

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Respect The Rest & Be Your Best
28 August 2019 – Term 3 – Week 6
www.weedons.school.nz

REMINDERS

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 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/caregiver.

Tena Koutou Katoa

Congratulations to our hockey and football teams who competed in the Canterbury Schools event last week. They won the right to compete by being placed first or second in the zone event, it was exciting to have two teams competing at this level. The tournament was full on with seven games each in a row and while not placed in the tournament, we were proud of the commitment, resilience and team spirit they displayed. Well done to you all. Thank you to Logan Penrose for coaching our girls hockey and to the parents who provided transport or came along to support.

A huge thank you to Kirsty Trezise who shared her knowledge of early aboriginal art with the cultural group yesterday in preparation for our International day next week.

You may have seen in the media that the police and Ministry of Education have completed their **lockdown review**. Attached is a summary of their findings.

The school will continue to practice **lockdown drills** to ensure we are all as prepared as we can be.

We are looking for:

- Two kiddy safety doors to attach to outside doors - please see Michele in Room 5.
- Anyone who has a contact in the curtain/blind industry – we need to provide cover for the south-side windows of each classroom.



Student Council Mufti-day

This Friday is Daffodil Day and we would like to support this nationwide event to raise funds for the Cancer Society. Come dressed in mufti and if possible please wear something green or yellow. Gold Coin donation.

Diary 2019

30 Aug – Mufti Day – Daffodil Day
02 Sep – ICAS – Digital
04 Sep – ICAS – Science
09 Sep – ICAS – Writing
11 Sep – ICAS – Spelling
16 Sep – ICAS – English
17-19 Sep – Koru Games
18 Sep – ICAS - Maths
27 Sep – Last day term three
14 Oct – First day term four
17 Oct – Athletics year 5-8
21-23 Oct – year 5/6 Camp
28 Oct – CLOSED Labour Day
29 Oct – 01 Nov – Year 8 Camp
05 Nov – School Choir
06 Nov – Selwyn Central Zone Athletics
11 Nov – Triathlon Trials
15 Nov – CLOSED Canterbury Ann.
27 Nov – Canterbury Triathlon
02 Dec – First week swimming
09 Dec – Second week swimming
19 Dec – Last day ½ day

We are running out of **newsletter covers** and have made the decision to go digital. From next week, the newsletter will be emailed to each family. It will also be on our website and FOWS Facebook page. If you do not have access to a device to view this, please let us know.

Athletics

The Year 5-8 children will be soon preparing for our school athletic event in Term 4 on Thursday 17th October. The event is for Year 5-8 children and is especially important if children want to attend the Selwyn Central Zone Athletics which is on Wednesday 6th November at Nga Puna Wai. Any queries about the school or Zone Athletics please see Mrs Ward in Room 2. We also hope to hold a whole school Tabloid Extravaganza later in Term 4 which involves athletic skills for all ages.

Canterbury Triathlon

The Canterbury Triathlon is on November 27 at Pegasus. Because entries are limited to 4 children per year group, we will be holding trials for this event. The trials will be held on Monday 11 November. I will be taking entries for the trials early in Term 4 and sending home information about the course early in Term 4.

We have some **school sports bibs** which need new elastic. Is there someone who would be willing to do some simple sewing attaching new elastic. Any costs involved will be reimbursed. Please see Mrs Ward in Room 2 if you can help out.

Reminders

- All sports uniforms you may have, **PLEASE return** in a named recyclable bag to the **office NOW**. We would appreciate that after a sports event that your sports uniform is washed (tops) sponged down (jackets) pockets emptied, and returned to the office by the end of that week of an event. (unless it is for a longer weekly sporting commitment!)



School Pool

Weedons is very lucky to still have a school pool which is available for use over the summer months. Our family is leaving Weedons at the end of this year so the school needs someone to take on the pool management role.

For the last two years there has been a team of four of us so you are only on duty for one week out of four between December and April. The role involves the following:

- Organise a roster of pool volunteers to test daily
- Take a sample once a month to the lab
- Take a sample once a month to the pool shop and add chemicals as necessary
- Organise a working bee to get pool grounds/sheds/water tidy and ready to start the season
- Keep an eye on chemicals and reorder when necessary

The management role requires a NZ standards certificate in pool testing, this training will be funded by the school. The pool manager will also get a free pool key. If you are interested in this management role or just going on the roster, please let the office know.

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONFIRMED

You will recall that after this years elections we sadly had to accept a resignation of an elected member. Following that we were obliged to re-advertise the vacancy to comply with our statutory obligations. Having followed this process we did not receive any new applications and thus your Board is permitted to appoint a parent trustee.

Michelle Mehlhopt was confirmed at this months' Trustees meeting for a 3 year term.

Your new Board of Trustees and their individual portfolios are:

Garth Asher (Chair): Health and Safety 021 2789157

April Fitzjohn: Staff Representative and Environment

Andrew Cogle: Property

Ewan Cheng: Finance

Lisa Fleck: FOW Liaison

Michelle Mehlhopt

Kathy Bell: Principal

Debs Moffat: Secretary

Your new team looks forward to giving our Weedons Children the best experience they can get.

