



# NEWSLETTER # 4

**TERM ONE – WEEK 9 MONDAY 27 MARCH 2017**



## Dear Parents, Friends and Whanau

Kia ora koutou. We are truly grateful for any support, donation, or contribution that we receive in order to provide the best opportunities for our learners. A special thank you to all of the people who donated so generously last week. Thank you also for making the effort to get along and meet with some of the Heriot School Board of Trustee members. I was not there as I had another prearranged meeting but have heard by all accounts that lots of people made it there.

The discrepancy between the funding we receive from the Ministry compared to our actual outlay is increasing all of the time. This puts added pressure on all communities to support their local schools. We are certainly appreciative of all that the whole community, consistently does and provides for us.

Another strong supporting division of our school is our PTA. If you are interested in sharing some of your ideas and directly contributing to improving outcomes for our students then do come along to our next meeting. Just because you are interested or feel as though you could contribute does not mean that you will end up with a managing role...

Congratulations to our swimmers and athletes. We had a contingent of 10 students competing in the Eastern Zone Athletics on Tuesday 21 March. These results, and qualifiers for the Southland Championships being held in Invercargill on 8 April, were confirmed yesterday afternoon and permission slips were sent home with children. Four of our swimmers competed in the Otago Primary Schools Championship in Dunedin on Saturday. This is an outstanding effort by all of these students to qualify at this level. Well done! I would also like to wish our Y5 & 6 students competing in the Sport Clutha Triathlon in Balclutha today, all the very best – **Hayden, Matt, Madeleine, Amy, Annabel, Molly, Ruby, Libby, Grace and Jimmy.**

Thank you very much to Mrs Kinaston and to Mrs Susan Harris (Tara's Mum) for volunteering their time and expertise in highland dancing for our Atū Marautanga session last week (see photos).

A special Heriot welcome goes to Luca Bennett who started in the Junior Classroom with Miss Keenan recently. Luca is the younger brother of Leilani in the Senior Room. He is already very comfortable being at school and has made a great start.

Please read the 'Important Information' section below. It contains information that is often a priority and what you need to know.

Nga Mihi Nui  
Colin McHutchon, Tumuaki (Principal)



To create opportunity, release potential, celebrate success

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tue 28 Mar	Sport Clutha Triathlon, Balclutha
Wed 5 Apr	Otago Triathlon, Cromwell
Wed 5 Apr	PTA Meeting
Sat 8 Apr	Southland Athletics, Invercargill
Thu 13 Apr	Highlanders Visit 9.46 – 10.30am 'Rugby' Mufti Day
Thu 13 Apr	Last Day - T1
Mon 1 May	First Day - T2
Mon 22 May	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Tue 4 Jul	Production-Dress Rehearsal
Wed 5 Jul	School Production 'Hoodwinked'
Thu 6 Jul	School Production 'Hoodwinked'

## Otago Primary Schools Swim Champ Results – 25/03/2017 Moana Pool, Dunedin

### Madeleine Drummond - Age: 9

50m Free Primary Prelims 48.97 43.33 (8<sup>th</sup>)

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50m Back Primary Prelims 54.89 53.34 (12<sup>th</sup>)

### Matthew O'Meara - Age: 10

50m Free Primary Prelims 40.30 39.60 (13<sup>th</sup>)

50m Back Primary Prelims 49.94 45.79 (11<sup>th</sup>)

### 4 Molly Pryde - Age: 10

50m Free Primary Prelims 50.73 50.86 (48<sup>th</sup>)

Grace Affleck and Ruby Thomson also qualified but did not attend due to other commitments.

