

# WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Respect The Rest & Be Your Best*

27 Sep 2017 – Term 3– Week 10

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Tena Koutou Katoa

**The final week of term** is upon us and our students are more than ready for a break before we begin a busy term 4. Let's hope the weather plays the game during the holidays so we can all get some great sunshine and recreation.

**Thank you** to all our students and parents for the great response to our **school travel and parking survey**. We are collating the information ready to work with the council to hopefully solve some of the issues that were raised.

You can **help us in an effort to lower the speed past the school** by contributing to a current consultation run by the council. Their proposal is to lower the speed limit to 80km on Weedons Ross Road between the Main South Road and Maddisons Road. We have included the submission form in this newsletter. Although submissions don't close until 27<sup>th</sup> October, if you fill in and return to school **by Friday 29**

**September**, we will pass on to the council. Or you can submit directly to the council. You may like to suggest that the speed limit be lower than 80km past Weedons School and there is space on the form to do this. The **more submissions** the more likely we will be successful.

Our **year 5/6 students** have returned from a highly successful camp with heaps of exciting stories to tell us. This camp wouldn't be possible without the support of some wonderful people – A huge thank you to Stu Uren, Andrew Cogle, Ricky Winter, Pete Watson and Fran Stevens and our teachers, Kate Davey and Jane Howden, also special thanks to Andrea Ward who was responsible for the superb organisation of the event, a mammoth task.

If anyone is **missing tea towels** they are available in Room 2. Baking containers will be returned by Friday.

**Last week, our year 7/8 students** took part in the Koru games. Thank you to everyone who transported and supported the teams during these three days of competition. Reports from the teams below.

## **Badminton**

The games were great and friendly yet competitive at the same time. We all had fun even when we were waiting for the food truck. From lining up to bouncing around it brought out the best of us and all in all a great time for everyone.

Tobey, Tim, Callum, William, Samuel, Kade, Liam and Baileigh.

## Diary 2017

24 Jul – Term 3 Begins

25 – 29 Sep – Book Week

29 Sep – Book Character Mufti Day

29 Sep – End of term 3

16 Oct – Start of Term 4

19 Oct – FOW Mufti day Grocery item

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

### Table Tennis

It was a great experience for the people who had never played before. It was a great environment to play in and we all had an amazing time.

Gabby, Makenzie, Amber, Aynslee, Leon, Jacob, Jack, Donny, Tyrone and Tom.

### Netball

The competition was competitive. It brought out the best in us and pushed us mentally and physically to perform.

Kiana, Lauren, Ella, Jorja, Holly, Annie, Lexi, Tahlia, Maya

Today **two of our seniors** were presented with Sir Peter Blake leadership awards by Westpac Trust. While this award is available every year, we don't always nominate candidates and are normally only allowed to nominate one from each school. This year, **Tim** and **Kade** were both nominated by the school for their outstanding leadership skills. They are great examples of leading by example and excellent ambassadors for our school.

Well done boys.

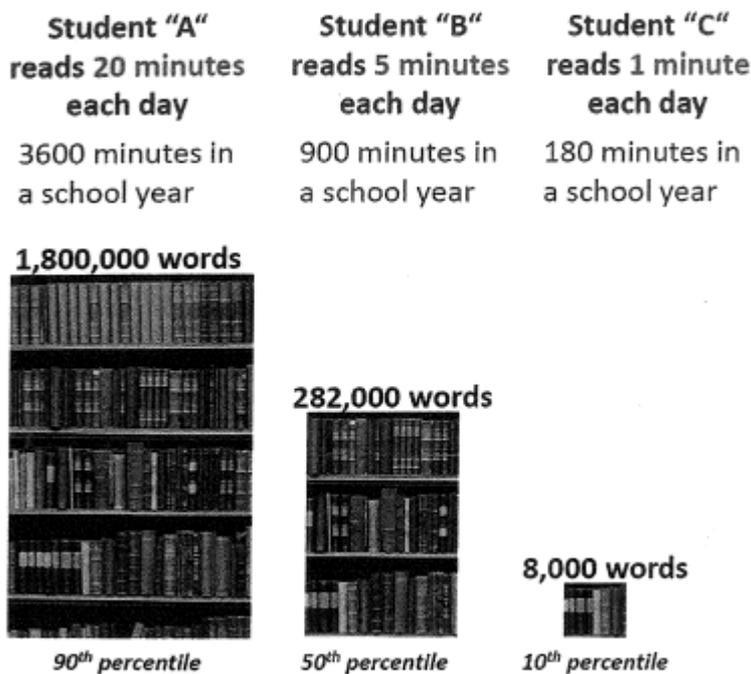
**We wish Samuel** J all the best as he competes in the **Inter Regional Cross Country** event in Timaru this week.

