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WELCOME TO
Olive
WHO JOINED
ROOM KEA THIS WEEK



FAREWELL MR FRY!



Children and staff alike enjoyed the opportunity to dress up in either 'green and yellow' or as firefighters for a Muffi Day in honour of Hugh Fry!!!! Hugh finished up at Grant's Braes after seven years, and is about to commence his training as a career firefighter.

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 ako ana - We learn

E āhei ana - We Can

E mahi katahi ana - We are

Kia ora koutou

Last Friday we farewelled Mr Fry with an assembly, where our Tuakana and Teina kapa haka groups honoured him. I know he was impressed with the effort the students and staff did dressing up either as a firefighter or in green and yellow, as well as the many lovely words and presentations he received. He also courageously wore the All Blacks jersey, supplied by Gaylene, for the full day! As an acknowledgement for all that he has done for our school, he received gifts from the students, Board of Trustees, PTA and the staff. On behalf of the students, staff, Board of Trustees, parents and community members, I would like to thank Mr Fry for everything he has done for our school and students and we wish him all the best for his future. Sharlene Goodwin started her position at our school in Ruru on Monday and we are really excited to have her working within our school.

In the March 3rd newsletter, Steph Woodley, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees let you all know the dates of the MOE Teacher Only Days for this year. One of the dates was still to be confirmed, which has now been set. Please make note of these dates:

Teacher Only Days are:

- Monday 24 May – Professional learning and development around Structured Literacy (linked to the Strategic Plan - CONFIRMED)
- Monday 14 June – report writing
- Monday 29 November – report writing
- Wednesday 15 December – 2022 Planning Day - this would mean the last day of the school year is Tuesday 14 December - CONFIRMED

Today a team of five students are competing in the Girls Multi-Sport at the Logan Park Turf and I wish them all the best. Look for photos from this in next week's newsletter.

A reminder that our school is closed on Monday to observe Otago Anniversary Day, have a lovely long weekend.

Kia ora koutou

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

GARETH TAYLOR

LOVELY ASSEMBLY FOR MR FRY



Last Friday's Farewell Assembly for Hugh Fry was a wonderful send-off for him, and he received some lovely cards and gifts in recognition. His family also joined us for this special occasion. The school gave him a lovely framed print of St Clair, and the staff presented him with a new guitar.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Rippa Rugby
Blue - Divan (Tawa)

Futsal
Tigers - Abby (Rata)
Bombers - Elise (Kowhai) - 9/3
- Luke (Kowhai)
Dolphins - Leo (Tawa)
Diamonds - Luca (Tawa)
Stars- Leo (Ruru)



SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2

brochures went home with all children a couple of weeks back. Final date for orders to be in is **9am, TOMORROW Friday, 19 March.**

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.

HEALTH ISSUES

Threadworm

We have been advised that a family in our school was recently treated due to being infected with threadworm. Threadworm is a type of roundworm that is commonly found in preschool and school-aged children, however the whole family can become infected. Threadworm causes a very itchy bottom, which is usually worse at night. If your child is infected with threadworm, it is not usually serious and can be treated easily with medication. Treat all the family members at the same time, even if they aren't showing any symptoms.

Signs and symptoms of threadworm

- *Your child may have an itchy bottom, which may become red and inflamed from scratching
- *Your child may be irritable and generally 'out of sorts'
- * Your child may not sleep very well
- * Your child may have a reduced appetite.

How is threadworm spread

Threadworm gets its name because the worms look like white threads, which are about 1cm long. Threadworm is spread when children scratch their bottom, causing the eggs to collect under the fingernails. The child then carries the worm eggs back to their mouth with their hands. The eggs can also be spread indirectly, in food, dust, or other items. The eggs can survive up to two weeks outside the body. You cannot catch threadworm from animals.

Headlice

We have also been advised that headlice are out and about again around the school! Please regularly check your children's heads for eggs or 'live' head lice. If eggs/lice are found, please treat before sending your child back to school. The key is also to COMB, COMB, COMB through the hair and extract the lice/eggs - doing this for at least 1/2 hr at a time usually ensures they disappear.

With school holidays just around the corner, this is a good time to check your children's heads and treat. Please also remember to regularly wash all the bedding particularly when there is evidence of head lice.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 22 Mar - Otago Anniversary Day

Mon 29 Mar - BOT Meeting, 7pm

Tues 30 Mar - Te Ngahere Bush Walk

Thurs 1 April - Postponement Date for
Te Ngahere Bush Walk

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

Fri 9th April - Muffi and Sausage Sizzle

Fri 16 April - Term 1 finishes

Mon 3 May - Term 2 begins



Get more for your \$ and reduce food waste



Climate change is a hot topic right now and reducing food waste is one way we can all do our part and save some money. Below are some tips that can support families.

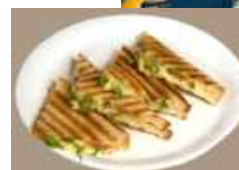
Give children a choice – would they prefer peas, carrots or broccoli for dinner? Which fruit would they like in their lunches this week?

Let children serve themselves, encourage starting with small portions and make seconds available.

Makeover lunchbox leftovers. For example, toast a leftover sandwich for afternoon tea.

Question why food is often coming home, you might be able to make simple changes to what you send to school.

Bashed up fruit or snacks often have another use – add to baking or chop up the best parts to add to porridge or freeze for later.



For more information visit lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz

Pirates Junior Rugby Club

U5-U7 Rippa
U8-U13 Tackle
Girls U10 & U13

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-

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DUNEDIN
FRINGE
FESTIVAL

FRINGE

You are warmly invited to...



As the leaves begin to change and Autumn arrives, head to the heart of Dunedin to find this magical woodland! Behold there a mesmerising tea party where miniature dancers play and the choreography unfolds in and out of teacups and crockery!

Premiered at the Edinburgh International Children's Festival, this delightful piece by choreographer Anna Noonan combines dance, film and projection to re-house dance for a teacup!

Venue

Dunedin Public Art Gallery

Time

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st March
12-4.30pm

This piece will be running as a durational piece throughout the day.
You are welcome to come and go as you please.

Tickets

Koha at the Door

HIGHLANDERS
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vs
Hurricanes

Fri 26 Mar 7.05pm
Forsyth Barr Stadium TICKETEK.CO.NZ

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