



Light the mind, Fire the heart, Engage the whānau

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Kia ora whānau,

Learning Conferences

Thank you to all those who engaged with our learning conferences over the last few weeks. We are trying a new way of communicating about learning. The information looks different but it says the same things. Instead of being a printed report it is now found on Educa Goals. We changed it so it would be clearer and involve you and your child and the teacher. Anything new takes time to understand and we appreciate your patience in trying a new system.

For those who came to learning conferences, Thank you so very much. It is not too late, email Laura at the Office and she will find a time for you to come in. The board is interested in your feedback on the reports and learning conferences. If you wouldn't mind commenting on [this google form](#). Thank you.

I was going to hold a workshop on the Why of learning through play on Tuesday 16th August at 3pm in the Huatea classroom. It will now be held on the new date of Monday 29th August at 3pm. I hope you will join me. Children welcome.

Board of Trustees

Welcome to our new Board of Trustees. We are grateful that you have put your hand up. We had an induction evening on Monday and it was a real joy to see the positivity amongst the group. We have our first board meeting as a new board this Monday 15th August.

We say goodbye to Antony Deaker and a huge thank you for serving on the board for over 12 years, 7 of those as Chairperson. Also to Katie Peppercorn, for serving for over 7 years, and for taking the Chairperson's role this year, Matt McCormack for his hard work with property, and Mark Sanford for serving on the board over the last 14 months.

Our new board consists of:

Alan
Bauchop

Jo
Clark
(re-elected)

Sarah
Dempster

Beatrice
Lee

Heather
Owen



Thank You Ara Studios

Thankyou to Ngahuaia Crossman and Kerri Hodge from Ara Studios for organising funding and running workshops for our students. For Photography, our focus will be on; 1) how to compose and take great photos and videos, and 2) how to create a great looking finished product on Canva (posters, slideshows, video). Our first workshop begins next Friday afternoon with the Year 5's. Tara will be going with the students.

Health and Saftey

This term the board is reviewing the Health, Safety and Welfare policy plus Child Protection, Sun Protection and Staff Harassment. You can have a say by going to <https://waitati.schooldocs.co.nz/> with password Feather.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Writing from Mapounui

Last week, Maria gave the students from Mapounui this picture prompt and a short story starter. Their task was to write a descriptive story with action and plot. This is no easy task, but they produced amazing stories! We were absolutely blown away by their skill and Maria and Jess are hooked and waiting for more.

Here are a few short excerpts for you to read.



Isla

Slowly Rose began to change. Her feet and hands became paws and fur sprouted from her neck and face. Her clothes ripped and, where the rose had stood before, was a small tigress. Xerxes held out his paw and from it bloomed a single rose. He placed it on Rose's head and from the flower came a golden helm. Rose would break rules no more.

Eli

But then she heard a noise behind her. Rose was scared because she thought it was her parents, but it was her friend, Tim. She was delighted to see him instead of her parents. They started to walk deeper into the magical forest until they saw a baby elephant. There was something different about it. It could camouflage with its surroundings. In their heads it was amazing but when there is a baby there is a mother. They heard rustling behind them. Without thinking, they said "run" to each other, but the next second a hairy thing came swinging down on vines and swooped up the two and brought them to a tree.

Will

It was several hours later when they had their next encounter. Two cyclops. Terrifying creatures with one eye in the middle of their foreheads. They had small brains but some had big hearts. (Not many though) By the way they were glaring at Rose. She guessed that they weren't there to have a tea party. "Why you here?" One boomed. "Yes!" Said the other. "If you have not good reason, we will eat you! You will make tasty snack!" Rose took a deep breath but regretted it instantly. The smell these cyclopes were giving off was enough to kill the whole of Manhattan. Before she could say anything, Luke stepped in. "So... you guys want a tasty treat?" He asked slyly. "Luke?" Rose whispered desperately. "Relax." He whispered back. "I got this."

Literacy with Bex and Elizabeth

I spent the morning observing and helping with reading and writing. I was most impressed by the focus of these learners. They were writing a persuasive piece on what they wanted to do for Passion Projects and why. They also had to read a book and answer some comprehension questions.



Passion Projects and Projects

We are wanting to take the next step towards our projects for **Ko te au te whenua, Ko the whenua ko au** and work on this on Fridays from Week 5 through to Week 10. Options for the projects; 1. Te Reo o Te Repo - The voice of the swamp, 2. A musical mini production from HiHā productions, 3. Enviroschools project, 4. Independent choice project.