Samuel competed in our event, our zone event, Canterbury Schools Cross Country and Canterbury Intermediate Schools Cross Country to make the Canterbury team to compete in this inter-regional event.

This week is **Book Week**, a time to celebrate the power of reading. Some facts for you below. Reading is essential to all learning and development. It does not matter the form in which the reading takes place – reading to your children (this is still appropriate at all levels), with your children or by your children is a beneficial home learning activity and the most important one. Comics, newspapers, on-line reading can all contribute to the reading mileage that children need to develop their reading skills but there is still nothing like a picture book or novel to engage and challenge a reader. From a book, children develop many skills the best being imagination, creativity and vocabulary.

Good readers read and so too do good writers!!!!!!

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



**Friday – Book Character dress up day.** Parents you are welcome to stay and enjoy our parade at approximately 9.10am (on the court area if fine, Te Wharenui if wet).



### Reminders:

Sun Hats: Please remember that our school sun hats are compulsory for Terms 4 and Term 1. We do have stock available in the office.



A huge shout out of thanks to Andrew M for fixing the flooding of our carpark with all the recent rain.

Mrs Ward has been working with a Monday writing group, below is a sample of their work.

### **Favourite Food**

#### **Tacos**

As the crispy shell shatters away in my mouth, the taco screams in pain.  
The smell flies around my mouth as I sense the delicious flavour in the kitchen.  
The shell crackles as the mince drops into the crisp shell.  
The soft squishy sour cream plops on top of the delicious mince.  
The beautiful taste of creamy sauce, as it sinks into my mouth.  
Crunchy lettuce breaks as I dream like I'm in heaven.  
As I gaze upon the taco, on the white, shiny plate, my mouth waters like mad.  
I watch closely as I see the mince seep out of the crispy shell... **Briar**

Squirting loads of tomato sauce on my plate covering the crunchy crispy chips, I get ready for a delicious meal as my mouth drools. I chomp into the juicy steak and it dissolves in my mouth... Next I grab the tomato sauce covered chips and my taste buds are in paradise... I scoff all the mouthwatering food and I feel bloated... **Thomas W**

#### **Mornings.**

As the slight touch of my mother's fingertips reach out and rock me awake, I gently open my eyes, hoping that it's a weekend. Just then, I remember. The deafening noise of my brother and sister arguing about who gets the charger, the kettle rattling as my dad makes a quick sprint up the hall because he forgot something and last but not least, the shower wasn't on.

My mind then became blank as I shaped my legs into a position like I was jumping sideways and my right hand cupped underneath my pillow.

That's when, from a couple of minutes of struggling, I finally got to sleep, My mum's voice pierces through my ears, enough force to damage my ears from the volume. Now I have to adjust to two senses, sight and hearing. I kept asking myself to get out of bed! The problem was, I never actually succeed. My bed is one of those beds, where they have some storage area and there's the sleeping area up top. I have to climb down a few steps when I'm getting out of bed even though most of the time I just jump down. **Faye**

### **The Morning**

The sound of voices woke me up. Sleepily I stretch my arms far and wide as my eyes adjust. I struggled through the blankets holding me down and looked at the clock. My alarm wasn't going off for another half hour... I stared at the light seeping through the curtains as it attempted to blind me. A meow came from the door as my brother came in with the cat. He put the cat down and it started to settle down on the covers. With a purr that rumbled like a truck, the cat tried to play with the sleepy me. Mum walked in with a bowl of porridge. She passes me the bowl, takes the cat and opens the curtains. Later on, I realize the cat has wandered back in thinking about taking my breakfast. **Amelia**

