



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



14th June 2018

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana - (greetings)

NEW STUDENT

I would like to welcome Aaliyah Smith into Takahe classroom. Aaliyah's family have recently arrived in South Canterbury from Tapanui. Although Aaliyah is very quiet she has been playing with Stella and Indy. I saw her colouring in a beautiful flower yesterday and she was taking care to make the best effort she could. That is a great attitude Aaliyah. We wish you all the best here at Centennial School.

MATHS QUESTION

In the first quarter of last Friday's netball game, Katie and Sarah scored all the points for the Gold team. Sarah shot 1/4 of all the points. Katie shot 12 points. How many points did the Gold team score?

In the second quarter of the game, Katie scored a fifth of the team's 20 points while again Sarah scored the rest. How many points did Sarah score?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Extension programmes, speeches and spelling

This week I took 6 of our year 6 students to Main school for the Waimate Rotary Club Speech competition. All 6 students spoke very well. They were engaging well with the topics they chose. Their organisation and preparation was evident to the judges. Next week the first 6 place getters will be invited to speak at the district finals and then a week later at the Rotary Club meeting for the first three place getters. We now know that Lucy Matheson and Summer Larson have made it through to the finals on the 19th June. Congratulations to all the students for giving their best effort and especially to Lucy and Summer. Good luck with the remaining events in the competition. The next academic extension that we have planned for our students is a spelling competition in Timaru. I will be taking three teams to this event from year 5-6. We have attended this in the past and I am looking forward to seeing how we stack up against the best spellers in South Canterbury.

WRITING WORKSHOPS

We have held the writing workshops that were advertised. I am interested in talking to anyone who was at the workshops to see if there is anything we can do differently to help parents get involved with their child's learning. If you were there I will be ringing you to have a chat soon.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

On July the 3rd and 4th we will be holding Student Led Conferences in the senior part of the school. These conferences are one of the most important times of the year for your child as they are going to tell you about their learning. The students will have spent time organising their presentation and having open minded parents along to hear about this is an important part of their learning. Students will be able to tell you about the core curriculum areas of reading, writing, maths and some other areas of learning they are proud of. Closer to the time we will provide you with a list of questions that you might use to get your child to explain their learning in more detail. I have found that students and parents benefit substantially from this experience. Rather than sit and hear the teacher tell you about your child you will be given the information from your child's perspective. This is often one of the most significant learning conversations students have and it is the type of skill that we believe our students should be gaining. There will be a notice coming home asking you to opt for a time that suits you to attend a meeting with your child and their teacher. Please fill this in and send it back as soon as possible. The places are allocated first in first served.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jump Jam extravaganza 20th June
- Matariki Festival 29th June
- Term 2 finishes 6th July

MT DOBSON SCHOLARSHIP

Who qualifies?

- a. Boys & girls 8 years to 14 years. (As at 1st. Jan. 2018.)
- b. Permanent resident of South Canterbury.
- c. Must be competent on snow & have access to full equipment (helmet recommended)
- d. Have a source of transport
- e. Must be available to ski each Sunday - July and August.

What you get!

FIVE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS EACH GET

A Free - Five day ski passes at Mt. Dobson

B Free - Four lessons with our instructors

If you have any queries please contact Grant Shaw 021 325 464

DAVIS DYSLEXIA CORRECTION PROGRAMME

Recently three of our staff attended a training weekend for the Davis Learning Programme. The programme gives students strategies to become and remain focused. A brief summary of the programme follows:-

The Davis Learning Programme includes exercises that focus on seeing and doing things. Gradually the learner becomes aware of how they learn and what to do when they become confused. As confusion occurs they learn to focus automatically whenever it is needed.

Eventually the student learns to deal with those things that have triggered the confusion in the first place. The next step is to thoroughly master the alphabet, punctuation symbols and other symbols that cause confusion. Trigger words (non visual words) are mastered using clay, to create all three parts of the word: what it sounds like (pronunciation) what it looks like (spelling), and what it means (picture.)

Our Junior School Teachers and Teacher Aides will use the skills learned to assist students who have learning difficulties. The programme will consist of students working with clay to model letters and words either individually or in small groups.

If your child is involved you are welcome to visit the teachers and the class to see what is happening.

PAID UNION MEETING

On Friday the 22nd June at 2pm teachers are attending Paid Union Meetings in Timaru to discuss their future terms and conditions. I believe all teachers should attend but we are required to keep the school open for students to attend.

I informed families recently about the PUM and said that families could support the teachers by not sending their children to school on the afternoon of Friday the 22nd. If you choose to do this you might collect your child at lunch time. The buses will run at the normal time. Early next week teachers will send a note out asking who will be going home on Friday the 22nd.

ILLNESS AND ABSENCES

Just a reminder if your child has been vomiting the Ministry of Health recommendation is that they be kept home for 48 hours from the last episode. This will help prevent the spread of illness.

JUMP JAM - there will be a display from our "Jump Jammers" on Friday at 2pm before assembly.

FOOD WARMER

Remember this is just a food warmer, not an oven. So please make sure food isn't frozen or children are likely to have a cold lunch.

Ma te wa
Nga Manaakitanga
Best wishes
Jono

Maths problem:

The Gold team scored _____ points. Sarah scored _____ points

Our family/whanau e-mail address is _____

Please Return: I have received and read this newsletter () (tick)

Family name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Enya O'Donnell, Sammy Hill, Max Drummond, Jasmine deWaal

Respect for Others - Liam Stewart, Addison McFarlane, Rua Taupo

Respect in All Areas - Genna Hargreaves, Milla McKenzie

Effort & Progress in Writing - Willow Tulett, Summer Hogg, Zoe Smith, Olivia Garland

Effort & Progress in PE - Jack Waugh, Sophie Hargreaves

Conscientious Worker - Connie Cousau

Outstanding effort in Cross Country Training - Mariska-Shai, Oliver Lienert

On Task - Zoe Wilson

Positive Attitude - Charlie Christensen, William Nichol, Max Hill, James Hodder, Blake Dyer

Word Knowledge - Kate Gillespie, Indiana McKenzie

Confidence - Ace Binnie

Story Telling - Joel Roberts

Understanding Text - AJ Tupara-Burgess

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Summer Larson, Tommy Willock, Jayla Davis, Aiden Morrison, Joel Roberts, Sophie Hargreaves, Cody Swatridge, Regan Beazley, Joe Coyle, Elsie Cooney-Hedditch, mason Dyer, Cooper Drummond, Sam Matheson, Flynn Mehrtens, Poppy Nichol, Abby Swatridge, Aaliyah Tagiaia, Sophie Wilson, Summer Hogg, Lilli Cadogan, Diana Cherepanova, Kate Gillespie, Emmett Knightly, Mayah Peters Paige Constable, Oliver Lienert, Regan Rempala, Jasmine deWaal, Callum Rempala, Connie Cousau, Jack Waugh, Connor Medhurst, Dan nPatterson, Willow Tulett, Zoe Wilson, Max Hill, James Hodder, Ollie Smith, Kadin Davis, Indi McKenzie, Keira Mehrtens, Ellie Tangney, Olivia Garland