

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Respect The Rest & Be Your Best

13 Mar 2019 – Term 1 – Week 6

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REMINDERS

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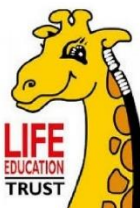
To register simply text *Weedons* to 570. You will receive confirmation that you have joined the Weedons School Text Alert Service.

We use this **texting** service if the school is closed due to any weather/emergency related issues. Please do sign up, we don't have a list of who has signed up but this will be our first port of call should an emergency arise.

All visitors to school *must* come to the office and 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/ren are taking any medication, this must be handed into the office and a consent form signed by a parent.



Congratulations to our swim team who competed at the zone event yesterday. Every one of you gave their absolute best and made us very proud. Our year 5/6 relay team has automatic entry to the Canterbury event after a nail biting race where they came out the winner. We await the results of other events which were timed.

School Strike 4 Climate Change

You may have heard of the School Strike 4 Climate Change (to be held throughout the country this Friday) where the young people in our country are encouraged to speak out about their concerns for the future of our planet. Awareness of the environment and our place in it is an important aspect of the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC). One of the aims of the curriculum is to educate students to be connected to the land and environment and to contribute to the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of New Zealand. The NZC also encourages students to participate and take action as critical, informed and responsible citizens. This can be demonstrated through activities when students ask questions, gather information, consider ways in which people make decisions and participate in social action.

In our school, we have done this through our environmental sustainability programmes and practices resulting in – planting of fruit trees and natives, rubbish recycling, compost and worm farms, recycling of rain water for our gardens, wrapper free lunches and studies of endangered species and how to protect them. During the course of this year, teachers have chosen their own focus for environmental sustainability study. They will share these with you on Seesaw. In addition, the board is continuing to explore the possibility of Solar energy for the school.

The School Strike for action day is aimed to raise more awareness of the damage being done to our planet. Perhaps you could support this and us in some small way – e.g.- we still have lunchboxes with packets in them that are not recyclable and would love to decrease the amount of rubbish bins we put out at the gate each week.

Life Education

This week all students have been involved in lessons in the Life Education trailer. The lessons are always popular with students, especially when they get to meet Harold the Giraffe. The lessons focus on well-being, both physical and emotional and are a great addition to our own health and well-being programmes. Teachers will share the focus of these lessons with you on Seesaw.

Diary 2019

13 Mar – FOW Meeting 7.30pm
19 Mar – Bike Day
21 Mar – Mufti Day - SPCA
25 Mar – Duathlon Yr 5 – 8
28 Mar – BOT Meeting 7.00pm
04 Apr – Zone Swimming
12 Apr – Last day term one
29 Apr – First day term two
03 Jun – CLOSED Queens Birthday
05 Jul – Last day term two
22 Jul – First day term three
27 Sep – Last day term three
14 Oct – First day term four
28 Oct – CLOSED Labour Day
15 Nov – CLOSED Canterbury Ann.
19 Dec – Last day ½ day

Education outside the Classroom

Yesterday year 3 and 4 took part in a great sports spectacular in Rolleston.

Years 5 to 8 are off to Surf safe at Sumner beach this Thursday. – If you have children that take the bus, CAN you please arrange alternative TRANSPORT, if your child is on this trip.

Rooms 2, 3 and 4 are off to Christchurch Art gallery next week.

Paid union meetings

Next week, primary teachers and principals around the country who are NZEI Te Riu Roa members are heading to meetings to vote on whether to accept or reject the latest collective agreement offers from the government.

They will also be voting on whether to take strike action should the offers be rejected.

We have organised for our staff to attend separate meetings on different days to avoid any interruption to the school day .This information is to keep you informed.

These meetings are a crucial part of the 'Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time' campaign. They're an opportunity for teachers and principals to come together to discuss the offer and decide next steps.

We want to ensure teaching is an attractive profession for people to join and stay in, and we have asked that the government provide for better staffing to reduce class sizes and give us more time to teach and time to lead.

The offers received are only minimally different from what was offered (and rejected) last year. This is because the government has refused to increase the amount of money available.

Already, many schools are having to make sacrifices because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around.

We really appreciate your continued support. If these offers are rejected, it is the voices of parents and the wider public that will be key to forcing the government to listen as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible education.

For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.