When? What? Thud! I awkwardly crash out of bed on to the floor, there is an eerie silence for a second then I tried to pull myself up and look at my digital alarm clock... 5:26 in the morning. I have a look around my room for a minute. I see a bed fixed in the center of the room, with an old wooden toy chest at the end of it. There right in front of me is a painting of a woman feeding her livestock over top of the dry custardy wall. On both sides of the painting is a set of cupboards. To my left there is an old oak dining table. **Thomas P**

#### **My Room**

Stretching out for the cold metal handle, I twist my arm round and pull the door open, the door did a loud CRACK! I place my feet on the soft spongy blue carpet then I rise my head up, surrounding me are the creamed shiny walls. Walking steadily, I start to walk to my patterned mat. It has triangles and circles and also zig zags on it. Placed right in front of me, is a polished fine book case, neatly stacked in rows, the books stand there. I do a half turn to the left and you see a double bed fitted perfectly in the corner, blankets piled up on top the thick duvet and the soft pillow case. **Maia C**

MY ROOM well sort of.

The door creaks as I walk into the middle of the room. I see my white painted wall with some pictures around it. To my left I see Brianas and my bunk bed. With a summery duvet on both of the beds, the sun reflects on the white polished wooden sides.

I see the warm outdoor area, there are swings and slides that are very rusty and our old trampoline standing waiting to be used.

I feel the window it is burning hot it feels like it's 100 ° C. I am wearing some shorts with a pink T.shirt. Beside me there is my vanity that looks like a custardy sundae.

Then you see my bookshelf, it has a lot of chapter books in it. I probably almost haven't read half of them. Opposite that, there is my desk, it is really messy so I think we should move on.

Beside my desk there is Briana's bookshelf, she has a lot of kids books and I think I have probably read them all to her. **Keira**

Lavender aroma fills the room.  
Tightly weaved carpet firm but soft.  
Cold, but soon warm as the fire  
blazes and heat travels into my territory.  
Opening my heavy wooden drawers, things are organized and some not.  
Words of inspiration poised on the wall.  
My duvet, the colours of fire, lays on a cold coloured bed base.  
The slim wooden book shelf piled to the brim.  
A desk no longer tidy with a chair as a friend. **Mya S**

### **Peeling an Orange**

An orange is laid on the table. It's spherical and rough like a ball of sandpaper. Gently fingernails sink into the tough outer shell of the orange, tearing it away like paper to reveal a spongy, pith covered fruit. It smells like heaven! Fingers pull segments apart carefully. Saliva runs out of mouths. Sweet, sweet juice drips out of the fantastic fruit fragiley. Teeth pierce through one segment at a time. The fruits fluids drip down like morning dew. **Jess**

A ripping sound, the dimpled skin breaks  
revealing the pith. The leather sphere defends itself with puffy padded pith. The juice from the fruit leaks, soaking the hand holding it. The teeth dig in, an explosive taste hits the mouth. It goes all too soon. Tastebuds scream for more orange.

**Lucas**

### **Camp**

Ecstatic children gathering, taking photos with friends.  
Waiting, chatting, running around.  
Time for the hydroslides  
Everybody noisily bounding  
I rush down the green slide water streaming.  
Bang comes a gush of water, I whirl around and around and then. . .  
A bucket load of water tells me it's time to run up the kilometre of stairs again. **Maddix**

Huddling class,  
All on the bus peering through the glass,  
Nervous parents,  
Marvellous view,  
Excitement of Adrenalin Forest,  
Right after, we really needed to rest,  
Sudden stop...  
Pulling in to see the cop,  
Rushing through the weigh station,  
It feels like we've been all around the nation,  
Noise springs and echos around,  
Going to spread a frown,  
Soon we will have to repeat the journey. **Georgia**

### **Camp poetry**

Children gather and chatter,  
Climbers, belayers, muscles, and rope managers,  
The task begins,  
Stepping, pulling and cheering.  
Gently gliding down to crumply gravel.  
Rotations changing until time is up.

Zooming down and around,  
Over roots, mud and puddles,  
Steep slopes and great ambition.  
Skidding slipping and splashing.  
Falling then laughter.  
Taking only mud.  
Talking till heads drop,  
Forever lying awake,  
Snuggled in warm sleeping bags.  
New, strange sounds being heard,  
Possums lurk in bushes. **Lucy**

# Friends of Weedons

**WIN \$50 WIN \$50 WIN \$50**

Don't forget that as of next term all **MONDAY ONLY** lunch orders will be done online. This will be the only way to order your Monday lunch! Make sure you register by this Friday so that you don't miss out on the opportunity to win a \$50 account credit.

