

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Respect The Rest & Be Your Best

01 March 2017 – Term 1– Week 5

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Kia ora Koutou

Today 13 students are competing at the zone swimming sports at Southbridge. We know they will be giving it their absolute best. Thank you to Tina Moore for marshaling for us and to the parents who are transporting and supporting the team during the day.

Well done to our students who challenged themselves and took part in the **Weetbix triathlon** on Sunday. The weather wasn't great and they certainly had to show true ambition to complete the course in the wet, slippery and cool conditions.

ICAS

For **those of you interested** in entering your children in the **ICAS** (International competitions in Technology, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Maths, entry forms are available at the office.

ICAS assesses higher order thinking and problem-solving skills.

Test available for year 3:- English, Maths, Science, Spelling and from Year 4:- English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling, Digital Technologies. There is a cost for these tests. Please check with your teacher if these tests would be of benefit to your child. Also available are test papers from previous years for practice at home if you wish. The cost of a practice booklet and answer sheet will be \$4.00 (we only get one copy and need to photocopy these) Alternatively, you can visit this website for hints and tips, sample questions, both on-line and for download and for practice on-line. (Our children sit the paper tests at this stage)

www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

DATES FOR 2017 CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES Friday 24th MARCH

Digital Technologies	Assessment date 23 May
Science	Assessment date 30 May
Writing	Assessment date 12 – 16 June
Spelling	Assessment date 14 June
English	Assessment date 01 August
Mathematics	Assessment date 15 August

REMINDERS:

Interviews take place next Monday and Tuesday nights here at school. Students, especially in the senior school, are encouraged to come along and take part in the discussions about their learning and their next steps. It is a powerful thing for students when all three parties – student, teacher and parents collaborate to support learning.

Please refer to previous newsletters for instructions on how to book on-line or contact the office to do this for you.

- 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.

Diary 2017

31 Jan 17- Term 1 Begins

01 Mar – Zone Swimming

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**

TOP PERFORMER

This week's top performer is Alyssa from Kowhai Room 3. Alyssa is a wonderful member of our class and has grown in confidence over the last few weeks as she settles into her new class as a Year 4. She is a highly self-motivated learner who has a positive attitude to all aspects of our class programme. Alyssa always starts the day wearing a huge grin, says good morning and then shows she is an amazing class member by having the initiative to assist with any daily tasks or organisation that is required to start the day. It is all so helpful. Carefully following instructions using good listening skills and completing her work to a high standard, are two of the many strengths Alyssa has, and her work is often used as an example in class for her peers. At home she continues to take pride in her learning by producing fantastic homework each week. She loves to use lots of colour and chooses fun ways to practise spelling and basic facts as part of her weekly homework. Alyssa also LOVES to read and enjoys sharing her ideas and knowledge with her reading group. Alyssa is an absolute pleasure to teach and demonstrates all of the Weedons values both in the classroom and out in the playground. She is an amazing friend to her peers and happily includes everyone in her activities.

Well done Alyssa, you sure are a top performer!



At the start of this term, Mr Dowle (a past parent) told our group "The Weedons Wonderers" about a project he had started that is called "Wings over Weedons". His vision is to attract tui and bellbird into our community. In order for this to happen, we need to plant lots of flax, kowhai and ti kouka (cabbage tree) seedlings as these trees provide both homes and food. The end goal is that in 2-5 years time every household in the area will be provided with 10 seedlings to plant in their garden in order to create some "native plant



corridors".

Currently the Weedons Wonderers are increasing our knowledge about these fascinating birds and their natural habitats. We are also collecting seeds from the flax, kowhai and ti kouka with a view to planting them in seed trays this winter, with the help of GreenLinc.

Over this term, our group will spend time educating the rest of the school and possibly

hold some community sessions as well closer to the time of planting.

If you have any questions, sightings, information or seeds to pass on to us please

email jandadcock@weedons.school.nz

written by Amelia and Thomas P (on behalf of the Weedons Wonderers)



Friends of Weedons



Friends of Weedons wish to invite you to join us for some nibbles and a drink on Saturday 25 March, 4pm at The Silver Dollar Rolleston. \$20.00 for shared platters and a drink. To reserve your spot please text Francesca on 0223477655 or email teamstevens.francesca@gmail.com

Find us on 

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

Community Notices



Girl Guide Biscuits:- These are now available to be ordered, if you would like to order some please see Kersty McKenzie around school or pop into the office to fill in the order form.

OPEN DAY

Sunday 5 March

Mahoe Reserve 1.45pm-2.45pm then Lincoln Community Gardens for afternoon tea from 3-4pm.

Everyone welcome

Plant a tree, attack some weeds, explore the reserve or join a guided tour.

See what is going on in the Gardens, pick up some gardening tips, and enjoy afternoon tea.

For more information contact Dave 03 423 0445 or go to envirotownopenday.eventbrite.co.nz

Saturday March 25th

Earth Hour Skywatching – For those who prefer to be outside on the night of “Earth Hour”, there is the opportunity to view the Moon and Stars at the R.F. Joyce Memorial Observatory, Bell’s Road, West Melton. There is a map on the web site: www.cas.org.nz Gates open at 8.00pm. Instead of the usual fee of \$10 for adults and \$7 for children, the Canterbury Astronomical Society will ask only a gold coin donation. See web site for cancellations if weather not suitable.

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

Kirwee Players Kids

Presents



8 & 9 April 2017

11am & 2pm

Tickets (\$10) online @ eventfinder .co.nz

Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater, Book by Doug Wright
Based on the Hans Christian Anderson story and the Disney Film
Music Adapted and Arranged by David Weinstein

Director: Kelsea Nelson-Cummins Musical Director: Caelan Thomas Choreographer: Olivia Gibson

Disney's *The Little Mermaid* JR is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019. Script, music and all other materials © 2010 if Theatrical Broadway Junior and MTI's Broadway Junior Collection are trademarks of Music Theatre International. All rights reserved.

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TimberNook programmes are now offered in Christchurch! Amazing outdoor experiences in a natural setting –Cracroft Guide Centre (151 Cashmere Road). Limited places for Tiny Ones preschool playgroups, Going Wild weekend club, a range of school holiday programmes, special events & birthday parties. To view programmes visit <http://www.timbernook.com> or contact Kim via email Kim.Tenebaum@timbernook.com, 027 9340409, fb TimberNook Christchurch NZ South

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Violin Lessons – Available during school time – Contact Pauline Sewell cell 0273791689 or phone 03 3178110

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- We can then redeem these funds for a technology package or sports equipment package, its that easy!



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Monday Lunch Order Form

Name:	Room #	Lunch Order:	Amount:
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