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WELCOME TO
Eli
WHO JOINED
ROOM KEA THIS
WEEK



PUKEKO'S POTATOES!



After having tended and watered the potatoes planted in their garden late last year, the Pukeko children enjoyed the process of digging up the potatoes and seeing their great haul!!! Mrs McKeever then took the process to the next step by cooking them!!!! The children were then able to all eat the 'fruits of their labour' and enjoyed trying both the white and purple varieties.

PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Kia tūtura, kia kite, kia mahi katahi - To explore, discover, and learn together

Mahia te mahi o tō ake kākau - Do things from the heart

E kumanau ana - We care

E āhei ana - We Can

E ako ana - We learn

E mahi katahi ana - We are

Kia ora koutou

What a stunning morning to wake up to after yesterdays well needed rain! Above is our vision, our school whakatauki and our values. These underpin everything we do at our school. This year we are striving to develop and create visuals for these that will be prominently displayed around our school.

Mr Fry's Farewell Assembly

Tomorrow we will be farewelling Hugh Fry at an assembly starting at 1:30 pm, all welcome. Hugh joined our school team in 2014 and has taught in the Kā Manu syndicate since. We will certainly miss all that he has brought to our school, including his beautiful guitar playing for Kapa Haka and I know the budding chess players will miss his tuition and commitment to them. We wish him all the best as he undertakes the rigorous training to become a career firefighter and we are so proud of him to be following his dream.

Also, yesterday Ms Collins started her parental leave and we wish her, Grant, Max and Jack all the best as they prepare for the arrival of their new wee one.

Yesterday one of our students, Ruby, competed in the Primary School's Triathlon and next week we have a team involved in the Girls Multisport event being held at the Logan Park turf.

Property

Thank you to the Te Ngahere kaiako and tamariki who have embraced the construction outside their classrooms yesterday and the remainder of this week. A new path is being laid as the installation of the outside heat pump units encroached on the existing path. This access is not able to be used until after the concrete is poured which will be later next week.

Hei kona mai i roto i kā mihi, Goodbye for now and thanks.

GARETH TAYLOR

Year 6 F.A.Bs (First Aid Buddies)



Back Row (L-R) : Hunter, Miklos, Cole, Martyna, Anne, Enya, Eddie

Front Row (L-R) : Leila, Belle, Sam, Kiera, Frankie, Amelia, Josie, Edward and Callan



A group of our Year 6 children, accompanied by Susan Tait, enjoyed their visit to Rotary Park Kindergarten yesterday. They read to the children and had fun getting to know them. Rotary Park Kindergarten advise they currently have spaces available in their morning sessions so give them a call if you are interested in your pre-schooler attending.

DIGGER DAY!



Tawa children enjoyed the wonderful opportunity to watch the digger at work right behind their classroom earlier in the week! They then went about some awesome writing, and two children's work is below.

Acrostic Poem by George

Digging the muddy ground
Interesting insects inside the ground
Grasshoppers on my boots
Giant piles of dirt in the digger
Extra exciting things in the dirt
Rapid run back to the digger

Driving the big digger
Awesome ants everywhere
Yippee! It's over.

Writing by Danielle

Crash! Crash! Crash!
I am digging a hole and I'm at a school.
I'm picking up concrete and it is heavy.
I need to have a rest I am so tired but my driver says I have to keep working.
Ahh! I wish I was human, but I'm a digger.

KNITTING IN WĀ TUHLURA TIME



Thank you to Susan Somerville who offered her time yesterday afternoon to come in and teach a group of children how to knit!

KŌWHAI'S GINGERBREAD MEN!



In Room Kōwhai, the children enjoyed making and decorating gingerbread men, with the final part of the activity being able to enjoy eating them! This activity included measuring as part of maths, and they also did some fabulous writing about the gingerbread men too.



Congratulations Ruby on finishing 5th in the Year 5 Individual Triathlon Event held at Watson Park in Port Chalmers yesterday. We are very proud of you.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Rippa Rugby
Red - Ruby (PW)
Blue - Seth (Puk)

Futsal
Diamonds - Violet (Pukeko)
Nuggets - Kate (Kea)
Flyers - Max (Toroa)
Hurricanes - Theo (PW)
Stars - Max (Matai)
Comets - Kurtis (Kowhai)



2021 Registrations

We welcome all new and returning players to the upcoming season!

Registration Days

Sat March 20th 11am-1pm
Sat March 27th 11am-1pm
Wed March 31st 4pm-6pm

Pirates Clubrooms, John Wilson Dr, Dn.