[https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user\\_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Weedons%20School](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Weedons%20School)

Even if you don't use our Monday lunch ordering service it is worth joining up to be in with a chance to win!

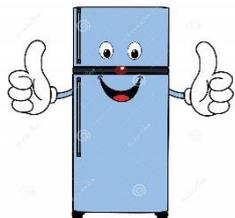
Thank you to all who have supported our **Cling wrap, tin foil and baking paper fundraiser**. All orders will be ready to be collected in the staffroom this **Thursday afternoon (28th Sept)**

The Friends of Weedons would like to thank you for your continued support this term. We can't believe we are heading into term 4 already. We wish you all a great holiday and see you all next term!



We will be holding a multi-day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (first week back) to gather items for a grocery hamper raffle at Spring Fling. No money required, children come in mufti and bring a grocery item. (Please check use by dates) the raffle funds will go towards buses for this years swim weeks.

**Mega Air Fundraiser** Don't forget Mega Air tomorrow night from 5pm - 6pm. There are still limited tickets available so don't miss out. Contact Kerry Uren or school office if you would like tickets.



We are on the lookout 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.



## **LAMOND POULTRY**

### **Eggs For Sale**

**Available every week (limited supply)**

All proceeds go to Weedons School

- Tray of 30 SECONDS only \$7.00
- Tray of 20 Free Range JUMBO only \$15.00
- Tray of 20 Standard JUMBO only \$12.00

ORDER by THURSDAY

PICK UP FROM SCHOOL OFFICE AFTER 11AM FRIDAY

Next delivery 29<sup>th</sup> September

To place your order please

TEXT Jo on Ph 021 2063282

Or see Deb in the office.



**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 Tennis



The Weedons Tennis Club are excited to announce THREE NEW Tennis courts have been laid over the winter, and are now ready for action. The official opening for this will be this Sunday 01 October at 2.00pm all welcome.

## School Holiday Golf Coaching Programmes

Have fun learning golf these school holidays, programmes running 2-13 October, venues include Hororata, Rangiora, Russley, Waimairi Beach and Waitikiri. Contact [rachel@canterburygolf.co.nz](mailto:rachel@canterburygolf.co.nz) or 359 4000 ext 2 to find out the details of a programme running near you.

## A Feast of Fairy Tales

**Where:** Lincoln High School Hall

**When:** 2nd October

**Time:** Two 40 minute shows -9.30 & 10.30

**Audience:** Pre-schoolers & the young at heart

**Cost:** \$4 per seat

Tickets available at school office during school time.

Ten or more tickets can be booked through Sandra McLean  
[smc@lincoln.school.nz](mailto:smc@lincoln.school.nz)

Door sales subject to availability.

Doors open 15 minutes before the start of each show

All profits donated to KIDSCAN

## LINCOLN SMASHERS

## JUNIOR BADMINTON

We are starting a new junior group up at Lincoln Event Centre.

Coaching and Games

4th term runs from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Younger age group 7 -10 (beginners)**

**6pm – 7pm**

**Next session age group 11 – 18**

**7pm – 8pm**

Term fees \$40 or \$10 a night.

Limited numbers so please book through the office

All interested please email

[office@badmintoncanterbury.com](mailto:office@badmintoncanterbury.com)

Or phone 389 8534

**CFC Holiday Camps**  
October 2 - 13  
Mon - Friday both weeks  
9am - 3:30pm kids can be dropped at 8:30

**Ages 5 - 16**

Half Day \$35  
Full Day \$59  
Two Days \$99  
One Week \$225

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**COMMUNITY BONFIRE EVENT**

**FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER**  
6.30-8.30pm  
**LINCOLN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
530 Birchs Rd, Lincoln  
**FREE ENTRY & ENTERTAINMENT**  
Food & Drinks for Sale

THIS WILL BE AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT  
[tinyurl.com/swyt-bonfire](http://tinyurl.com/swyt-bonfire)

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