



# NEWSLETTER # 1

**TERM ONE – WEEK 2 TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2017**

## Dear Parents, Friends and Whanau

Kia ora koutou. A very warm welcome to you all. It is hard to believe that the (so called) summer break flew past so quickly and that we have been back at school for a week. Mrs Kinaston, Mrs Roulston, Miss Keenan, Pauline and Carla are all excited and motivated about the year ahead. Mr Alexander and Fay and Kevin May have beavered away behind the scenes over January to make sure that everything was in top shape when school began on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Firstly, a very special welcome to all of our new students this year; Ashton Laphorne (Brad and Marie) Travis Winterbourne (Paul and Ruth) and Briar Roulston (Corey and Debra). Also a special welcome to Kauri (Y6) and Tio Roulston (Y3) who have joined us from New Plymouth. It has been a wee while since their father Kris went to Heriot School and we welcome him and his wife Lena back to the community.

Our first week back saw us participating in swimming instruction that was kindly organised by our PTA. Robyn Lowe (Instructor) from the Central Otago District Council is based in Cromwell and she stayed with the Herriott's for the week. She had 5 intensive days of lessons and even had time at the end of each day to



take some toddler sessions. Our children got a huge amount from her teaching and she was well supported by parent volunteers, in particular by Mrs Teresa Young. Teresa was in all week long to round up kids, to coordinate with staff and to generally help Robyn. Fantastic effort Teresa, thank you very much. Lyn Fletcher went to great lengths to get swimming instruction organised for us and we genuinely appreciate her time and energy also for making sure this all happened for us.

We are all eager to get into our class routines and set up some solid structure this week. For those of you who may have missed the information last year; Mrs Debra Roulston is funded by the BOT to teach writing and maths from 9-11 each day (Monday to Thursday). She is teaching year 3 & 4 students during this time. After 11.00am classes swap back to junior and senior.

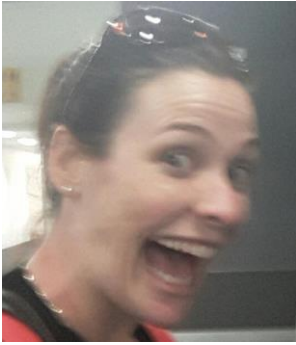
Each week this year we will have a brief assembly. They will be held on a Friday after our sports interchange at approximately 2.45pm. This allows us time to acknowledge and celebrate students' successes as well as providing a forum for us to share our learning. You are invited to join us at any stage and unless you have heard otherwise assembly will happen every week at this time.

We are delighted to be back with the tamariki and to be working alongside you again this year. We are proud to be serving such a strong and supportive community and want to provide the best opportunities for you and your family. If you have questions, ideas or just wish to offer us some feedback, your input is valued immensely and I encourage you to contact me at school anytime.

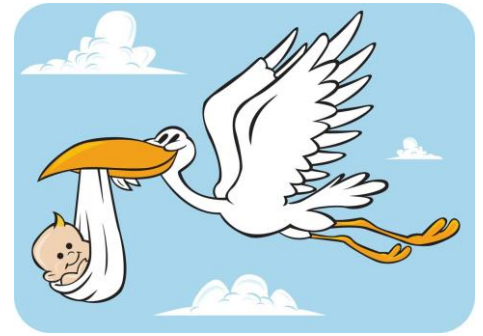
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Colin McHutchon  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|        |                                  |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| 9 Feb  | BOT Meeting, 7.30pm              |
| 16 Feb | Tapanui Swimming Sports          |
| 20 Feb | ERO Visit (2-3 days)             |
| 2 Mar  | W/O Athletics Day (P/P 3/3)      |
| 5 Mar  | Weetbix Tryathlon                |
| 8 Mar  | Learning Conferences             |
| 15 Mar | Book Club Orders Due In          |
| 20 Mar | Otago Anniversary Day (Closed)   |
| 21 Mar | Eastern Zone Athletics (P/P22/3) |
| 28 Mar | Sport Clutha Triathlon (Y5&6)    |
| 5 Apr  | Otago Triathlon Cromwell         |
| 8 Apr  | Southland Athletics              |
| 13 Apr | Last Day of Term 1               |



*Mrs Kinaston has delivered us some exciting news. Our roll will be increasing in 2022 because baby Kinaston will be starting school! Congratulations Ash and Tara on this wonderful news. We hope that everything goes smoothly from here on out.*



# Important Information

## **SCHOOL OPENS AT 8.30am**

At the end of 2016 and over the first week of school in 2017 we have had children arriving at school anywhere from 8.00am onwards.

This is a friendly reminder that school is not actually open until 8.30am each day.

Teachers have an amount of preparation to do each day and this can often only be done in the morning before learners arrive in the classroom. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

## **Eating Utensils**

When sending yoghurt and/or hot lunches etc to school, please remember to provide your child/ren with a plastic spoon or fork. We will not be providing them anymore.

## **Other Curriculum**

This Friday, children will be making a salad (in case you did not want to send lunch that day) in groups. No ingredients required. The senior class will also be taking part in some rugby skills training with Lee Allan from the ORFU.

## **West Otago Athletics**

This will be held at BMC on Thursday 2 March (Week 5) this year. The postponement date is the following day - Friday 3 March. Waikoikoi is organising the event this year and there will be more information as soon as it is available.

The Eastern Zone Athletics event will be held on Tuesday 21 March (Week 8) this year. This is the day after Otago Anniversary Day. The postponement date is Wednesday 22 March.

## **Swimming**

Children will be swimming as part of our PE programme so please ensure they have their togs, towel and goggles each day. (All named of course!)

## **Missing Polar Fleece**

Please check at home for a size 6 polar fleece with the name 'Kenzie' on it. It has been missing since the end of last year.

## **Last Day 2017**

- This year we need to be open for 388 half days.
- If we do not have any 'Teacher Only Days' then the last day that we will be open this year will be **Wednesday 13 December**.

**Tapanui Swimming Club**  
2016/2017 Lessons (5 yrs & above)  
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