Please feel free to liaise with the new team as required either in person or by email

to weedonsboard@weedons.school.nz

ENVIRO NEWS

- On Sunday 15th September, as part of 'Conservation Week' I am planning a tidy up as part of Keep New Zealand Beautiful. Badges and certificates have already arrived and attendance will earn some enviro 'ticks'! Last year a large group cleared the domain and along Maddisons Road back towards school; unless anyone has another idea maybe we could do this again, keeping it local.
- For those of you planning on taking your child to the School Strike for Climate, (1pm-3pm on the last day of school – 27th September) here is the link to the page where all the details can be found ☺ <https://www.facebook.com/events/660104191141243/>
- Please let me know if anyone is able to feed the chickens this coming weekend ☺

April Fitzjohn

Top Performer Room 4

Kauri, Room 4's top performer this term is a real treasure. They have the patience of a saint and impeccable Weedons manners. This young person gives absolutely everything a go - even when the task is difficult, tries their very best to follow any instructions given, and always does their best to complete work with 110% effort. His whānaungatanga and kindness endear others to him, making him very popular in the playground.

TK, I have had the pleasure to watch you grow in confidence over the last three terms in both your academic work and socially! You are an absolute pleasure to have in Room 4. Well done and thank you for all of the efforts that you always put into everything that you do. We think that you are an absolute delight.



Community Notices

Guess what? Marrzipan runs an awesome confidence through drama class at Weedons School with Tennille - YIPPEE!!

Marrzipan has gained a huge reputation in New Zealand for the development of **shy children**, especially those with anxiety, autism and selective mutism. Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy and **dramatic types** too, as we focus on **positive leadership and social skills**. Our classes focus on **inner and outer self-confidence**, and are super fun and exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date with **weekly emails about what's been covered in class** and why, as well as what you can work on at home. We have **two awesome showcases at the end of every term** too, so you can see your child's development first hand.

Our taster term classes will be held after school on **Mondays from 3-3:45pm**. Please get in touch via our website to secure your child's space, or call our superstar Office Team to give you the lowdown on why your child simply **MUST** give it a go. Head to www.marrzipandrama.co.nz or call **027 521 7352**. See you there!



**WEEDONS
ROLLESTON
JUNIOR CRICKET**

**WANT TO PLAY
CRICKET?**

**2019-2020 Season
Junior Grades - Year 1 to 8**



Register online at
www.weedonscricket.co.nz
Registrations close Sunday 15th September 2019

All registration information can be found at
www.weedonscricket.co.nz

Questions please direct to
admin@weedonscricket.co.nz

Lockdown Review

- The Ministry of Education has released the final report of the Lockdown Review report. The report is based on input from a wide range of stakeholders, including leaders and staff from schools and early learning services in Canterbury, parents, children, young people, NZ Police and Ministry of Education.
- It was evident throughout the Lockdown Review that everyone's key focus was to improve practice and preparation to ensure children's safety for any potential future emergency event. Thank you to those of you who took time to provide feedback.
- The safety of children and young people is our highest priority and the Ministry of Education are committed to working with schools, early learning services, and NZ Police to respond to the opportunities for improvements that have been identified through the review process.
- It has been identified there is more that can be done to support communities to understand their roles during an emergency event. The Ministry of Education will be working with NZ Police to develop guidance for parents and caregivers to support communities responding to an incident and what to do during a lockdown.
- Schools and early learning services have a responsibility under Health and Safety legislation to keep staff and children/young people safe. This responsibility needs to be balanced against a parent's right to take their child out of the school or early learning service should they wish to do so. However, it should be noted that opening the school or early learning service to a parent could be a risk when there is unknown danger.
- A copy of the Lockdown Review is available at reception and on www.education.govt.nz
- If anyone wants to discuss the outcomes, recommendations or our procedures on the day please contact me to arrange a time to meet.
- You can be confident the current guidance provided by the Ministry of Education will support a review of our existing policies.

SCHOOLS SHOW JUMPING AND SHOW HUNTER TEAMS COMPETITION.

In March 2020 we are introducing a new teams and individuals competition in Show Hunter and Show Jumping for Primary/Intermediate Schools.

The event at this stage is due to take place Friday the 6th March 2020.

The venue is yet to be confirmed as this will depend on the initial numbers attending. We hope to have this take place however at The National Equestrian Centre at McLeans Island, or Melwood Equestrian Centre in Burnham.

This is intended to be an annual event for those children in years 4 to 8. Cost per rider will be \$40 to \$60 per rider. We would need 3 riders to enter. So if you are interested please let Mrs Ward know.

Ellesmere A & P Selwyn Spring Show is to be held at the Leeston Showgrounds on Saturday 19 October 2019. Some awesome opportunities for students to participate in, these include:

- Top Team Yr6
- Wearable parts open to all
- Recycle/reuse art- Yr7-10 and Yr11-17
- Talent Show Junior/Senior section
- Colouring competition

If you require information on the above please see the office.