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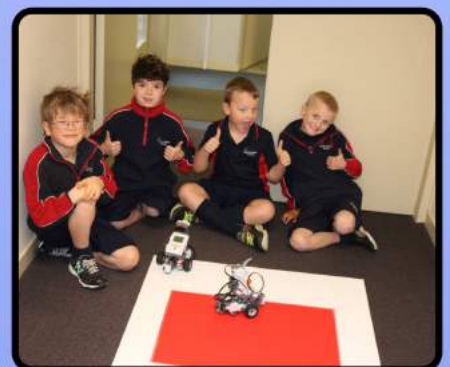
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WELCOME TO

Sophie who started in Room 2
this week, joining her sister Emily
here at school.



ROBOTICS



Our Senior and Middle Syndicate children who have been involved in the Robotics Enrichment Groups this term, taught by Philippa Dick, participated in the annual Primary Schools Robotics Event held in Dunedin last weekend. The children had a great time and enjoyed being able to display what they had learnt over this term.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

They say a week is a long time in politics, however I would like to say this is the same for our school! What has been packed into the last week is amazing and shows what an exciting place this school is. Firstly, I would like to thank Room 3 for hosting such a wonderful assembly last Friday and remind you that Room 7 will be hosting tomorrow's assembly starting at 2:10pm sharp.

It was a proud moment for me, not only as the principal, but also a father, watching the two teams compete at the Robo Cup on Saturday. I would like to thank the parents for their support of their children, Jess McAuley for her organisation, and a huge thank you goes to Phillipa Dick who worked with the teams teaching them how to programme the robots and getting them and the students ready for the event. They certainly loved this wonderful opportunity.

Yesterday a group of teachers visited our school to see how Sara Carr and Desiree Wispinski are running the Maths intervention programme ALiM (Accelerated Learning in Maths). This was a fantastic opportunity for others to learn and observe the practice that they have established within their classes and teams.

Last night the BoT hosted a Māori Consultation Hui and I would like to thank all who were able to attend. This was a wonderful informal conversation around our tamariki and school and the information we received will go to help support the development of our Strategic Plan. The wider school will be invited to share their thoughts on Friday 11 August (more information will follow early next term).

I would like to congratulate Ruma Piwakawaka and Room 6 for earning enough class Dojo points to hold a celebration class party. These will be held tomorrow and Piwakawaka have also earned the right to wear mufti.

We have officially hit the frost season and please take care on the roads and asphalted areas in and around our school. We are cordoning off the most treacherous parts, but there are many areas which are susceptible, so please take it easy.

Hei kona mai I roto I ngā mihi, Goodbye for now and thanks.

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

ROOM PUKEKO CLASS CATCHUP



CHOCOLATE

Oh yum! What's that smell?
I can sense it like a ringing bell.
It is chocolate my favourite
treat.
It is not very easy to beat.
It is creamy, very dreamy.
Chocolate is the best!

BY AKEIN 8 years old



Room Pukeko have been enjoying hockey coaching with visiting coaches. We have also enjoyed practicing our soccer skills. For Maths we have been 'counting collections' by estimating how many items are there first and then coming up with ways to organise and count the different collections. Chocolate poems - Pukeko class have all written some awesome poems for the Chocolate Bard poetry competition.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

For all Year 4-6 Students, and Middle/Junior Students who receive progress or anniversary reports only

Interviews will be held **next Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th of July.** Interviews for the **Year 1-3 students will be conducted on the Wednesday only**, due to the smaller number of children involved.

The Board of Trustees have given approval for **normal classes to finish FOR ALL CHILDREN at 2.00pm on Wednesday 5th July** to enable our teachers to schedule in all of their interviews.

Therefore, as per the letter sent home (and also emailed on Monday of this week), if you are able to please make arrangements for your child/ren from 2.00pm, this would be appreciated.

Any children who are not collected by 2.00pm will wait at school, where they will be supervised until collected.

Please ensure you complete the 'return slip' on the interviews letter sent home confirming the arrangements you have made for your child. **Please return this to your child's class teacher no later than 9.00am, Tuesday 4 July.**

For the parents involved in these interviews, please note that interviews are 15 minutes in duration, and can be booked on www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Our school's access code is 'kfs87'. **This website will close access at 3.30pm on Tuesday 4 July.** If you are unable to book on the website, please contact Gaylene and she will book the times you require.

