Principal's Message

It is the last day of Term 2 tomorrow and School Reports are being sent home today. The teachers are very happy with the progress being exhibited from the split morning classes and targeted student learning groups. The focus and learning for all students is definitely on an upward trend. We are very lucky to have the extra Board funded teaching hours to make these smaller morning learning groups possible. However, the cost of this extra teaching time over the year is a significant amount for our school Budget. Thank you to PTA for helping to offset this cost by donating $4000 to the school. We would also like to thank PTA for assisting with camp costs by donating a further $600 toward camp fees. The fundraising that PTA does is such an important part of providing the best school experience for your children. We would also like to thank Mark Terry from PGG Wrightson for his amazing generosity - he will donate $2000 towards our camp costs. Please remember to return your camp forms before the end of term. Payment can be made later, ensuring it is paid before the camp. Have you returned your Ski Trip forms? If you are not going, please let us know asap. Year 7 and 8 Technology starts back up on the first Monday of next Term, being 23 July - so a change in bus times will again apply through until the end of August. Have a great holiday.

Regards, Karen

Parent Information Evening

The Board of Trustees and teachers would like to invite all parents to meet with them on

Thursday 9 August at 5pm in the school library.

Your children spend a lot of time at Wairau Valley School, so this meeting is intended to improve parent understanding of some of what we do as a school, to provide the best education we can for them. It is hoped that you will come away from the meeting feeling informed about the ‘nuts and bolts’ of day to day life for your children’s education. We envisage the meeting running for approximately an hour with some additional time at the end if you wish to talk with the BOT and/or staff.

Tea, coffee and snacks provided.
Wairau Room Learning

What is the Sea and What Lives in it?

Wairau Room’s term focus is about the sea;

Our big questions:

What kind of animals live in the sea?

Time to share some of our discoveries. We have been looking at the most commonly found fish in the Marlborough sounds. What they like to eat, what zone they live in as well as what is special about them.

Snapper, Red Gurnard, Blue Cod are the most commonly caught fish and then we looked at the Blue Whale and the Leatherback Turtle.
Our Myth and Legend this term is Maui and the Big Fish. Check out our Waka and Te Ika a Maui, meaning the fish of Maui, for the North Island.
FISHTAIL ROOM LEARNING

Fishtail Room took an opportunity to explore some of the basics of photography recently by taking to the playground and taking some amazing photos of the frost.

Katie Griffiths and Brooke Dow
Kristina Vincent and Ivy Hale
Kowhai Tasker and Manaia Mita
Willow Hale and Ella Dow
Sidney Stevens and Tayla Cowpe

We’ve spent most of our time learning HEAPS about the ancient Egyptians. To see what we’ve been up to you will have to come along to parent/teacher interviews in Term 3 when all will be revealed........................
Ki o rahi Fun
Fishtail Room has had great fun learning a new winter sport in preparation for the Seddon Interschool Sports Competition. It is a cross between, ripa rugby and netball and we love it. Thank you very much to Richard for supporting us and helping us to mark out our pitch.

Seddon Interschool Sports Competition
Our Year 7 and 8 students had a blast playing sports and making new friends in Seddon last week. Thank you very much to our parent support for helping make this trip possible.
HOCKEY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
YES! we have enrolled in a 3-year term with Hockey Marlborough - Small Sticks. The Board has generously paid for this programme, and we look forward to new equipment this week, and 4 coaching sessions a year per class.

Mrs O’Donnell’s Class
Over the past term our class has been learning to calculate with some pretty big numbers! We have been learning to divide numbers into groups, multiply numbers, and understand what a fraction is. The class is full of hard workers who are very busy and sometimes very rowdy - but we have a lot of fun working together.

This week we started to improve our learning about measuring. We are learning to use a ruler to measure in cm’s and mm’s correctly, which is going great. We have seen how different sized containers look with the same amount of water in them. It is hard to guess how much water is in them when they are large.

Mrs O’Donnell gave us a quick ‘how far is a kilometre’ test this week, by asking us to guess how far it was from the school gate to Church Lane. These are our guesses and some of us were pretty close!

55 km / 10 km / 11 km / 90 km / 4 km / 58 km / 1 km / 1 km / 10 km
PTA NEWS

PTA have donated $4000 to the school to assist with the extra senior teacher hours that the Board are funding this year. These extra hours have helped both classes and the PTA are happy to help with this great initiative.

PTA have also donated $600.00 towards camp costs. This has helped reduce the cost of going on camp for each student.

We hope you enjoy the Movie Night fundraiser being held tomorrow night at school. Thank you to Hayley for organising this and thank you to our helpers. Thank you also to Event Cinemas for donating fresh, warm popcorn!

PTA is always needing more parent help - if you would like to be involved with PTA please contact Deb Pruden  5722675

2018 Term Dates

Term 1: 30th of January - 13th of April
Term 2: 30th of April - 6th of July
Term 3: 23rd of July - 28th of September
Term 4: 15th of October - 18th of December

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