**Congratulations to all of these students. A fantastic effort and outstanding work for qualifying to this high level.**

## EASTERN ATHLETICS RESULTS Newman Park, Gore – 21/03/2017

Libby Young - 9Yrs, 4<sup>th</sup> High Jump

Annabel Peters - 9Yrs, 4<sup>th</sup> 200m, 4<sup>th</sup> 100m, 3<sup>rd</sup> Long Jump

Lucy McHutchon - 10Yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m, 1<sup>st</sup> 800m, 4<sup>th</sup> 200m

Tio Roulston - 7Yrs, 2<sup>nd</sup> 60m, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m

Kauri Roulston - 9Yrs, 4<sup>th</sup> Shot Put

Matt O'Meara - 10Yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> High Jump

**Congratulations and well done!**

## QUALIFIERS FOR SOUTHLAND ATHLETICS Surrey Park, Invercargill 8/04/2017

**Congratulations to the following children who have qualified to attend the Southland Athletics.**

Libby Young – High Jump

Annabel Peters – 100m, Relay, Long Jump

Lucy McHutchon – 1500m, 800m, 200m

Tio Roulston – 60m, 100m

Kauri Roulston – Shot Put

Matthew O'Meara – High Jump



**Please DO NOT BRING TOYS to school. These cause disagreements and often conflict. They can also easily get lost or damaged at school. The only exception should be that you have arranged something prior with the classroom teacher.**

# Important Information

## Swimming Pool Now CLOSED

Due to mechanical failure, the school pool is now **CLOSED** for the season. Please return keys to the school office no later than the last day of this term - Thursday 13 April.

## School Accounts

School accounts have been emailed out and are now due for payment. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

## School Opens at 8.30am

As school is not open until 8.30am each day, **please ensure children do not arrive before this time.**

## Southland Primary School Athletic Championships

This event will be held on Saturday 8 April at Surrey Park in Invercargill. A notice was sent home with all qualifiers today. Please return slip to school tomorrow.

## Heriot Playgroup Visit

The Heriot Playgroup is coming along to visit us this Wednesday at 10.15am. They will be working in the Senior Room with Mrs Kinaston and we are looking forward to seeing them again this week.

## Production

Production 'words' belong in children's bags as Mrs Kinaston is working with them at school and then children can take them home and practice them. Please make sure these come back to school each day.

## 2017 Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics Competitions

For quite a few years we have participated in the ICAS (Australian) examinations. This year there is a New Zealand alternative created by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (University of Canterbury) - the *Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics Competitions*.

These will be held on the last two weeks of term 2 at a time that suits us. Please find an entry form and letter attached to this newsletter.

## Assembly

These are held each Friday in the library at 2.45pm. They are a way that we can celebrate success as well as being able to share some of our learning. You are welcome to join us at any time.

## See-Saw

There are a few things in learning journals from all (3) classes on See-Saw. So if you haven't got this yet, then now is the time. It offers you some genuine insight into your child's learning and what activities they are taking part in at school.

**Junior Class:** <https://app.seesaw.me/s/012-211-315> **Senior Class:** <https://app.seesaw.me/s/168-177-067>

## CRE Sessions

These are now held on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30-2.00pm. These take place with the Junior and Senior Classes.



## RUGBY BOOTS FOR SALE

An ex school family has donated several pairs of rugby boots in assorted sizes to school. If you are interested in a pair of boots, please contact the school office. A small donation to school would be greatly appreciated as payment.

## 2017 Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics Competitions



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand curriculum.

The competitions are administered by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM) which is a not-for-profit Centre at the University of Canterbury. The competitions are open to all Year 5-10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. It provides teachers, parents and students with an independent, comprehensive record of a student's performance. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 2 weeks of Term 2.

Distinction	Top 1% of Year Level	Certificates will be sent to all participating students and prizes will be awarded to top students.
Excellence	Next 10%	
Merit	Next 20%	
Achieved	Next 25%	
Participation	Remainder	

Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CEM website [www.cem.canterbury.ac.nz](http://www.cem.canterbury.ac.nz)



Please return THIS section to the school office by Friday 28th April 2017. No late entries will be accepted.

I give permission for my child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
 to participate in the 2017 KIWI competitions.

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter.

Subject	Year Level	Entry (Inc GST)	Fees enclosed
English		\$8.50	
Mathematics		\$8.50	
Science		\$8.50	
		Total	\$

Name of parent /caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_