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Newsletter No 6

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers

I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. For us, there will be minor changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices.

We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app, the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

Now that we are in Level 1 we would like to welcome our school community back with a celebration assembly of Friday 3rd July at 2.15pm. We will have the School Cross Country on Thursday 18th June. All students from Year 1 to Year 8 will be running. The Cross Country for Years 5 - 8 will begin at 1:00pm and for Years 1 - 4 will begin at 2pm. We expect to be finished by approximately 2.45pm.

During Level 2 we have seen a pleasing level of students using the Key Competencies of Self Management especially at the start of the day. Having the students come on-site and know the routines and expectations has shown how well they can prepare themselves for the day's learning. We would encourage parents to maintain the practice of dropping students at the school gate and allowing students to self manage themselves for the start of the school day.

In the afternoon we ask that parents wait until at least 2.45pm to come onto the school site to ensure that the student learning remains ongoing for as long as possible. Entry and exit to school will continue to be from the Main School Gate. Please note the bottom car park will remain for Staff only.

For any appointments students need to attend during the day, please notify the school office where you can collect your child at the time you specify.

We also want to encourage you to continue to email your class teacher if you have anything that you would like to discuss with them.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Ngā mihi
Steve Fennessy & Staff

WORK AROUND THE SCHOOL

The resealing is complete!



ROAD PATROL

We require parent help with Road Patrol on Wednesday afternoons. This would be for approx. 15mins each Wednesday supervising the children at the pedestrian crossing. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

HOME AND SCHOOL AGM

The Home and School AGM was held last Tuesday and our current Chairperson Debbie O'Neill has stood down. We want to thank Debbie for leading the Home and School Committee for the last year and welcome Fiona Hurst back to the position of Chairperson.

Wheelathon

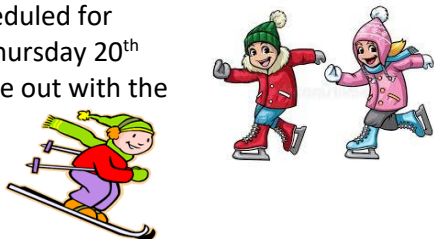
It was decided that Wheelathon will be the only fundraiser for 2020 and will now be held early in Term 4 (date to be confirmed). Sponsorship cards will be reissued at the beginning of Term 3.

ADVANCED WARNING!

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCES TERM 3 - WEEK 2
WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY 3.20 – 7PM AND
THURSDAY 30TH JULY 3.20 – 5PM.
BOOKING INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW IN
THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

SKI/SKATE DAY 2020

Ski/Skate day is scheduled for week 5 in Term 3, Thursday 20th August. Forms will be out with the next newsletter.



YEAR 7/8 BASKETBALL

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions SC Basketball made the decision to cancel the Year 7/8 Basketball Competition for 2020. There was not enough time or days available at the stadium to complete the games required. Could all Year 7/8 basketball singlets please be returned to the office asap.

IN CLASS WITH ROOM 11

Room 11 have been learning about metaphors and similes. They have shown how to use these language features in their writing as below:

My family is like a truck
My Mum is like the metal on the outside of a truck protecting us and really tough.
My Dad is the driver steering us in the right direction.
My little sister is a navigator inside the truck that keeps on talking (that is annoying) and won't shoosh!
My Grandad is a passenger asking loads of good questions.
My family is like a bunch of wheels on the bottom of a truck, all moving together.
By Annabelle

My Mum is like a sun
shining bright and making me smile.
My Dad is a big soft bear
Because he's cute and cuddly.
My sister is a tiger
Roaring at me when I'm being annoying.
I am a star
Shining bright all the time.
By Jackson

My family is like a zoo.
My Mum is a black bear because she is the boss – don't mess with her.
My Dad is a gorilla fighting off the bad guys and never lets us down.
My brother is the monkey jumping and dancing on everything yelling and screaming everywhere.
My sister is a sloth always sleeping or on her phone – very moody all the time, calling her friends all day long.
I am a snow leopard very beautiful and fierce very strong at lifting heavy things.
By Olivia

My family is like a jungle.
My stepdad is the lion because he's the leader of our house and he protects us like his cubs.
My Mum is the monkey because she mocks us and always does things for us.
My oldest step brother is like a sloth, he moves so slow and he eats everything he sees on the table.
My second eldest brother is like a tree branch because he always hangs out with his friends.
By Sydney

Room 3 Art inspired by their recent visits with Harold and the Life Education team



LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a table outside the office with lost property on it. If anything looks familiar, please collect asap. We also have a large number of unnamed uniform items in the lost property box if you are missing anything.



Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Term 2 - Week 7

Filippo Albu, Hunter Hopkinson, Bailey Clarkson, Jorja Flannery, Sergio Bryan, Calaie Herriott

Principals Award – Term 2 - Week 8

Scout Tee

Term 2 - Week 7

Neaka Wills Morris, Hunter Put, Azariah Vakalala, Taveon Kleinow, Honor Walkinshaw-Dee, Reece Mitchell, Ava Maraku, Caiden Hough, Alain Atapana, Jax Rolton, Aria Lister, Addyson Rogers, Ethan Wilkins, Amy Alden, Hunter Morris, Koda Davis

Term 2 - Week 8

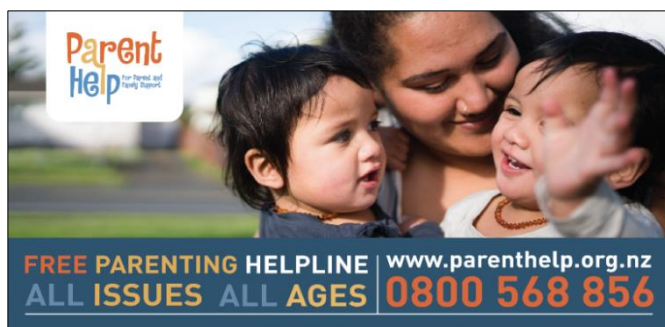
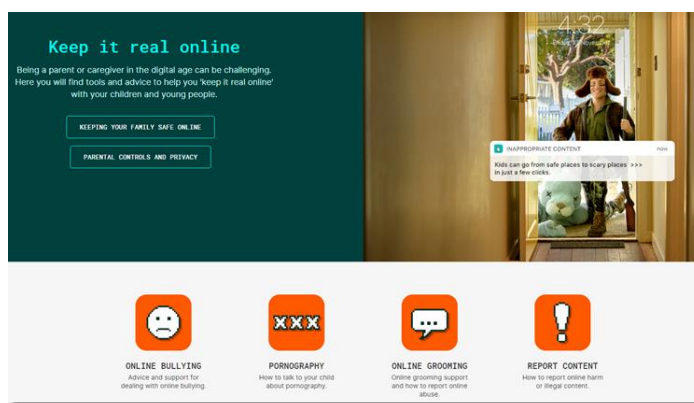
Hazel McGlinchy, Sophie Flannery, Araliyah Karena-Jamison, Henry Thomas, Keeva Fitzgerald, Gypzy Smith, Georgia Fitzgerald, Phoebe Kiddey, Brylee Taylor, Charlie Palmer, Khan Wills, Telila Fagalima, Ramayne McCully Winiata

KEEP IT REAL ONLINE CAMPAIGN

The Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification has launched a 'Keep it real online' campaign. This is a New Zealand Government campaign to support parents and caregivers to keep their children safe online, providing info and tips on how to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying and inappropriate content. The 'Keep it real online' website can be found at:

www.keepitreallonline.govt.nz or on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/keepitreallonline.govt.nz/>



CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday 18th June

The Grantlea Downs Cross Country will be held this year on Thursday 18th June. All students from Year 1 to Year 8 will be running. The Cross Country will be run differently to previous years. The senior events will take place first and then the junior events. After the completion of the first round the senior children will return back to their classes and then the juniors will begin.

Round One 1-2pm Race Events:

- Year 8
- Year 7
- Year 6
- Year 5

Round Two 2-2.45pm Race Events:

- Year 4
- Year 3
- Year 2
- Year 1



This is the confirmed order of all races

Please ensure your child brings the following:

- Suitable running shoes
- School shorts and t-shirt to run in (children can run in their house colour t-shirts and will need their school sweatshirt/polar fleece for after the race)
- Water bottle

Students are training daily at school for their race, and we encourage parents to support their children in practising at home for the event as well.

We welcome and encourage parents, caregivers and family members to attend and support the students.

The South Canterbury event will be held at a later date and we will let the top four boys and girls for each year level from Years 5-8 know when we find out these details.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Childrens Choir

Wednesdays
5.30-6.30pm
17 Beswick St

A great starting ground for younger singers, being surrounded by young adults to help them build confidence through their singing.

The older members learn to be good role models, lead some of the songs and have solo opportunities.

Gold Corner Session
for rest of term 2

Contact Megan 0273037247 or singwithmeg@gmail.com
Visit www.facebook.com/singwithmeg for more services

GIRLS UNDER 11 & UNDER 13 RUGBY Gala Night

GET INTO THE GAME IN 2020

GIVE IT A GO!

Girls Rugby Under 11 & 13 teams or just turn up as an individual and we will put you into a team.

ALPINE ENERGY STADIUM. 4 TO 5PM. MONDAY 29 JUNE
Tackle safety training first followed by a game of Tackle or Rippa!

SOUTH CANTERBURY RUGBY
STRONGER TOGETHER

For more information or to register your interest
Contact: Caro 021 399 465 or caro@scrfu.co.nz

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* 20 RCE hours, conditions apply

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