

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Respect The Rest & Be Your Best

08 March 2017 – Term 1– Week 6

www.weedons.school.nz

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Thank you for your support of your children and the teachers during interviews this week. We look forward to your continued support as we work to achieve the best for your children.

This week, we would like to introduce you to some of our school leaders for 2017. To win these positions, students had to apply giving good reasons why they should be selected and what they could offer.

Student council

Back I- R :- Makenzie, Lexi, Tim, William, Callum, Kiana

Front L- R:- Ella, Ben, Annie, Tahlia

Sports captains L- R – Jorja, Baileigh

Tech Team

Back L-R:- Amber, Brock, Oliver, Donny

Front L-R:- Jacob, Ben, Tahlia

Congratulations to you all.

As some of our house leaders are away, we will introduce them next week.

Well done to all our swimmers who gave it their best at the zone swimming sports.

Congratulations to Holly and Liam who have qualified for the Canterbury Primary Schools swimming sports.

Our charter, strategic plan and annual plan for 2017 have been submitted to the Ministry of Education.

These documents can be viewed in our foyer or on our website.

Policy Review

For those of you new to our school environment, we are required to have a number of policies to ensure we are compliant with legislation. Our policies also guide us as to best practice.

Like a number of schools, we employ School docs to look after our policies. They advise us on any legislative changes along the way and set up review procedures for us. Most policies are reviewed on a three -year cycle.

This term there is one policy up for review Recognition of Cultural Diversity and you are invited to contribute to this by following the instructions below:

Diary 2017

31 Jan 17- Term 1 Begins

13 Mar – FOW Meeting 7.30pm

13 Mar - Zone Duathlon, Motukarara

16 Mar – Pajama Rama Day

7 Apr - Junior School 'Tryathlon'
years 0-4.

11 – 13 Apr – Year 7 camp

13 Apr – End of Term 1

14 Apr – Good Friday

01 May – Start Term 2

1. Visit the website <http://weedons.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
 2. Enter the user name (weedons) and password (weedons).
 3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
 4. Read the policy.
 5. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
 6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
 7. Enter your name (optional).
 8. Submit your ratings and comments. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.
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STUDENT COUNCIL



Thursday 16th Pajama Rama Day, come to school in your favourite PJ's with a gold coin. We are helping Vanak Ngory our World Vision child's village to become self- sufficient.

TOP PERFORMER – Room 4 Kauri

2017's first Top Performer for Room 4 Kauri is an awesome little monster who has been trying for a whole year to achieve this award; he has experienced hope, resilience, disappointment and renewed determination to maintain the ambition required to receive this accolade.

His name is Cameron and you'd better watch out for him because he's going places. (Look to the skies, as it's a pilot's job he's after!) Cameron is a hard worker who doesn't give up when the going gets tough; he gets stuck in to whatever he's doing and sees it through to the finish. That's not to say he doesn't have the occasional grumble, but he never gives up and that shows true ambition.

Cameron is a deep thinker and is often spotted by his teachers 'lost in thought' about some exciting idea or other. He's a maths whizz and enjoys the daily challenges that crop up in lessons. He's working hard to improve the neatness of his written work and has imaginative ideas for stories. He's a great reader and contributes heaps to discussion with his group. With his own copy of 'The Witches', he follows closely when his teachers are reading a chapter; he possibly has his suspicions about whether or not they are witches too!

In terms of being a role model in Room 4, Cameron tries very hard to lead by example. He demonstrates responsibility by completing his class jobs diligently and is not afraid to tell the younger children in the class how things should be. He's not perfect, of course, but he's well aware of what areas he needs to work on and that is a great skill to have.

What a great little monster you are!



A reminder that children are welcome to bring scooters and helmets to school for recreation times. Please ensure they are collected each night as we would hate to see any disappear.

We are grateful for the return of a scooter which was lost recently.

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
Excellence	Next 10%
Merit	Next 20%
Achieved	Next 25%
Participation	Remainder

Certificates will be sent to all participating students and prizes will be awarded to top students.

Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CEM website 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: _____

Friends of Weedons

Friends of Weedons Meeting

WHERE: School Staff Room

WHEN: Monday 13 March

TIME: 7.30pm

WHO: All Welcome. see you there ☺



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

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

BioBlitz

Lincoln Liffey Domain

3.15pm Friday April 7th– 3.30pm Saturday 8th April

BioBlitz is a 24-hour around-the-clock event where teams of scientists, with the help of the public, try to find as many different species as possible, living in Lincoln’s Liffey Domain. Join groups searching the stream and its banks both in the day time and at night. It is fun, free *and* educational.

“Bugman” Ruud Kleinpaste will open the event and with other scientists, show us nature.

The link below has more information:

<https://lincolnbioblitz.eventbrite.co.nz>

Some of these activities will include:

sampling invertebrates in the Liffey Stream
electro fishing
mammal spotlighting
bug walks
lizard walks
radio tracking
listening and looking for birds

mammal tracking
weedy walks
worm charming

After dark activities:

spot-lighting for eels
light-trapping moths
spot-lighting for possums, rats, hedgehogs



ROLLESTON WARRIORS RUGBY LEAGUE
2017 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

BECOME A FOUNDING PLAYER FOR THE ROLLESTON WARRIORS AND JOIN NOW!!

WE NEED PLAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING TEAMS

- UNDER 6S: 3-4 MORE NEEDED UNDER 7S: 5 – 8 MORE NEEDED**
UNDER 8S: 6 – 8 MORE NEEDED UNDER 9S: 5 – 7 MORE NEEDED
UNDER 10S: 8 – 10 MORE NEEDED UNDER 11S: 8 – 10 MORE NEEDED
UNDER 12S: 8 – 10 MORE NEEDED

URGENTLY NEED TO FILL THESE TEAMS FOR KICK OFF APRIL 1ST!!

REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.ROLLESTONRUGBYLEAGUE.WEBBLY.COM

FIND US ON FACEBOOK ROLLESTON WARRIORS RUGBY LEAGUE – SELWYN DISTRICT EMAIL
Rollestonrugbyleague@hotmail.com **Or contact** Mel 027 777 1355

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 IT/Theatrics Broadway Junior and MTT's Broadway Junior Collection are trademarks of Music Theatre International. All rights reserved.

Monday Lunch Order Form

Name:	Room #	Lunch Order:	Amount:
TOTAL			\$