

Thursday 13 December 2018 – Term 4 Week 9



2019 Highlights

Academic Highlights

- Our literacy and numeracy end of year results - 89% of students at or above for mathematics, 90% of students at or above for reading, and 88% of students at or above for writing
- Dance focused inquiries with 98% of students achieving at or above expected levels
- Polyfest Arts Exhibition - Tarata (Room 14) winners of the Polyfest Innovation Award with their shadow puppet retelling of purakau
- Life Education Bus visit for whole school
- 11 students attended the one day gifted school - enrich@ILT
- 15 students participated in the inter school chess competition with 6 students attending the National competition in Hamilton
- 2 teams participated in the EPro8 Challenge, 2 teams participated in the EIS Technology Challenge with one team winning first place
- Room 5's pop up art gallery

Sporting and Cultural Highlights

- 7 Teams competed at the Gym Festival with 1 team receiving an elite grade, 5 with A grade and 1 with B grade
- Athletics - 56 students qualified for the Kiwi Zone and 5 students placed in their event at the Southland Athletics
- Cross Country - 21 placings at Kiwi Zone and 5 students finished in the top 10 placings at Southland Cross Country
- Junior Athletics Day and Fun Sports Day with Makarewa
- Ski Trip to the Remarkables
- Kapa haka group participation in Polyfest with more than 150 students performing
- School band performances
- Choir performance at Sing Out Festival and invited to perform for a Probus Club Christmas meeting
- Outreach singing across the school and visits to Vickery Court, Rowena Jackson and Walmsley House
- Senior school triathlon
- School dance sharing from our Term 1 learning with Jack from Dance for Schools and end of year dance inspired celebration
- 6 students represented at inter school swimming championships
- 60 students participated in the Mega Mitre 10 Tough Kids competition
- Physical Activity Leaders Programme (PALs) involving over 40 leaders from Years 4-6
- Sport Southland Sports Connector article about our creative play pod and loose parts
- Piano lessons offered by Rosie Oosthuizen

- Participation in Jump Jam 4 StarJam
- 26 children competing in Strictly Jump Jam competition, merit award for technical execution, excellence awards for sportsmanship and technical execution
- Otago Oysters runners up in the Water Polo competition

Other School Highlights

- Year 6 Camp and Year 4 and 5 outdoor education experiences
- Year 6 Leadership Programme with 8 Level 1 leaders, 7 Level 2 leaders and 4 Level 3 leaders
- End of Year Dance Celebration – junior and senior performances
- Pets 'n' Passions with 160 pets, 354 passions and 109 sand saucers
- Inquiry trips - Sandy Point, South Alive Science Pod, Omaui, Invercargill Public Library, Art Gallery and Bush Haven
- Year 5 trout raising and release
- Dreamweaver storytelling sponsored by the ILT
- NZ Playhouse - 'Red Riding Robyn Hood'
- Visits from writers Des Hunt, Pauline Smith and Deano
- Best craft and herb garden in the Invercargill Sunrise Rotary Club competition
- Visit from Matt Randall, an Olympic ambassador
- Scarlet Rooney winning a Whirligig for the playground at the Riverton Harvest Festival
- Visit from Valoa Jack for a Valoa music concert for the seniors with Georgia Horgan on drums
- Participation in Orange Day Parade by our Road Patrol students
- Lunch clubs - chess, ukulele, gardening and bush walks
- Another successful Scholastic Book Fair with \$1625-12 raised for library resources
- Writing professional learning with literacy consultant Gail Loane and Raewyn Green from the Otago University College of Education
- Ecological identity Teacher Only Day with Penny Brownlee
- St John first aid training for the whole school - first aid safety book donated to the school and sponsored by Darryl Brown from Ray White Real Estate
- Professional learning day with international inquiry expert Kath Murdoch
- Visit from the 'Share the Road' team with a talk about road and bike safety as part of Tour of Southland
- Parent Support Group involvement in a range of initiatives
- Student initiated mufti days to raise funds for Furever Homes (\$346) and Cancer Society Daffodil Day (\$320) raised
- Participation in More FM Pack the Bus to restock the Southland Foodbank



The teachers wish to recognise and thank all parents and family members who have generously helped with:-

- * Sporting events
 - * Coaching and managing sports teams
 - * Camp
 - * Accompanying classroom trips
 - * Parent Listening programme
 - * Classroom based happenings, e.g. art projects
 - * Assisting in the library
 - * Assisting at literacy and numeracy times
 - * Helping with fundraising events
 - * Dressing children for Kapa haka performances
 - * Swimming
 - * Transporting students
 - * Road Patrol - to the team of parents who have willingly and capably managed the kea crossing before school this year.
- Your time, skills and talents have enriched the opportunities and welfare of the children at our school.

A special thank you to the O'Callaghan and Wood families for the books they donated to our school library. I am sure students will enjoy them for many years to come.

Thank you also to the parents who provided morning tea to the staff on Monday. This was a very kind and thoughtful gesture. The eyes of the staff always light up when there is a morning tea shout.

CLASSROOMS – TEACHERS 2019

A note will be going home today outlining the class teacher and room for your child for 2019.

We look forward to working alongside you and your child/ren next year and for those of you leaving us this year thank you for allowing us to share in your child/ren's learning.

FAREWELLS



Sadly we farewell Brooke Daniels whose fixed term contract has ended, we wish her well for her future.

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world?
It is people! It is people! It is people!

People make places special and we are very grateful to all the people who have contributed to making our place special!

Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season and a well-deserved summer break.

Nāku noa nā - Yours sincerely

Sharon Livingstone



School Disco Thank You

A very big thank you to all our parent helpers, teachers and especially Emily, Brook and Bella for their great organising skills. It was another successful night with over \$800 raised that will be donated to the Year 6 Storytellers Hut. It was a fun night for all.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

From Amanda Drake

Sports Results

Futsal

Otatara Green played Salford Giants and won 14-0. Player of the day was Alex King.

UPCOMING EVENTS



14 December	Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony 1:00pm
14 December	End of Term 4
31 January	Start of School for 2019
06 February	Waitangi Day

School Assembly

14 December 1:00pm Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony

We hope you can join us for our celebration of learning.



Road Patrol Roster

Thursday 31 January to Friday 8 February

Thursday 31 January	Hannah Winder
Friday 1 February	Jo/David Anderson
Monday 4 February	Training Day
Tuesday 5 February	Training Day
Wednesday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Thursday 7 February	Cherie/Nick Meulenbroek
Friday 8 February	Jane Kitson

Community Notices



\$35 PER CHILD

AGES 7-11

Queenstown - Thursday 17th January 2019
Cromwell - Friday 18th January 2019
Invercargill - Thursday 24th January 2019

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