

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Respect The Rest & Be Your Best

13 Sep 2017 – Term 3– Week 8

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Tena Koutou Katoa

This week, Maori Language week, we have been placing an emphasis on New Zealand's second language. We use Maori language every day in our classrooms for greetings and instructions but this week we want to make our students even more aware of this beautiful second language we are lucky enough to have in our country. Ask your children to teach you a greeting or wow them with this goodnight message – Kanui te aroha – Love you lots. Today Kowhai, Room 3, are off to visit historic Ferrymead. I'm sure they are having a wonderful day.

Next week:

- On **Wednesday**, Year 5/6 are off to Hanmer for their adventure camp. We know they will have a fantastic time but parents be ready for exhausted children on their return.
- From **Tuesday to Thursday**, Year 7&8 will be taking part in the Koru Games. These games are held in the Ellesmere District each year for this age group. Schools come from all over Canterbury to compete. Our students will be involved in table tennis, badminton and netball. All the best for a great three days of events and comradeship.
- From **Monday** afternoon, I will be at the New Zealand principal's conference in Queenstown. Mrs Fitzjohn will be keeping everything ticking over here at school.

Staffing 2018

Congratulations to Kate Davey who has won a permanent position at Broadfields School beginning in 2018. We are sorry Kate is leaving us but are thrilled she has now secured a permanent position in a great little school much like ours.

Mr Pat Wyatt is making his way back from the other side of the world and will return to Room 3 next year. He hopes to visit us in December.

Mrs April Fitzjohn has decided to hang up her hat as D.P. and classroom teacher to free up her time to follow some of her other interests. This was devastating news for all of us but we are fortunate that April will still be a member of our part-time staff.

We are going through the appointment process at the moment to employ a D.P. and will keep you posted.

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN



The first step to creating a travel plan is to gather data from our community, Your children the eldest in each family will bring home a survey tonight to complete with you as homework. They will need to return them to school by Friday 15 Sept.

Please spend some time sitting with them as they ask you the questions (depending on age). It is up to you whether they record the responses or they do it.

ENVIRO THINGS!



Have you noticed the increased amount of rubbish around our school grounds? It has escalated! This is, in part, owing to the fact that the enviro club and Room 4 have not been doing their regular collections. And the teachers have resisted the temptation to pick up as they usually do.

This has been part of an effort to raise awareness of the amount of litter we generate on a daily basis and where lots of it ends up. (In our lovely playground) In an effort to improve this situation, we will be encouraging all our children to take their litter home. Yes we have enough bins but this will give you an awareness of the litter each child creates each day. We encourage you to be packet free wherever possible.

A large group of ENVIRO MONSTERS and their parents attended the Selwyn Video Awards night last Friday. We all watched entries with an environmental message from across Selwyn. It was an enjoyable evening and all students received participation certificates.

Diary 2017

24 Jul – Term 3 Begins

15 Sep – Finals Weedons Got Talent

19 -21 Sep – Koru Games Yr 7/8

20 – 22 Sep – Hanmer Camp Yr 5/6

25 – 29 Sep – Book Week

29 Sep – End of term 3

16 Oct – Start of Term 4

23 Oct – Labour Day

27 Oct – Spring Fling

17 Nov – Show Day

15 Dec – Last Day ½ Day

2018

30 Jan – Term 1 Begins

06 Feb – Waitangi Day

30 Mar – Good Friday

02 Apr – Easter Monday

**03 Apr – Easter Tuesday
(School Closed)**

13 Apr – Last Day of Term 1

30 Apr – Term 2 Begins

04 Jun – Queens Birthday

06 Jul – End of Term 2

23 Jul – Start of Term 3

28 Sep – End of Term 3

15 Oct – Start of Term 4

22 Oct – Labour Day

16 Nov – Show Day

14 Dec – Last Day Term 4 2018

Top Performer

It is my pleasure to announce another well-deserving Top Performer for Kowhai Room 3. Mr Jayden W.

