

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Respect The Rest & Be Your Best
16 February 2017 – Term 1– Week 3
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Tena Koutou Katoa

This week we would like to introduce you to our support staff. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing group of ladies in our school who provide fantastic support for both our students and the teachers. We could not do what we do without them and value highly what they bring to our school.

Diary 2017

31 Jan 17- Term 1 Begins
17 Feb – Senior School Swimming Sports- Jellie Park
17 Feb – **Family Fun night 5.30pm**
21 Feb – Year 8 Leadership Day
06 Mar – Zone Swimming this week
06 Mar – Interviews Room 1, 2, 3
07 Mar – Interviews Room 1,2,3
13 Mar - Zone Duathlon, Motukarara
11 – 13 Apr – Year 7 camp
13 Apr – **End of Term 1**
14 Apr – Good Friday
01 May – **Start Term 2**

L-R: Kersty, Trina, Debbie, Toni

We wish all our year 5 to 8 students all the best as they take part in our school swimming sports at Jellie Park on Friday. Races will begin promptly at 12.45pm beginning with the senior school championship race.

We hope to see you all at **Family Fun Night**, Friday night, beginning at 5.30. Free sausage sizzle or bring along your own take-aways or picnic. The pool will be open and supervised.

Messages from the Board of Trustees

Welcome to 2017 from Weedons Board of Trustees, we look forward to a successful and rewarding year ahead.

School Maintenance (Painting)

As part of our 5 year maintenance plan which we commit to do on behalf of the NZ Government we are currently planning the repaint of the School in 2017. If anyone in the Weedons School community would either like to tender or has a contact who you think would be interested, please contact Andrew Cogle (BOT Property leader) at (kiwinudge@hotmail.com) to discuss and or confirm any interest.

Parking

At the recent Board meeting the issue of parking was raised. A number of points were discussed and as a result the Board are going to implement the following

1. Yellow lines / cones will be used to provide clear visibility going in and out of the car park.
2. Staff will be on duty at both gates to ensure children are not leaving without an adult.
3. A walking zone will be created around the fence by the drop off zone. We ask that all parents/caregivers who are collecting children walk around this zone to reduce the risk of walking behind reversing cars.

The issue of parking across the road was discussed. A number of staff have witnessed children running across the road to parents waiting in their cars and parents struggling with pre-schoolers getting them in and out of cars on the busy road. It was unanimously agreed that, in the name of safety, we continue to ask that you do not park across the road.

We thank you for your assistance with this as we all strive to make this the safest place for our children.

TOP PERFORMER

This week's Top Performer is Jack from Totara Room 1. Jack has already spent a year as a leader in our school and the signs are that he will step up further as a Year 8. Jack always takes care to work to his best ability and contributes actively in discussions in class. Jack is a thinker so when he says something you know it has been carefully considered and will be worth listening to.

When speaking before others Jack is confident and clear. He is a great public speaker. Jack displayed leadership in mathematics last year as a Cantamath Captain and has stepped up to take a leadership role as house captain. He collaborates successfully with others to present his knowledge in a concise and thoughtful way.

Jack is a pleasure to teach as we know he will always strive to demonstrate his and our values in his actions. He is inclusive of others and enables others to raise their performance through their participation with him.

Jack has shown that he is capable with technology and presents his work effectively on this platform.

It is a pleasure to see Jack arrive bright and early every morning ready to go and we had better make the most of his last year with us as there's a high school about to find out about this great student next year. Well done Jack. You are a top bloke.

REMINDERS:

- All **visitors to school must** come to the office and sign in and then out. This includes parents/caregivers/grandparents etc who are helping out in the classrooms.
- This also includes if a child/ren **is arriving late to school or leaving for an appointment**, please ensure you sign them in/out.
- If your **child/children** are taking any **medication**, this must be handed into the office and a consent form signed by a parent/caregiver.
- **UNIFORM** Please remember, our uniform includes plain navy shorts, skirts or track pants. We know this can be difficult further up the school and will allow the very trendy CCC or adidas shorts the seniors enjoy wearing but no skins underneath please.
We have available for purchase some quick drying CCC shorts which will be suitable for everyday wear and sports events and some good quality trackpants.
HATS are compulsory this term. We have all sizes available in the office.
PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHES.

Friends of Weedons

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Don't forget to like our Facebook page FOW (Friends of Weedons School)

Community Notices

Public Health Nurse

Public Health Nurses (PHN) are Registered Nurses who specialize in child and family health. They are employed by the Canterbury District Health Board and provide a **free** and **confidential** health service for children aged 5 – 18 years. Belinda Hay is the Public Health Nurse assigned to your school.

If you are worried about your child's health you can contact Belinda or a referral can be made by a teacher. Common referrals to the PHN service may include - allergies and anaphylaxis, asthma/frequent cough, wetting, soiling, head lice, medical conditions (eg epilepsy, diabetes, medication), coordination/motor skills, , behavioural concerns, eating/nutrition, hygiene, skin conditions (eg eczema, scabies), tiredness/lethargy (continual-over a long period of time),puberty/sexuality/ sexual health, and emotional issues (eg **significant** behaviour concerns or changes at home, grief and loss, friendships/relationships)

Public Health Nurses are able to meet with parents/caregivers at home, school or work to provide health support, assessment, advice and to coordinate family health, school or support services if required.

You can contact Belinda Hay the Public Health Nurse via phone (03) 364 1919 or email belinda.hay@cdhb.health.nz

Kiwi Family Trust have just launched The Layton Swimset Fund which aims to give families access to swimming lessons for children aged 3+ throughout New Zealand. Families can apply for all children in their household once per year. Please see the office for more information or contact them direct on 0508543375. Criteria does apply. All families must either be on a low income (Community Services Card, one wage, low income or pension) or be in other hardship that makes obtaining swimming lessons difficult or impossible.



SELWYN PARENTING NETWORK INC.
Children's Day
SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2017
Rolleston Community Centre and Reserve
12:00pm – 3:00pm
FREE EVENT

House of Bricks Lego	Army, Police & Fire
Face Painting	Coffee Van
Pony Rides	Food Stalls
Enchanting Fairy	Free Sausage Sizzle
Farmyard Friends	Music & much more !!
Sports Activities	
Bouncy Castles	Bring your picnic rug.
Magic Show	

Cancelled if wet.

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Do you fancy some fun and fitness?

Come
Scottish Country Dancing
Partners not essential

Your local club meets at:
Lincoln Events Centre
Meijer Drive, Lincoln
Club Night – every Tuesday
starting 7 March 2017 at 7.45pm
For further information contact
Coreen Ph: 344 2057
Sue Ph: 347 8234

come along • be involved • have fun

www.rscds.org

KIM HILL HOT TOPIC DISCUSSION - This is always an evening of stimulating discussion by a knowledgeable panel with questions from the audience. It is entertainingly facilitated by the well known radio personality Kim Hill. As the poster shows - this year the discussion will revolve around "water" which is certainly a "hot" topic, and takes place at Lincoln University on Thursday 23rd March with doors opening at 6.30 pm.

More information at the link www.lincoln.ac.nz

EARTH HOUR DANCE - This is always an enjoyable community event with people of all ages dancing to the live band with a caller instructing the moves. The candle lit venue provides atmosphere as well as emphasising the Earth Hour message of energy conservation. This year we again have the services of The Southern Celtic Fiddle Orchestra who proved so popular last year. The dance takes place on Earth Hour itself - Saturday 25th March from 7.30pm at Lincoln High School Hall for information and discounted tickets go to earthhourdance.eventbrite.co.nz

