

Staffing News

On Monday we welcome back Mitchell Bailey, Team Leader of our Year 7/8 Wairaki learning

space to Clarkville. Mitchell has taken leave for the first 5 weeks of Term 3 to referee at the Touch Rugby World Cup in the UK. We are so proud of Mitch - he is an excellent role model for our children to set goals and strive to achieve these. We are all looking forward to hearing about Mitch's adventures next week. A big thank you to Meg Wix who has taken on the Acting Team Leader role and to Lynley Brocket and Jenny Collinson who have covered Mitch's leave. We are so lucky to have amazing teachers who are able to continue our successful learning programmes when a teacher is away from their learning space.



Kathryn Berkett

On Tuesday teaching staff attended a workshop presented by highly regarded New Zealand Education Psychologist Kathryn Berkett. Kathryn discussed the early development of young children's brains and the reorganisation that occurs when children reach adolescence. Kathryn also talked about new research, specifically how the young and developing brain operates and teachers developing a better understanding of this to support our learners and their sometimes very diverse needs.

CANTAMATHS

The CANTAMATHS annual event held at the Wolfbrook Arena is an opportunity for our strong Year 7 and Year 8 mathematicians to represent our school and compete against others from around Canterbury. Usually, not every school enters, just those that have a strong group of mathematicians that they would like to extend. Questions are usually extremely tricky for participants, to ensure top mathematicians are challenged and extended under pressure in a competitive environment. The Year 7 team comprising Mathieu, Richard, Tyree and Sam and the Year 8 team comprising Tyler, Bowen, Rosa and Parker competed really well, both finishing mid-table of both competitions. Congratulations to these children for being selected for this event and a massive thanks to the reserves who have also trained diligently. A massive thanks to Sue



Edwards and Jenny Collinson for the time they have given to prepare our teams so well.

Teacher Only Day

Our final Teacher Only Day for the year is scheduled to be held on Thursday 14 November

Term Dates for 2024 (includes public holidays)

Term 3

22 July – 27 September - no public holidays

Term 4

14 October – 17 December – School will finish at lunchtime. Labour Day - 28 October Anniversary / Show Day - 15 November

School Accounts

The cost of extra-curricular activities and stationery purchases are added to your statement. Some families receive an alert advising of a change to their account but we have discovered that this is not happening for everyone. So please check your Hero App.

When you log into your Hero user account and click on 'Menu', you will see the finance icon (dollar note). Clicking this will enable you to view the invoices related to your family.

Payment can be made online, via the app or by eftpos at the office.

Dates for your diary

We do try to put dates on the Hero Calendar as they arise, the dates below have been added or updated recently. 20 Sept: School Ski Trip. Attending our ski day is optional, school will operate as usual for nonskiers.

Assemblies 2.00- 2.45pm

Thurs 29 Aug: - Horotueka to host Thurs 12 Sept: - Kaikanui to host

Term 4

15-16 October School Production
18 – 19 October School 150th Jubilee
23 October Athletics Day
14 November – Teacher Only Day
15 November – Canterbury Anniversary Day – Public Holiday

Missing from our Staffroom

Our staffroom is missing quite a large amount of cutlery. When children don't have a utensil at lunchtime, particularly a fork or a teaspoon, we lend them one from the staffroom. However, these are often not returned and presumably they end up going home. If your child has brought one home we would really appreciate it's return. The staff cutlery, purchased from The Warehouse, is called Pacifica and is pictured here. Please check your cutlery drawers at home and return to school. Thank you



Leftover from Matariki Breakfast



We still have two bowls not taken home after Matariki Breakfast. If you are missing a plate or a dish please claim from the office by the end of term otherwise they will be donated to the collection in our MPF or a charity shop. We would love to reunite them with their owners.



Raffle success!

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who got involved with our latest raffle. We raised just over \$4000!! Special thanks to Helen and Angela for organising the event and of course to all of our many sponsors who very kindly donated some fantastic prizes. Congratulations to all prize winners - enjoy!

Quiz Night Cancelled

We have made the decision to cancel the Quiz Night scheduled for next Tuesday due to lack of support. We will try this again later in the year. Thank you to those that did register a team and paid, we will be in touch to organize refunds.





Movie Night - Despicable Me 4

Friday 6th September. School children, siblings, cousins, parents and caregivers all invited for a fun filled family movie night. Tickets on Kindo. Be quick to secure your spot!







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