There are so many wonderful qualities to Jayden. Caring, kind, hardworking, thoughtful and motivated are some of these, just to name a few. Forever polite and well-mannered to everyone, Jayden always starts the day with a happy 'good morning' as he comes into the classroom and is still smiling as he leaves at the end of the day.

As a year 4 this year, Jayden has always shown an enthusiasm for learning and loves getting stuck into our self-managed learning literacy programme and challenging himself to complete as many tasks as he can, if not all. Jayden enjoys taking pride in his bookwork and completes all work to his best potential. He always takes feedback on board and asks for suggestions to even better his work. If Jayden is stuck on something, he has a wonderful 'give it a go' and 'growth mindset' attitude while using his initiative, until he has his answer.

Jayden displays brilliant responsibility in and out of the classroom in many ways including putting the chairs out, looking for odd jobs to do, caring for the younger children and making sure his desk is spotless! It has been a delight to watch Jayden's confidence in his learning and sharing ideas with the class grow over the past 3 terms and he often brings interesting facts or bits and bobs to share with his peers.

This term, Jayden has enjoyed narrative writing about different super hero's and his goals have been to use paragraphs, recraft his own work and use speech to really hook the readers. I have been most impressed with his ideas and some of the descriptive language he has used. In his spare time, he has been working on a special collaborative narrative with some friends and I cannot wait to see how their ideas come together to create another masterpiece.

Well done Jayden! I know you will be proud of yourself for receiving Top Performer, just as we are!

Friends of Weedons

Mega Air Fundraiser – Thursday 28 September from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Tickets are \$15 each. Please contact the office or Kerry Uren to reserve your tickets.

We are on the look out for a **new vertical fridge** to replace our existing one in the shed. If you know of anyone who would be keen to either donate or sell us one, then please let a FoW committee member, or the school office know. Thanks.



Ulwrap, foil and baking paper are back, checkout the attached information and get your order back into school by Friday 22 September 2017.



Eggs for Sale, please check out the information on the back of the Ulwrap order form.



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

Community Notices

Weedons Junior Tennis Information



The Weedons Tennis Club are excited to announce THREE NEW Tennis courts have been laid over the winter, and are now ready for action.

Any junior tennis players or those interested in learning, are invited to meet on the Weedons School tennis court FRIDAY 15th September at 3pm for information on the upcoming season. For more information phone Julie Cockburn 0274884475 or Kirstie Hamilton 0273418378

Creative Edge Studio

the art of creating



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Learn to sew in Selwyn!!

Ages 8-16 years

WEEK TWO 10-13 October	
Tuesday 10 October	9:00-12:00
Wednesday 11 October	9:00-12:00
Thursday 12 October	9:00-12:00
Friday 13 October	9:00-12:00

Choose any project

- Duffle bag
- Floor pillow
- Shoulder bag
- Apron

All equipment supplied

No experience necessary

Complimentary morning tea

Book as many sessions as you like

\$45 each session

Spaces are limited. BOOK NOW

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Mini Chef School Holiday Programme



OCTOBER 2017

What to do during the short school holiday's coming up?

We are pleased to offer another school holiday programme for the upcoming school holidays. All of our courses are offered online, making them the perfect parent/child holiday experience! Whilst learning and having lots of fun, students will gain some great kitchen skills and learn new recipes along the way!

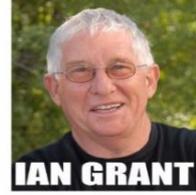
There is no need to leave home, and at the end of the session, the

Mini Chef's are guaranteed to have learnt some exciting new techniques!

All information is available on our website at www.internationalculinarystudio.com

Growing Great Kids

evening with



IAN GRANT

FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER
at 7.30PM

ROLLESTON COLLEGE

TICKETS \$10 Per Person

<http://www.dashtickets.co.nz/event/ktzgp5dmr>



OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

2ND-6TH October
9th - 13th October

We have some exciting new venues, different pricing options, and some changes on trial these upcoming Holiday Programme..



So, jump onto our website or check out our Facebook page to find out what your child will be up to these holidays!

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