

Newsletter February 12 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Reminder that School closes at 1pm on Tuesday February 20. Buses will run at 1pm and children will return home for the teachers to attend Professional Development with the other 8 schools in our Community of Learning.

Time is flying by and week 3 is upon us and it is a busy week with the Swimming Carnival for Years 3-8 and the Dorie/ACS/Rakaia swimming sports on Wednesday and the Junior swimming display on Friday.

Swimming is an essential skill for our children and judging by the entries in our swimming sports we have a lot of work to do. I would actively encourage you to think about after school lessons for your children. We only have 18 children attending the events on Wednesday because they can swim two lengths.

When I first started teaching we hoped we could get all year 6 children swimming 50m of the the three main strokes. The temperatures of the outside pool have changed and teachers are not qualified swim trainers and so we do urge you to look at this option for your children.

School Interviews

Hi Team. Welcome back. Goal setting interviews are set for February 27th and 28th as well as March 6th for Whanau only. Go to School Interviews and put in the code **qzqma**. If you have any problems then call the school office and Gretchen will book in for you.

We encourage you to take an active part in these Goal setting interviews and to bring your child with you so three way conversations can be held. We will meet again in the middle of the year for year 4-8 as well as the junior school sticking to their reporting timetable as per the start date of your child.

BOT Update

Hello everyone, I hope that the routines are becoming normal again for getting everyone out the door in the morning!

Monday, 12 February	
9:30am	Senior Swimming Carnival Yrs
Tuesday, 13 February	
9:30am	PP Day Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, 14 February	
Swimming Sports with Dorie & ACS	
Thursday, 15 February	
Year 7/8 Technology	
Friday, 16 February	
9:00am	Team Whanau Assembly
1:30pm	Team Ako Swimming Display
Tuesday, 20 February	
9:00am	House Competition Day
1:00pm	School closes at 1pm due to st
Thursday, 22 February	
Year 7/8 Technology	
Friday, 23 February	
2:30pm	Team Ako Assembly
Tuesday, 27 February	
3:30pm	Goal setting conferences - whc
Wednesday, 28 February	

 Google Calendar

Thanks to the parents who attended the Introductory Evening last week. The BOT were there at each meeting and were pleased with the quality of the information exchanged and the presentations as a whole. Thanks also to the School Support group who provided complimentary sausages.

The SSG is an important group of people that contribute their time and resource to support the school financially. If you feel strongly about ensuring the success of the school and enjoy the social aspect of likeminded people, then the SSG is a great place to start.

Contact the office for more information.

Next Monday is the first BOT meeting for the year. We will be reviewing and setting the direction of schools goals amongst other things and you are most welcome to attend.

STAFFROOM 6.30pm MONDAY 19th

Good luck to everybody at the swimming carnival this week and the swimming sports with Dorie and Ashburton Christian School.

Have a great week

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Bus Pupils - Please ensure you have re-enrolled for the year on the MCSTS website

<https://www.mcsts.co.nz/> This is an easy process and needs to be done annually.

Sausage sizzles still on every Friday for February. \$2 and money and orders to the office please.

School Support Group 2018 - AGM in March and we are looking for new office holders. This is an important part of the school and your chance to be involved. Please consider running for a position and we will let you know when the AGM is on.

Community Notices

Car wash at the Dunsandel Tavern on Saturday 17th Feb from 11-3, fundraising for Kennedys Freestyle Martial Arts. \$7 per car. If it's wet it will be on Sunday 18th Feb.

