

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Respect The Rest & Be Your Best

26 Jul 2017 – Term 3– Week 1

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Hello everyone

Welcome to term 3. A warm welcome to new students and staff to the school over term 2 and beginning term 3. Left to Right:- Room 6 Aurelia, Jonty, Max, Jacob, Layni, Brock.

Diary 2017

24 Jul –Term 3 Begins

28 Jul – School Photos

28 Jul – Friday Sport starts

07 Aug – FOW Meeting 7.30pm

18 Aug – BINGO

29 Sep – End of term 3

Room 1 Katie (Teacher Aide), Jo (Year 7) and Duane (Teacher Aide, room 6)

For me personally, after a fantastic 8 weeks touring United Kingdom, Italy and France (an amazing trip) and in spite of the weather, it is good to be home and back at Weedons. Traveling the world is a great experience but there is certainly no place like home, appreciating our own wide- open spaces and seeing familiar faces.

Weedons School has been well taken care of in my absence. A **huge thank-you** to **Ian Gilmour** and **Jane Adcock** for stepping into new positions for the duration of the term and to all the staff for carrying on the great jobs they do every day.

I walked around our school grounds on Sunday (a little concerned that we might have suffered drainage problems) and want to thank **Wayne Spicer**, our amazing caretaker for the superb job he has done to make our school look the best that it can in these wintry conditions for the beginning of term.

It is great to see our musical playground up and running. The children are just loving it and the teacher's apprehensions at the noise level have been put to rest as they have commented on the musical tones they hear vibrating around the school.

A huge thank -you to the following who made it possible for us to complete this project through their generosity. Aaron Webb – Base and concrete. Gary Hanser – Ashbys Concrete. Gerald McNeil – Base dig out.

Also **another huge thank you** to Matthew Sutherland – United Steel for donating mesh, and Bryan Kiernan for building and installing the mesh cages for two of our heat pumps. And once again to Wayne for coordinating these projects, saving us heaps of money.

Congratulations to winners of **The Weedons Way** awards for term 2. These awards are presented once a term. Teachers look for students who consistently display our school values across the term – Honesty, Respect, Manners, Independence, Responsibility, Ambition and Whanaungatanga. Well done to you all.

Back left to right: Braeden rm 2, Makenzie rm 1, Taylah rm 3

Front Left to right: Kase rm 6, Aaron rm 4, Lachlan rm 5

Hope you have noticed **our new sculpture** outside the office area, designed and made by year 7 student, Amber. Amber took on this project as part of her High Flyers challenge and designed the piece to represent our school value of whanaungatanga (belonging and working together) Thank you Amber we love it and are proud to have it on display.

For those of you new to our school, **the High Flyers programme** is designed to challenge our year 7 and 8 group to work independently on a series of projects (most outside of school time) in a number of different areas. They include physical challenges, academic, technology and service to the community projects. Students earn badges for each completed project and if they complete all challenges over two years, they achieve their "Wings".

In classrooms, we have started the term with two organizations visiting us to offer valuable learning experiences for our children.

The **ASB financial literacy programme** provided students with an understanding of our financial world, this may be followed up by teachers in their maths sessions.

St John also provided the students with valuable first aid skills appropriate to their level with year 5&6 taking part in a new programme aimed at skills for camping. They were all given a camping first aid kit to take on their up -coming **Hanmer Camp**. While we hope they don't need to use it, the skills they were taught are a valuable part of our health curriculum programme.

Reminders



School photos are on Friday, from 8.30am. If you are wanting a sibling photo, please email the office with your childrens names and class room. Many thanks



With these muddy conditions, please respect the grass verge next to the school and avoid parking where our neighbor's orange cones are placed.



If your child is going to be away or late please let the office know a.s.a.p. We follow up on any unexplained absence so a quick call or email to the office can save them a phone call.



EMERGENCY TEXTING: To register simply text **Weedons** to **570**. You will receive confirmation that you have joined the Weedons School Text Alert Service.

We use this **texting** service if the school is closed due to weather or other such issues. SNOW IS forecasted for Friday!

School Uniform we have in stock all our school uniform items, polo fleeces, sweatshirts, polo tops, navy track pants and navy shorts. We appreciate your help in sending your child in the correct uniform.

Year 8 Wellington Camp Fundraising



Bingo Night is back! This hugely popular fun night is planned for **Friday the 18th August**. Put it in your diaries - tickets will go on sale in Term 3!

We welcome any offers of auction prizes or drop a bottle to the office for the mystery bottle auction. Please advise the office if you can help. Thanks very much, yr8 parents.

Congratulations to Liam Watson who made the U48's Canterbury Country Rugby Team.

Friends of Weedons

- Thank you to all those that supported our Movie Night and Bakery Fundraisers at the end of Term 2. There are a couple of orders still to be collected, these are being held in the Friends shed Freezer.
- Mark your calendars now. Our next FoW meeting will be held on **Monday 07 Aug at 7.30pm** in the Staff room. Everyone welcome.

Entertainment Books

There are still books available so if you haven't purchased yours yet, get in quick.



Reminder that we have a **skip at school** that we need to fill with **scrap metal** to help fundraise. The skip is behind room 6.
 If you have any larger items please make an appointment to come out of school hours, by contacting Wayne 0278787647.



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 our 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

Community Notice

AFTERSCHOOL CHRISTIAN CLUB
 Running every **THURSDAY** during school term 3:30pm—4:30pm

All primary school age children welcome

Rolleston Community Centre Lounge
 94 Rolleston Drive, Rolleston

FREE Programme includes
 Afternoon Tea Games Stories

Contact Michele 027 347 2962 or admin@cornerstonechurch.kiwi.nz

Monday Lunch Order Form

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