

Newsletter



15th August 2018 – Term 3, Week 4

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Gosh, we are already a third of the way through the term! We have now made the changes in staff that have happened as a result of Angela going on maternity leave. Last week we welcomed Sue Bullick into our school, as she took over the junior room for the middle 3 days of the week and were excited to welcome Sarah-Anne Riches back from her overseas trip. We are enjoying hearing about all the places she has been, and what she learnt about them.

This week is **Maths Week**. We have planned some fun activities to promote mathematics.... In teaching Maths, we try to relate it to real world examples, so our children learn how knowing Maths strategies etc, helps them to know how Maths will be useful in their future. Juniors and seniors will combine for some fun activities in the afternoons.

Next week, I will be travelling to Dunedin with the **Cambridge Principals'** group on our annual Tiki Tour. We will visit some schools, the University School of Education, the Dunedin Study and an Animation Research facility. This is a great time for the Principals to work and learn together, and to see innovative practices other schools have had success with. I will be away for 3 days.

We have postponed **Book Week**, and this will now take place in week 6. As in the past, we will have a big focus on Reading and enjoy reading across the school. The week will culminate in a **Grandparents'** shared reading time and morning tea, assembly, and then the schools' cross country. Invitations will go out this week for the children to give to their grandparents, or if they are not able to attend, then another significant adult is welcome to join us.

A notice has gone out regarding **Ag day** this year. Because of the M-Bovis outbreak, there will be no calves at any calf club this year. This is a sad consequence of a situation that cannot be avoided, at least for this year. We will still run the day as usual for lambs and goats. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to take part in Ag Day, either with a lamb or goat, or if this is not possible, we will also have sections for pigs, chickens, ducks, guinea pigs, and ponies, etc. No dogs or cats please. The only requirement for these other animals is that the children must be involved in their rearing! The date for our Ag day this year is the **18th October**, the first Thursday in Term 4.

As the weather warms, we are preparing our raised gardens for spring planting. The junior class have planted seeds of sugar snap and snow peas, and tomatoes in pots to germinate. They will then transplant them into their garden. The seniors are researching appropriate plants that they might like to plant in their garden and will come to an agreed decision within the next 2 weeks.

In addition, we have received our latest shipment of plants from **Trees for Survival**, which we will be potting up in the next couple of weeks. This means that the plants we have grown for the last 12 months will be moved out, and planted on local farms to help with riparian planting. The senior students will be helping plant these soon.

Do you have spare gardening tools at home? We would love to take off your hands any spades, shovels, forks, and rakes to help us with our gardening. Thank you.

Finally, a reminder – if you have a sick child, please keep them home, so that the bugs are not spread to other children.

Thank you for your support

Regards Joanne, Sarah-Anne, Liz and Sue.

