



NEWSLETTER #13

TERM THREE – WEEK 4 TUESDAY 14 AUGUST 2018



Dear Parents, Friends and Whānau

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Bula, Kia orana, Malo e lelei and Fakaalofa Lahi Atu to the fourth week of the term.

This week will be interrupted with NZEI Strike action. We will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday 15 August, and we thank those of you that have taken an interest in our challenge. This challenge belongs to all of us because it concerns our children and the world that

they and their own children will be educated and grow in. It was a fun day last Friday with all of our children dressed as teachers. We certainly appreciate the effort you went to make sure everyone was dressed up and in drawing more attention to this cause. Mr Brensell even came dressed as me and it was the best he's looked for a long while! The essence of the challenge for us all is; to get better support for our learners. We understand that Wednesday is inconvenient for everyone and we appreciate your support.

A special thank you to Mrs Rochelle Pryde for going out of her way to coach and manage our Y5&6 netball teams at the recent South Otago tournament. Our two mixed teams did themselves proud by reaching the semi-finals.

All three classes are busy with a variety of topics and learning activities. We look forward to show-casing some of these with you when you come in for Student Led Learning Conferences in a couple of weeks. Thank you to those of you who have already organised this and locked it in for Wednesday 29 August.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 15 Aug	NZEI Action School Closed
Thu 16 Aug	BOT Meeting, Meeting Rm, 7pm
Wed 29 Aug	Learning Conferences, From 2pm
Fri 31 Aug	Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm - Senior
Mon 10 Sept	School Photos, 12pm
Tue 11 Sept	Speech Competitions
Thu 13 Sep	Firewise (Y0-3)
Tue 18 Sep	Tapanui School Production, 1pm
Fri 21 Sep	Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm - Middle
24 - 27 Sep	Arts & Crafts Week
Fri 28 Sep	Life Education Bus
Fri 28 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

Our first reward is coming up at the end of next week. This is for all of the students who have consistently made positive behaviour choices and have displayed our Heriot School values. Everyone will get to choose a couple of fun activities and we will run this on Friday 24 August.

Thank you for your respect and support.

Nga Mihi Nui

Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki/Principal
Heriot School

Whakataukāi (Māori Proverb)
Me mahi tahi tatou mo te oranga o te katoa –
We should work together for the well-being of everyone

Important Information

NZEI Action

On **Wednesday 15 August** NZEI will be taking strike action and so school will be closed.

Vests

I am waiting to hear back from Fonterra as I have followed up with them regarding our vests a number of times now. There is an assortment of second hand vests here at school that children are welcome to have if they have nothing.

Student Led Learning Conferences

Learning Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday 29 August. They will begin at 2pm in the afternoon. These notices were sent home at the beginning of the term and many of you have already taken advantage of booking in times. If you still need a time please get in touch with Pauline in the office.

Signing Children Out

In the school office we have lists of all of the children who attend Heriot School. Each day as children leave school their names are checked off these lists. We are responsible for ensuring all children are accounted for while they are at school. Please make sure that you sign your children out if you are collecting them during or after school.

Contacting School

If you need to get a message to school then please make sure that you email **both** Pauline; office@heriot.school.nz or myself; principal@heriot.school.nz. You can also phone 2042007 and leave a message on the answerphone (this is checked by staff throughout the day).

Mr Alexander's Bus

If you would like to use this bus then you need to contact Ritchies Transport Holdings Ltd (Gore Branch) 2089902 to discuss dates and payment with them.

NO Sports Extravaganza

The management group of the South West Otago Sports Activator wants to ensure that everyone knows that the Sports Extravaganza will only be held biannually. The reasons for this event only being held once every two years are; *travel costs, difficulty in finding helpers, alternating the location of the event, ongoing costs to the activator group, the number of schools attending and the amount of work involved in organising the event.* The next Sports Extravaganza will be in 2019.

Whole School Assembly

The next whole school assembly will be on Friday 31 August at 2.30pm. All parents, caregivers, and whanau are welcome to come along. It would be great if you are able to join us.

Swimming

Please read the letter below and contact me this week if you are interested.

Ski Trip

The Heriot ski trip this year to Cardrona is Friday 14th September, Saturday 15th September and Sunday 16th September.

The cost for each day is \$70 per person per day for a lift and lesson and \$90 per person per day for lift, rental and lesson. The price is the same for adults and children. Children under 6 years, receive free lift passes.

If you are interested or have any questions, please give me a call or send an email through. Spaces this year are limited, so first in first served. Thanks Beck Hazlett

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PTA NEWS

A massive thank you to everyone who sold croissants. We managed to sell an outstanding amount of 45 Cartons, which is 270 bags. An awesome effort. There is a little bit of outstanding money, so if that could be tidied up this week please. The winners of the Selling Competition will be announced at the next assembly! Also a big thanks to those who helped run the bar at the Rugby Club Prizegiving, especially to Clark Scott who had the job of running the courtesy van. The Rugby Club really appreciated our help, and it is good to help out other community organisations, whilst earning some money for the bank account at the same time.



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SWIMMING

The Central Otago Swim School would like to offer swimming lessons over the summer holidays on location in your community. We would be providing instructors and teaching in your local pool. We are wanting to gauge interest in this area to see if it is a viable option for the Swim School. Depending on interest we are looking to offer pre-school and school aged lessons but could also provide babies and toddlers dependent on school temperature.

Our Swim School programme has a strong water safety component, with a focus on enabling the child to recognise their abilities in the water and to take action to help keep themselves safe. We provide a fun and interesting learning environment run with qualified staff who are supported with ongoing training and development of programmes. Standard lessons are 25 minutes in duration. Children are encouraged to practice their skills outside of lessons (with suitable supervision). We encourage all children to participate in swimming lessons as it is such an important and lifesaving skill to have.

Sue Stokes
Swim School Coordinator

If this is of interest to you can you please get in touch with me before Friday 17 August? - Colin

YOUR WEST OTAGO TEACHERS* ARE GOING ON STRIKE: HERE'S WHY...

Because we care about your kids.
We want the best for them.

WHAT ARE WE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- More teachers – so your kids can get more attention
- More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs.
- A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – increasingly teachers are either having to turn up to school sick or classes are being combined due to the shortage of relievers.



Your teachers would love to talk to you about this if you have any questions. We would appreciate your support and acknowledge that although striking may inconvenience you, we need to have our voices heard.

From the teachers* at Tapanui, Heriot and Waikoikoi schools.