Districts Community Centre. If you have any questions or are looking to contribute in any way please contact Andrew Herriott 204 2315 or Sheree Hickman 204 8114. Congratulations to the Blue Bombers (**Madge Drummond, Kauri Roulston, Molly Pryde and Matt O'Meara**) who competed in the Southland final of the ePro8 Challenge at Waihopai School in Invercargill. A special thank you to Mrs Lena Roulston for transporting and looking after this group.

Judy Miller, Teresa and Winston Young, Ange McHutchon, Bec Hazlett and Ruth Winterbourne all came in to make Bonsai Balls with our students during Atu Marautanga last week. These balls look magnificent and they are individually labeled and ready to be sold at our upcoming Spring Gala Day and Auction. Thank you to Judy and her team of helpers. The students enjoyed themselves and there was a high performance production line churning out Bonsai Balls all afternoon.

I want to take this time to thank Harliwich Contracting for their generous support of our school. They help us in a variety of ways but most recently they fixed a couple of ash buckets and also worked on our tractor and mower free of charge. On behalf of the staff and students at Heriot School I thank Chook and his team for the big-hearted help they regularly provide for us.

As always if you have a concern or query regarding your child's learning and wellbeing at school then please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nga Mihi Nui
Colin McHutchon, Tumuaki (Principal)



Important Information

This week we bid a special welcome to Lilah Scott who has started in the Junior Classroom. She joins her sister Hazelle Scott (Y2) at school and will make it quieter at home during the day for (Mum) Judy and (Dad) Clark. Welcome back to Sasha Jamieson who has returned to the Junior Classroom with Miss Keenan. Farewell to Deonte Tuffley-Brookes (Y4) who has returned to East Gore School.

Ms Joleen Harding

We welcome **Ms Joleen Harding** onto the staff at Heriot School. Joleen and her partner Matt run the Tapanui Four Square and have recently moved to the area with their two young children. Joleen has already done an amount of relieving for us this term. She is going to be with us for one day per week for an indefinite period this year. *Please see the notice about Raising Student Achievement Through Targeted Actions.*

Heriot School Spring Gala Day and Auction

Please keep an eye out for any information about this upcoming event **SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**. It is the PTA's major fundraising event and it is all for your children.

Head Lice

Staff have noticed some children have nits. If they become a regular fixture at school then they prove extremely difficult to get rid of for a long period of time. Please be vigilant and check your child's head regularly. Please contact school if you require any advice with treatment etc.

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/>

Student Led Learning Conferences

These are being held on Wednesday 30 August from 2.00pm until 7.30pm. School will remain open as per normal but there will be no classroom instruction between 2-3pm to allow teachers to be available for the conferences. Pauline will be notifying everyone their times tomorrow.

Pyjama Mufti Day

On Friday we are having a 'Pyjama Mufti Day'. Please wear your PJ's on this day and bring a donation. The Action Council are organising this. A flier was sent home last week with details.

School Photos – Friday 15 September.

Geoff Horrell will be at school to take photos on the morning of Friday 15 September. All children will have their individual photos taken, but if you are wanting a family photo you need to fill out the attached 'Family Photo Consent' form and return it to school before 15 September.

This is a special mention for **Briar Roulston** who had the great idea to have a Pyjama Day. She came and asked me about it and then I approached the Action Council.

Fantastic idea Briar and well done!





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Raising Student Achievement Through Targeted Actions

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In order to raise student achievement in some of our priority learners, we have started a new programme that will take place one day per week from now until the end of term, and potentially into next term as well.

Every Wednesday (as of last week) we have Ms Joleen Harding working with us in all three of our classrooms. She will be releasing the classroom teachers so that they can carry out specific targeted actions with these learners across reading, writing and mathematics.

There are a number of students who are included in this programme and that is the reason for this notice as opposed to contacting individual students and whānau.

If there are any specific requirements to support your child in reading, writing or maths learning then your classroom teacher will be in contact with you.

If you have any questions regarding raising student achievement through targeted actions then please do contact me or alternately discuss this with your classroom teacher.

Thank you

Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki
Heriot School