



# NEWSLETTER # 7

**TERM TWO – WEEK 4 MONDAY 22 MAY 2017**

## Dear Parents, Friends and Whanau

Kia ora koutou. Since our last newsletter we hope that all of the Mothers out there were suitably spoiled on Mothers Day. We hope that those of you that partake in duck shooting at a great time on opening weekend too.

We are getting tantalizingly close to the threshold that would allow us to secure an extra teacher. The roll is currently at 50 and we are genuinely hoping to reach 51+ in the short term.

We will keep you informed as to how things progress over the next while. On that note, we welcome Alicia (Y4) and Jamie Philburn (Y6) and their parents Michelle Cook and Reuben Game as well as Amelia (Y1) and Katelyn Dennehy (Y3) and their parents Shona Rathgen and Daniel Dennehy, to Heriot School. These girls and their families are all new over the last week and we wish them all the best in their transition to school and to West Otago.

Production rehearsals continue to gain momentum and these are happening regularly in the afternoons from Monday to Wednesday. We are already in week four this term and the performances draw nearer all the time. Make sure you get in early to get your tickets for your friends and family. They are only \$2 at the school office. Cross Country training is happening every day at 10am. As you can see in the photos Miss Keenan is putting everyone through their paces with warm ups and stretches before the running begins. The juniors have been doing some construction in technology and the seniors are doing some planning to get theirs started as well. Last week during



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon 22 May	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
Mon 29 May	NYLD Dunedin – Y6's
Tue 30 May	Rippa Tournament Balclutha
Wed 31 May	West Otago Cross Country
Wed 14 June	Eastern Cross Country Waimumu
Wed 21 Jun	WIG WEDNESDAY
Tue 4 Jul	Production-Dress Rehearsal (Daytime)
Wed 5 Jul	Production-Dress Rehearsal (Daytime)
Wed 5 Jul	School Production 'Hoodwinked' (Evening)
Thu 6 Jul	School Production 'Hoodwinked' (Evening)

our Atu Marautanga time we made some Mother's Day truffles and we have just started some music (recorder) sessions. If your child has a recorder from school or their own one could you please make sure that they have these at school for the next few weeks? We trust that there will be some recorder learning practice at home and that you will enjoy these soothing sounds as much as we do here at school. We appreciate and value your ongoing support and commitment.

Nga Mihi Nui  
Colin McHutcheon  
Tumuaki (Principal)

# Important Information

## The Senior Room Want Boxes!

The Senior Room now requires small and medium sized cardboard boxes for their technology unit this term. If you have any spare boxes lying around could you please send them to school with your child?

## Pool Keys

Please return pool keys to the school office asap. Thank you!

## School Accounts

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

## Rippa Rugby Tournament

**Tuesday 30 May** at 10am. Balclutha Show Grounds. Postponement date **Thursday 1 June.**

## Assembly

These are held each Friday in the library at 2.45pm. They are informal and organised by the students.

## National Young Leaders Day 2017 – (NYLD)

The Y6 students have been given the opportunity to attend the NYLD conference in Dunedin again this year. Thank you to the PTA for generously supporting this leadership initiative and providing us with transport and entry costs.

## West Otago Cross Country

This will be held on Wednesday 31 May at Alastair and Julia Body's farm. A separate notice was emailed home today. We have started training for this during fitness times each morning (10.00am). Please remember to send children to school with **appropriate footwear for running** every day (i.e. no gumboots, or fairy princess shoes, or fairy princess gumboots..)

## Mid-Year Reports

We are all at different stages of gathering, collating and presenting information on student achievement in order to share this with you in Mid-Year Reports. EVERY child at Heriot School, irrespective of their age, will receive a Mid-Year Report in 2017. All five teachers; Miss Keenan, Mrs Roulston, Mrs Davies, Mrs Kinaston and I contribute to put these together. We are aiming to have this home to you the week of school production (beginning Monday 3 July).



A number of students at school have now been infected with chicken pox.

The Ministry of Health recommendation for exclusion from school is; *1 week from the appearance of a rash or until all blisters have dried.*

Early symptoms include a fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.

West Otago Soccer would like a few extra players if any are out there  
We would like the players to be between 6 and 8 to fit into our teams,  
our practice time is Thursday from 3.30- 4.30, all games are played on a Saturday  
morning for more information email [waikoikoimiller@gmail.com](mailto:waikoikoimiller@gmail.com)

phone either 2076880 or 272764105

Starting tomorrow, **Tuesday 23 May**, the **West Otago Netball Centre** will be running a primary school students netball skills coaching programme.

It is being held at the **West Otago Community Centre** and starts at **3.15pm**.



Please contact **Ruth Stiven** on **027 2278008** with any queries.

## Heriot School Production 2017- 'HOODWINKED'

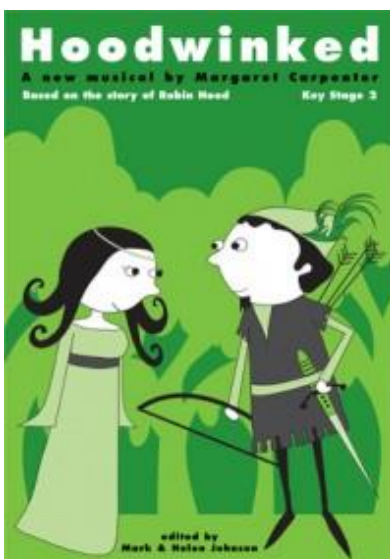
Our production this year will be held over TWO nights

These are: **Wednesday 5 July at 7pm & Thursday 6 July at 7pm**

This year we are doing things a little differently. Everyone wanting to attend the production will need to pre-purchase a ticket in order to be allocated a seat on the night that they specifically want to attend.

TICKETS are available at the school office for \$2 each. Please specify how many tickets you want and what night(s) you would like to attend.

NB: There will be no door sales.



### DRESS REHEARSAL'S

On Tuesday 4 July we will be travelling to Tapanui for a dress rehearsal. The whole school will be travelling by bus. The following day (Wednesday) the whole school will again travel by bus to Tapanui for a full dress rehearsal (but on this particular day there will be an audience of school children and others watching us).

A more detailed notice will be going home soon to keep you informed.

If you have any questions at this stage then please talk with Mrs Tara Kinaston or myself.