## 30 October 2024 **Newsletter No 18**

Tena koutou katou

Vewslette!

I hope that you all had a relaxing long weekend. We have had a busy start to the term. As on our Hero post you will have seen that we have employed our new Principal, Mrs Beth Wills. Mrs Wills has a wide range of experience in school leadership, we look forward to welcoming her to our school next year.

Last Friday we had our school photos, there is more information on these later in the newsletter.

The Acacia Team enjoyed visiting the Te Ana Rock Art Centre and I went along with one of the classes. I was very proud of the way the children represented the school, it is a real credit to the whanau of these children. If you have not been there yourself, I recommend that you visit and find out about South Canterbury, how Māori used the local resources and how they lived. The Acacia Team followed up with a trip to the Opihi Taniwha site.

The Opihi team are learning how to be Firewise. Many of you would have gone through safety checks in your own home to identify safe exits. They also had Beauden (the dog) visit from the Timaru District Council promoting safe and sensible interactions with dogs.

You may be interested in hearing what I have been doing in my role as Acting Principal. In Week 1 I attended an all-day workshop at Barton Rural School to learn about the new Maths and English Curriculum that the Government is implementing next year. There are different resources to support schools with the change in the teaching of Maths. One of the resources is Pr1me which we have already been teaching for four years as part of our Maths programme. For English the shift is to

Structured Literacy and we have been also teaching this for four years. I feel very confident that we are in a good place to move forward with these two new Curriculums. Next year there will be a focus for staff to unpack the Maths and English Curriculums.

One of the highlights of my day is greeting the children and whanau at our school gate. Since I started doing a day last term it has been lovely to see the children greeting me when I say morena, morning or kia ora. Some children even wish me a good day. I also enjoy having a chat with parents. It is a great way to start the day.

Enjoy your week everyone.

Regards Sandra Annett

#### REMINDER - UNIFORM - Sun hats

Sun hats are required to be worn this term. Please ensure your child has one and it is **clearly** named.

We expect the **correct** uniform to be worn at school as per the school uniform policy. All nonuniform items are to be worn only to and from school.

#### **DUFFY BOOKS - \$5 PARENT OFFER**

As part of the Duffy Books in Homes Programme, Parents have an opportunity to purchase a variety of books for \$5 each. Forms have been sent home and the cut-off date for orders is Friday 15 November

#### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The School Board meeting is next Tuesday, 5 November 2024 at 6.30 pm in the Administration Office Board Room. All parents are welcome to attend. Please note that while members of the public can attend this meeting, it is not a public meeting.

#### SHAKEOUT AND TSUNAMI HĪKOI DRILL

In the event of a long, strong earthquake or tsunami during school hours, it's crucial that we're prepared. To ensure our readiness, the school will conduct a practice drill at 9:30am on Wednesday 6th November. During

this drill, all students will practise the Drop, Cover, Hold method and then proceed to walk to higher ground at Marchwiel Park. Once there, they will be congratulated on their quick response before returning to school.

Please be aware that in the event of an <u>actual long</u>, <u>strong earthquake</u>, we will evacuate to Marchwiel Park, where you will be able to collect your child.



#### **PRIZE GIVING TROPHIES**

A reminder that these are to be returned to the office by **Friday 1 November** please.

# 100 METRE SPRINTS EVENT Waipopo / Acacia / Kereta (Rooms 7 - 15) 7th November (Week 4)

On Thursday 7th November Waipopo, Acacia and Kereta Teams are having their Sprint and House relay races.

We are starting at 1.00pm and you are welcome to come and watch down at the rugby field. It includes all students in Waipopo, Acacia and Kereta. The races will begin with the Under 8 Girls and go up to the Over 12 Boys. Heats will run first for every age group and then we will hold the finals. House Relays will be after this.

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate shoes for running.

#### ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORM COSTS – Yr8 students

The JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund through the Rotary Club Timaru North are inviting applications from schools for grants supporting families of Year 8 children with school uniforms, clothing and footwear costs for High School next year.

If you would like to be considered, please contact the office for an application form. These applications need to be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

We have had applications granted previously and we would encourage families to apply to be considered.

#### **KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photo order envelopes will be coming home within the next few weeks. We will have a reasonably short window to get the orders back to the photographers. We have added below a copy of the order form from Kolourcare.

★Students Name:	
	Price Quantity 21 x 25 cm Named Class Photo \$16.00  Laminated Named Class Photo \$19.00  Class Funny photo \$7.00
Photo Gifts	Short of
13x18cm photo In Cardboard frame \$15.00	5 Individual photos \$16,00 3x 10x15cm and 2x Wallet Size \$16,00 2x 13x18 cm \$16,00
10x15 cm Silver edged \$14,00 Fridge Magnet	A4 Enlargement \$16,00 Individual digital Image emailed \$25,00 Please provide \$25,00 Individual Research
	Total \$
19x16 cm photo On Photo Block \$19.00	Credit / Debit card details/
Photo in Keyring double sided \$11.00	Your Contact Phone number if paying by credit Card  Deliver this envelope with Cash, or credit card details to school office Thanks  KOIOURGARE 56 HORDFOOK ST TOMUKA 027 689 8850

### **Class and Values Champions**

#### Class Awards - Week 1

Asher Weaver, Sonny Dockrill, Aliviyah Pairama-Wishnowsky, Neiko Jacobs, Falcon Rangitaawa, Blake Rolton, Neaka Morris, Jack Ryan, Mason Fitzgerald

#### Values Champion - Week 2

Ollie Smith, Saulo Dondiego, Aura Benton, Tristan Greenfield, Ciaran Campbell, Tiaki Whyte, Deepshika Bhattarai, Oscar Bennett

#### **MAKING LEMONADE**

Last week some children helping in the school vegetable garden got to make and try some real lemonade made with lemons off the tree.



Last week Mr Pete Manson from Fern Energy delivered two pickle ball sets as part of the Fuel for Schools Programme. Thanks to local contractors and farmers who have nominated Grantlea Downs to receive 50 cents for every 100 litres of bulk fuel they have delivered, we have reached our target and been able to choose a reward for the children to use at break times.





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## **Introduction to Music Class**

#### Have your child discover music by experiencing and playing it.

Timaru School of Music runs government funded music tuition for primary-school-aged and homeschooled children who live in South Canterbury.

The Introduction to Music Class is for year one and two primary-schooled-aged children. There are a limited number of spaces available in these classes for students who are new to our school.

These 20 minute classes run on Wednesdays between 4 till 5pm during term time.

Apply through our website and select "Introduction to Music" as an instrument:

https://timaruschoolofmusic.com

Lessons are held in the Waimataitai School library.

\$40 administration fee applies.















