

July 30 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was a great start to Term 3 and we look forward to another busy week this week with the Winter Sports Tournament on Thursday for Year 5-8 children and the full school assembly on Friday at 2.15 pm.

School interviews are tomorrow for years 4 to 8 as well as Wednesday after school. We will be closing at 2pm tomorrow and buses will run at the earlier time.

**Days to be aware of :** On Tuesday August 14th we have our termly Teacher Only Day where we finish at 1pm so staff can get to Methven for meetings with the other 9 schools in our Community of Learning.

Unfortunately it looks highly likely that the school will also be closed on August 15th due to a looming strike by teachers who are looking for better working conditions and better outcomes for students. There is a secret ballot out at this point in time and many, many staff do not want to disrupt education but they do want to send a very clear message to the Minister that they are worth more and children deserve better. We will keep you up to date with any developments as they come to hand. If we are on strike then the school will be closed for Health and Safety reasons due to an inability to staff appropriately.

### **IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE**

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?



<b>Tuesday, 31 July</b>	
2:00pm	School closing for interviews
2:30pm	Mid Year Interviews
<b>Wednesday, 1 August</b>	
3:30pm	Mid Year Interviews
<b>Thursday, 2 August</b>	
Winter Tournament	
<b>Friday, 3 August</b>	
Full School Assembly @ 2.15pm	
<b>Monday, 6 August</b>	
PP Winter Tournament	
<b>Tuesday, 7 August</b>	
School Photos	
<b>Monday, 13 August</b>	
Mahi Tahi Swimming	
<b>Tuesday, 14 August</b>	
Mahi Tahi Swimming	
1:00pm	TOD 3 for COL - School closes
<b>Wednesday, 15 August</b>	
Mahi Tahi Swimming	
<b>Thursday, 16 August</b>	
	



- More teachers – so your kids can get more attention
- More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs
- A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future

School invoices will be out today with the activity fee and school donations on as well as camp fees.

There will be a school support group sausage sizzle every friday this term. Please note if you pay by the internet you need to pay the school support group, not the school.

Just a reminder: we do have children with allergies. Please remember not to put eggs in your children's lunchbox, and discuss with your classroom teacher if you would like to bring food to school for sharing.

**STOLEN?**- Interested to know if you can help -

In the school holidays Miss Grant won a small competition and the prize was a jar full of 213 lollies and she put them in the temporary staff room (library) for the staff to treat themselves.

Several staff tried the lollies Monday and Tuesday but when we returned to school on Wednesday the remaining 180 or so lollies had been taken and the jar left empty.

I quizzed the staff, Hitplay staff and also the cleaners but to no avail and also spoke with the senior syndicate students to see if they had seen any children handing lollies out or commenting.

It could be considered a little thing and a risk we took to have these in the library but it is the principle of the matter. Someone or some people have walked into the library and helped themselves to the prize.

What next? Taking books and uniform? Taking bags and lunchboxes?

I would be grateful if you hear anything and can help us find the perpetrators and get them to fill the lolly jar back to the top for the staff to treat themselves occasionally in a busy day.