Subs: U5 \$30, 1 player \$55, 2 players \$90

Family / 3 or more \$120
* Conditions apply

-Payment options available:-

Email: ashyboo3@hotmail.co.nz

Ph: Ash Jarden 0211746070



THURSDAY 11TH OF MARCH TILL 4PM TILL 8PM

Grants Braes Afc Clubrooms
Ocean Grove



REGISTRATION DAY

Any Questions call us on:
02108296088

You need to bring a device that has access to your My Comet Registration email address!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 12 March - Muffi Day and Pizza Day

- Special Assembly for Mr Fry, 1.35pm

Mon 22 Mar - Otago Anniversary Day

Mon 29 Mar - BOT Meeting, 7pm

Tues 30 Mar - Te Ngahere Bush Walk

Fri 2nd, Mon 5th and Tues 6th April - Easter

Fri 16 April - Term 1 finishes

Mon 3 May - Term 2 begins

LUNCH ORDERS

When ordering any of the out-sourced school lunches, please have this year's correct class room name on.

Tuesday 'Lunch Orders' prefer room names (ie Kea, Rata etc) as do Subway.

In regards to Sushi, they have a room numbering system so for clarification, here are the matching room names to numbers -

Room Kiwi (currently not used) - Room 1

Room Kea - Room 2

Room Kakapo - Room 3

Room Rata - Room 4

Room Kowhai - Room 5

Room Matai - Room 6

Room Tawa - Room 7

Room Pukeko - Room 8

Room Ruru - Room 9

Room Piwakawaka - Room 10

Room Toroa - Room 11

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE

2 brochures went home with all children last week. Final date for orders to be in is **9am, Friday, 19 March.**

TUESDAY LUNCH ORDERING

On behalf of Tuesday 'Lunch Orders' - if you are ordering for two or more children, please order and pay for their lunches separately. There has been a lot of confusion when handing out the lunches with some children thinking they don't have all their food, when in fact their brother or sister has it in their bag of food, because if has all been ordered together.

Therefore, to ensure all goes smoothly and children get their lunch food promptly, please order each child's lunch separately, along with their correct room name on it.

Below is further information supplied by

'lunchorders.co.nz' :

Lunch Orders is a convenient and contactless online lunch ordering platform. You will be able to browse the Eat Smart menu and order or schedule a nutritionally balanced and affordable meal anywhere at any time!

How does it work? Follow the simple guide below!

1. Register at www.lunchorders.co.nz and login!
2. Add your child's information (name, school & room number)!
3. Top up your Lunch Orders account
4. Choose a main item from our Eat Smart menu and order! **Same day orders have a cut-off time at 8.30am.**

You can visit <https://www.lunchorders.co.nz/how-it-works/> for more information.

Rest easy knowing that your child's nutritious lunch is sorted with Lunch Orders. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Lunch Orders team via email on lunchorders@libelle.co.nz or flick a message on the Lunch Orders FB Messenger. Happy Lunch Ordering!

[>](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz)

DESPERATELY SEEKING A SAUSAGE SIZZLE CO-ORDINATOR

The children enjoy their sausage sizzles once or twice every term. If you are willing to help by taking on the co-ordination of this (not difficult!) and cook on the day, please let Gaylene in the office know ASAP and she will pass your name on to the PTA representatives. At this point in time, we have no one to take on this role so it would be very sad if the children were unable to continue having this favorite lunch option.



Entertainment

The PTA are not going to be fundraising with the Entertainment Book this year, however digital memberships are still available via their website:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz>

There are numerous worthwhile charities to support, including: Cancer Society Otago Southland, CCT Dunedin, Dog Rescue, Otago Community Hospice, Koru Care Otago, Riding for the Disabled Dunedin, Westpac (Rescue Helicopter) and more!

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Could you open your heart and home for one more?

Become a Caregiver

Anglican Family Care is looking for people to provide short-term and respite care for children and young people, as part of our support for families. Quality training and support are provided.

For more information:
please contact our Caregiver Liaison Social Worker on 03 477 0801 or Enquiries@FamilyCare.org.nz



AnglicanFamilyCare.org.nz
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Celebrating 50 years delivering social services throughout Otago

Anglican Family Care proudly supports Foster Care Awareness Week (7-14 March)

Can you help support us?

Caregivers are ordinary people doing extraordinary things; supporting families under stress by providing respite for their children and young people.

We are seeking to expand our Dunedin caregiver team and provide opportunities for families to recharge their batteries and look after themselves – "it is easier to run on a full tank of gas than an empty one."

We have been offering respite care for over 25 years. Usually, this involves a child or young person being placed with a caregiver for a regular period of time, often one or two weekends a month.

Contact us in confidence today

Our own children have very much enjoyed the opportunity to meet and play with these kids too and we know that their caregivers have received a very much deserved day or two off from the pressure that they have been under."
Doug (caregiver)

Hey Kids!

Come join the fun on...

Otago Anniversary Day

...whenever you take it!

Whats on?



22nd March



6th April

Where? Our Musselburgh Programme

Offer

Parents, book before 15 March...

...and receive \$15 credit on your account!

"CONTACT US TODAY: SPACES ARE LIMITED"

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kids club

Come Join the FUN!

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SCOUTS OPEN DAY

Sunday 14th March 11am to 2pm at your local Scout Hall

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