

24th May 2018

Dear parents, caregivers and community,

Parent Interviews Week.

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend parent interviews this week. We value these formal face-to-face progress meetings and the opportunity for parents to see what their children have been learning.

The interviews follow up the written report that went home at the end of term 1 and are a great way for teachers and parents to review the past and set future goals.

WHOLE SCHOOL ART DAY – Friday 25th May

A reminder that we are holding an 'Art Day' working on the production props, scenery and backdrops. All parents / caregivers and grandparents are welcome to come along and help from 10.45am onwards.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION of 'PETER PAN' – please mark these dates in your diaries – 27/28 June. More information to come re ticket prices/sales etc.

CLASSROOM REPORTS:

Kahikatea (Yr 7/8) – It has been a pretty eventful start to the term with myself away for the first two weeks, "The people from the government" (ERO) visiting, parents evening, and production practice getting into full swing. Production is taking up an increasing amount of time and it has been great not only to see those members of Kahikatea taking on lead roles, but also the others taking on leadership within the different groups, helping teachers running rehearsals and teaching the younger students. Our big assignment in class this term is the writing and construction of "Pop-Up Books for Juniors", which we will share with our Ngahere students when complete. In PE we are working toward getting fit for the Banks Peninsula cross country and football skills for the Lincoln Zone Tournament. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Community, staff and students for all the support I have received following the passing away of my Dad, you have all been amazing...John Fitch

Tōtara (Yr 5/6) – With the Production taking centre stage (literally) this term, we have integrated much of our literacy and topic work.

The Sustainability theme will provide the context for much of our reading as we embark on inquiries into self-chosen topics of Sustainability. Each week we have an 'Inspiration Hour' where we introduce a number of different topics; making use of resources from the Jonah Project, Earth Day. It is envisaged that, as the term goes on and the student Inquiries take shape, some/much of the content of these Inspiration Hours will be offered by the children (our new found 'experts') themselves.

Another project of note this term is the production of our collection of Louis Sachar, 'Wayside School' inspired stories. This project will have us unpacking

what a book is/contains, the process of writing, editing, publishing.... and will see us expose ourselves to the comments of others in the editing/recrafting process.... developing the all-important life-skill of giving and receiving constructive feedback. The end result will be produced in Book Creator, an online publishing programme...Anna Lopas and Di Cameron

Matai (Yr 4/5) – Did you know that the Nomura Jellyfish can live forever? Or that a Black Mamba's neurotoxic venom can kill a human in less than 30 minutes? Are you aware that New Zealand Fur Seal pups nurse for at least a year, and go days between feedings while their mothers are away hunting? Have you ever seen the way Golden Eagles take on prey much larger than themselves in daring cliff-top battles? Or witnessed a mother Green Sea Turtle laying up to 150 eggs in a secret beach nest? In Matai, we teach each other about these natural wonders everyday! Our science based research projects incorporate a wide range of curriculum areas, and are not only educational, but also highly entertaining!

When we are not busy being research scientists, Matai students are even busier working on Production! Acting, dancing, singing and creating visual art masterpieces are all part of our weekly production preparations. The excitement is growing - this year's show is going to be a must see!...Tara Sutherland

Ti Kouka (Yr 2/3) & Kānuka (Yr 1) – Highlights for this term:

Takaro Pai - the 'take-apart station' has proved very popular so far this term. Children have been taking apart old/disused appliances to discover how they work and what's inside. Something we hadn't predicted was that they would then 'upcycle' the appliances to create new things!



Takaro Pai - each rotation we have 1-2 PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme) activities set up. These are fundamental skills such as balance, hand/eye coordination, locomotion and fitness.

Training for the BP Cross Country has begun! The children in Ngahere have daily fitness for 10 minutes each morning. We are all really looking forward to being able to use the new school library, Te Ao, after the recent grand opening. The children are excited about their groups for the School Production, Peter Pan, and practices are in full swing...Andi Cochrane, Maria Couper, Ruth Pannett

Kapa Haka 'on hold' – There will be no further kapa haka until after production, which is the second last week of the term. Thanks for the ongoing support. The Group is working on Te Kakano Ahau and Haka – Te Iwi Kiwi!! Ngā mihi, Maria.

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When: Saturday 2nd June, 9:30am - 12:30pm

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Where: Balguerie Stream, Akaroa

When: Saturday 9th June, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Details: We'll be supporting our landowner tackle Old Man's Beard

Where: Port Saddle, Lyttelton

When: Saturday 8th September 10am - 4pm

Details: Planting out an area on Port Saddle as part of our restoration project partnership with Lyttelton Port Company

Please register your interest by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator, [Sophie Hartnell](mailto:sophie.hartnell@bpct.org.nz) <mailto:sophie.hartnell@bpct.org.nz>

World Challenge trip to Nepal – Quiz night is almost here. – FRIDAY.

Just a reminder that quiz starts at 7pm, so get there early to get your drinks and table names etc registered. There will be EFTPOS available. Loads of great Raffle prizes up for grabs and some awesome items for auction:

Banks Peninsula Motorbike Tours; Garden Supplies; Processed Pig; Hand Crafted hunting knives; Firewood; Water Purifier and the best of all....

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NEWSLETTER

TO THE COMMUNITY

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Matai have been studying *Fair Trade*, as part of the school's concept of 'Sustainability', this year's focus. They have been learning about how the organisation supports farmers in sustainable farming practices. Ari - "People get paid fairly for what they have grown. Fair Trade helps them to learn about the environment."

They get extra money for schools and doctors".

Above - Xavier & Ari display their Fair trade fortunetellers that they made.

Right - a close-up of Ari's fortuneteller.