Board of Trustees elections

In May, we are due for board elections. A free information evening is being offered for parents who may be interested in becoming a school trustee. Details below.

An informal session for those interested in school board elections.

Location: Hornby High School, CHCH, Thursday 11 April, 6.00pm

Attendance is FREE. All welcome. RSVP to: ishelley@nzsta.org.nz

Kōrari - a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.



For more information contact us on 0800 782 435.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Our first event is to hold a bike day in the school grounds. **Tuesday 19 March** - There is no cost for this but you may have to do a chore at home to convince your mum and dad to deliver your bike to school. Please make sure you also bring your helmet. We will have some fun courses set up in the playground for break times.

Nominations are open for the **Selwyn Central Zone Sports Development Programme** that will run from 14th May - 13th August.

To be eligible, students must be currently enrolled in year 6, 7 or 8 and be available to attend all 12 sessions (Tuesdays 7:30am-8:30am).

Please see Mrs Ward in Room 2 for more information.

TOP PERFORMER ROOM 3

Kowhai Room 3's Top Performer for Term 1 is a young man who has had an amazing start to the year. He has come back from his holidays invigorated, full of energy and a love for learning. It is good to see all of his hard work last year within his reading and phonics has been retained. Now that he is a senior student, a new confidence has emerged, along with a cheeky side - which isn't always a bad thing!

Congratulations Cooper. You make your teachers laugh every day with your witty comments, impress them with your out of the box thinking, and the dedication you show towards your learning makes them all proud. What an awesome addition to the class you make. Keep the momentum going, you are setting an excellent example for the rest of the class and school.

Well done!



MUFTI DAY FOR HIGH FLYERS

On the 21st of March we will be holding a mufti day for the SPCA. Come dressed as an animal and bring a gold coin donation.

Many thanks Mya S and Faye

SPCA Donations Needed

For the High Flyers Fenn, Evan, Ravie and Liam from Room 1 have decided to collect donations for the SPCA. If you have anything you want to donate, there will be a box in Te Wharenui to put the things in until Friday 22nd March.

They are looking for things like (in good clean condition)

- Big Blankets, towels, sheets, duvet covers (not polar fleece)
- Toys (not soft toys)
- Food bowls
- Carry Cages
- Dry food and canned food
- Collars and leads
- Old newspapers
- Blue shell pools
- Dishwashing detergent
- Dog/cat beds



Community Notices

Do you have children that would love to learn and play hockey this year?

- *Hornby Hockey is your local hockey club that practices on our purpose built turf at Wycola Domain. Our teams start from the very young Year 1-2 Funsticks players, learning the fundamentals of hockey, through to our Premier players competing at the top level in Canterbury.*
- *We are planning a "Have a Go" at Nga Puna Wai on the 24 March 2019 to help introduce kids to the game of hockey.*

FOW WEEKLY UPDATE

NEXT MEETING: Tonight at 7pm in the staffroom or Room 1 (depending on numbers) All welcome!

EASTER EGG RAFFLE:



A mufti day will be held on **Friday 29 March** - instead of a Gold Coin we will be asking for an Easter Egg, Easter Egg in Cup, Bunny Ears etc (totally up to you!) The Warehouse has lots of options and good prices. We will then create a raffle with a few baskets of chocolate to be won.

PIZZA LUNCH – FRIDAY 12TH APRIL (last day of Term 1)

More details to follow – parents are invited to join their children for lunch on this day. Slices of pizza will be available to order from a selection of pizza flavours (Vegetarian, Gluten free will be available).

MATHATHON:

We are working with the Teachers on this exciting Fundraiser for the kids – more details to follow.

SECRETARY ROLE:

After numerous years of being our Secretary, Kerilee Scott is standing down in this role due to work commitments – if this is something you might like to take on, we would love to hear from you – it involved a few hours per month (if that!) preparing an agenda, taking minutes and distributing them via email – please contact Elaine 021757486 for more information.

Stainless Steel Peg Fundraiser – for those of you who have ordered, they will be available for pick up from the office on Friday.

From Elaine, Amy, Kerilee and Bianca

(Our contact details are at the office or private message us on the FOW Facebook page)

Thank you to the wonderful business that provided prizes for our pumpkin and sunflower growing competition. Please show your appreciation by supporting the following businesses...



Rolleston