SPORTS DRAWS

Miniball - Today, Thursday 29 June

All Stars BYE

Hotshots vs Wakari Gold, Court 4 @ 4.15pm

Warriors vs Andy Bay Tigers, Court 7A @ 4.15pm

Rockets vs George St Jazz, Court 7B @ 4.50pm

Netball : Monday, 3 July

GB Steel vs Tainui Mystics, Bayfield 1 @ 4.15pm

GB Swift vs Andy Bay Blue, Bayfield 3 @ 3.30pm

Netball : Tuesday, 4 July

Mystics vs Andy Bay Red, EC10 @ 3.45pm

Magic vs Port Chalmers Rockets, EC15 @ 5.15pm

Rebels vs Balaclava Badgers, EC 7 @ 5.15pm

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Netball Player of the Day

Rebels - Mya McConnell

Swifts - Kiera Nicholson and

Amelia McKeever

Magic - Lola Gilks

Steel - Lydia Peters

Mystics -Olivia Adam

Hockey Player of the Day

Fireballs -Taylor Dickson

MARK THE DATE

School Ski Weekend to Cardrona - Saturday

16th and Sunday 17th September

More information to follow later next term.

Any queries, please contact Bridget Dickson

- bc.dickson@yahoo.co.nz or 021 606773



lunch orders will be available again next **Wednesday 5th July.**

Envelopes are sitting by "Milly the Mailbox". Orders must be placed into 'Milly The Mailbox' **by 9.00am** next Wednesday morning please. **Correct change please!** Please note, the cookies are now \$1.00 each.

Subway lunch orders will continue to be offered the first Wednesday of each month.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 30 June - Room 7 Assembly, 2.10pm
Reports home

Wed 5 July - School Interviews, comm 2.00pm

Thurs 6 July - Enrichment Groups Assembly,
1.30pm

- School Interviews (Seniors only)

Fri 7 July - Muffi, Sausage Sizzle & Popcorn
- last day of term

Mon 24 July - First day of Term 3

YEAR 5 ACTIVITY WEEK BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER AT "THE SOUTH DUNEDIN WAREHOUSE"

Come along and support
the Year 5 children as they
sell sausages



This Saturday 1 July
Between 8.30am - 4.00pm

SAUSAGE SIZZLE/ POPCORN AND MUFTI DAY

NEXT FRIDAY 7 JULY

Notices have gone home for
next week's Sausage Sizzle
with all children today.
Orders need to be in to Milly
the Mailbox by 9am,
next Tuesday 4th.

Please note that a gold coin
donation is requested for next
Friday's mufti day.

WANTED

Plastic milk bottle tops to be
used for maths games.
Please put in a bag marked
'Sandra' and drop into the office .

Thursday 6th July Enrichment Groups Assembly

1.30pm start

Groups involved:

Middle School Robotics	Senior School Robotics
Senior Dance	Senior Science
Ukulele	Senior Technology
Mandarin	Italian
Senior Art	

YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER Yummy Whittakers Chocolate Bars \$2.00 Each

The Year 6 children have a few
bars of chocolates left to sell.
They will again be set up outside
Room Piwakawaka tomorrow
(Friday 30th) from 3.00pm to
sell these.



First In - First Served
The Year 6's thank you for your support.

KIDS CROSS COUNTRY SERIES

Sunday 28 May
Logan Park

Sunday 2 July
Chingford Park

Sunday 18 June
Corstorphine Park

Sunday 6 August
Memorial Park, Mosgiel

Sunday 27 August
Rotary Park

Time: 9.30am (pick up race numbers)

Cost: \$7.50 (per race)
or \$30.00 for all five.

To register and for further information, visit:

www.athleticsotago.co.nz



FUNDRAISING FACTORY SALE

759 Kaikorai Valley Road, Dunedin

3 Hours Only

Saturday 1st July - 10am - 1pm

Help support
Peninsula Playcentre
and join us for an
Epic Three Hour
Factory Sale.

There will be new products,
all our standard products
and
Fundraising Specials
that you just won't be able to resist.

Students bring your Student ID and get 10% off your purchases



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SALES
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