In Week 10 the whole school will come together to help plant some native trees in the swamp area and watch the mini production and share any projects. This project is one we have been working towards all year. Kapuka will join in where possible and otherwise continue with their normal programme.

Term 4 will see us move to Passion Projects again from Week 1 to Week 5. This will be each Friday, finishing in Week 6 with an exhibition. Kapuka will join in with this fully.



Meg the Dogs Memorial

Thank you to Lorraine, Mikaela, Lucy and Vita for singing at Meg the Dogs memorial unveiling last Friday.

Cross Country

The Three Peaks Cluster of Schools decided because of the cold to only take the Year 4 -8's to Waikouaiti Rugby ground for the annual Cross Country. The Year 3's in particular were disappointed, so in the afternoon we put together our

own cross country for the Year 1-3's.



CALENDAR Term 3 2022
[Click here for the online calendar](#)

Week 4

Sun 14 Aug Play with Clay 4 - 5.30pm - All welcome
 Mon 15-19 Aug Ski Camp for Mapounui (Year 6-8) - all week

Kapa Haka 2-2.30pm (whanau welcome)
 BOT Hui 5.45pm
 Deadline for lunch orders by midday
 Tech DNI
 School lunch delivery
 Guitar, ukulele and piano lessons
 Ara Photography workshop 12.30 - 2pm (Group 1)

Tue 14 Aug
 Wed 15 Aug
 Thu 16 Aug
 Fri 17 Aug

Week 5

Mon 22 Aug Health and Safety committee meeting 12.30pm
 Mon 22 Aug Whānau hui with Rua McCullum Kaitoko at Waitati School 6pm -7pm
 Tue 23 Aug Deadline for lunch orders by midday
 Wed 24 Aug Tech DNI
 Thu 25 Aug School lunch delivery
 Fri 26 Aug Guitar, ukulele and piano lessons
 Passion Project day one of new round

PTA

	<p>Tickets are on sale now for our Bingo Fundraising evening - Friday 16th September.</p> <p>This will be a fun, sociable night - food and nibbles will be on sale!</p> <p>Limited ticket numbers so buy yours <u>now</u> from Kirby or at the Waitati School Office!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bottle Donations!</p> <p>Families are asked to donate a wrapped bottle of ANYTHING (eg wine, non-alcoholic drink, oils, sauces, vinegars, toiletries).</p> <p>These will be auctioned during the Bingo Evening.</p> <p>Please drop bottles off at the School Office over the next few weeks!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Any other raffle prizes are welcomed too - goods/vouchers.</i></p>	

NOTICES

Waitati Gold Honey - For Sale at the Office

Fundraiser for the Bee Club to help supply further equipment
\$10 for 250g CASH ONLY PLEASE



Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe - School Lunch

Please remember to place your orders by midday Tuesday for a Thursday delivery. You can place your order at the cafe and pay there in the usual ways or if you cannot make it to the cafe, then you can drop an order form and cash payment into the office.

This weeks menu: Ham and cheese pizza pita, vegetarian pizza pita, raspberry and white choc muffin.

Next week menu: Chunky fries, cheese toasties and chocolate muffins.

The Cancer Society Daffodil Day is on Friday August 26th. There will be all day stalls at Blueskin General Store and Harvey St Merchant selling bunches of locally grown daffodils, raffles, baking, sweets & preserves. CASH only. Thanks to our community for their ongoing support.

School will support this event, so please bring in your spare change for a daffodil themed trail.

East Otago Musical Theatre
presents

SNOWY
a Christmas Musical

17 - 19 Nov 2022
at the Palmerston Sports Hall

by Rob Wellington

roles for adults & children (ages 7+)

an original musical comedy/pantomime based on the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

AUDITIONS:
Saturday, 27 August 2022 ~ Palmerston Sports Hall
Contact Sonya Watson for more info & an audition pack:
eomtproductions@gmail.com or 027 2540201

CHRISTCHURCH & DUNEDIN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTORS: ANTHONY RITCHIE, HELEN RENAUD AND RACHEL BARTON
SOLOISTS: ELLEN WALTERS, ROSE STEVENSON AND LOIS JOHNSTON
COMPOSERS: ROSSINI, SHOSTAKOVICH, STANFORD, SHEPHERD, TICHELI, BRUCH AND GEORGINA PALMER

CONNECTIONS

Saturday the 24th of September 2022 | 7pm
Dunedin Town Hall
FREE (koha)
Livestream the concert from
DYO.org.nz

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