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Our 'Pre-School Bears' are held every Wednesday afternoon, alternating each week between the two New Entrants rooms. This fabulous transition to school programme is for children aged from 4 1/2. Yesterday the children were learning about the letter M, practising writing it, making masks, and making Minions! A visit to our library with Mrs Booyens finished the session.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## Kia ora

I hope everyone has had a wonderful week and are looking forward to a three day weekend! Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Monday to observe Otago Anniversary Day.

I would like to congratulate the students in Pukeko who put on a wonderful assembly on Friday. Tomorrow Ruru will be hosting and I look forward to seeing you there. Today, the students were given a taste of what to expect at the Zirka Circus which is currently touring the South Island and holding performances over the weekend.

Last Friday, I accompanied Mrs McAuley and the students involved in the Mural Enrichment Group on a tour of the incredible street art around Dunedin. This will be used as inspiration to design a mural that will be painted on a space around our school. The group will be submitting their design into the Keep New Zealand Beautiful 'Wall Worthy' competition at the end of this month.

In order to ensure all children wishing to use the Scooter Bowl during intervals and lunchtime, a schedule has been put together:

- MONDAY - Junior School - Rooms 1,2,3
- TUESDAY - Middle School - Rooms 4,5,6,7
- WEDNESDAY - Senior School - Toroa, Pukeko, Piwakawaka, Ruru
- THURSDAY - Junior/Middle School - Rooms 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
- FRIDAY - Senior School - Toroa, Pukeko, Piwakawaka, Ruru

All students are able to use the scooter track each day, however the bowl is only to be used by the classes whose turn it is. Reminder that scooters are to be walked to and from the scooter track, no scooters are to be ridden on the asphalt areas directly after school, no scooters to be ridden on the Junior Class balconies, scooters are not to be shared (some can be issued from the sports shed at lunchtimes) and a helmet must be worn.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL**

## YEAR 3'S CLASS CATCHUPS



ROOM 7 AT THE TOP OF BALDWIN STREET



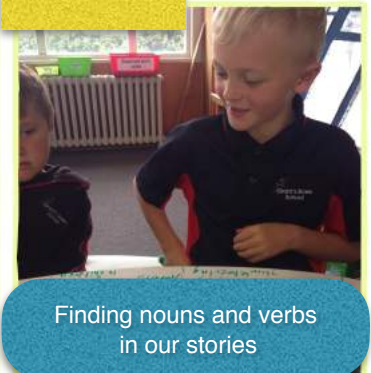
ROOM 7



FIREWISE - What is the difference between toys and tools?



ROOM 6



Finding nouns and verbs in our stories



Dancing on 'go noodle'



## ENTRY INTO AND THROUGH SCHOOL

To keep congestion and noise to a minimum through the office/reception area, please enter and leave the school using the gates by the old Dental Clinic unless coming in to see Mrs O'Brien or dropping something into 'Milly the Mailbox'.

Also, as our hall is also our Library, we request that children and parents do not come through to the classrooms via the Hall. Please go to the classrooms via their outside doors. Thanks for your co-operation.

## **'KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE' PARENT MEETING**

**Tuesday 21 March**

**3.15pm - School Hall**

**John Somerfield, the NZ Police Education Officer will be conducting an information session on this programme that is shortly to be taught to the children in our school. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.**

## **REQUEST FROM MR HARRIS**

As the bottom field has had the grass re-sown, **PLEASE DO NOT** go on this at any time, i.e. before, during or after school; or at the weekends.

Thanks for your co-operation with this.



## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **FUTSAL - Players of the Day:**

Flames : Charli Sinclair; Flyers : Kaden Williamson  
Warriors : Sebastian Fobbester  
Sparks : Ruby Burgess Stars : Nick Woodley  
Dragons : Levi Simpson Thunder : Shaun Thomson  
Nuggets (Game 1) : Logan Wilson  
(Game 2) : Anabelle Nation

### **TOUCH - The draw is -**

GB Hawks vs St Brigids Fire Birds, Oval 08 @ 4.45pm  
GB Keas vs Kaikorai Blues, Oval 2B @ 3.45pm

### **TEE BALL - Games for this week are -**

GB Slammers vs Bathgate Park Bears, Bathgate 2 @ 10.00am  
GB Giants vs Cardinal Tuis; Bathgate 6 at 10.00am

Reminder - last games this week - 18th March;  
Prizegiving 25th March in the Southern Clubrooms.  
Sections 6 to 12 @ 9.00am and Sections 2 to 5 @ 9.45am.



## **Fun Sticks**

**A fun 10-week hockey and fundamental movement skills program for Yr 1 & 2 players!**

**2 intakes:**

Term 2: Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm or Saturdays 9-10am  
Term 3: Mondays 3:30-4:30 or Saturdays 9-10am

**Where:**

Logan Park High School Gymnasium

**\$50 per person (includes a tee shirt)**

**Register at: [www.oha.org.nz/2017funstick](http://www.oha.org.nz/2017funstick)**

For more information see our website: [www.oha.org.nz](http://www.oha.org.nz)  
or see the registration link above





## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Fri 17 March - Ruru Assembly, 2.10pm

Mon 20 March - Otago Anniversary Day

Tues 21 March - Parent Meeting re 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' Programme, 3.15pm

Fri 24 March - Piwakawaka Assembly, 2.10pm

Mon 27 March - BOT Mtg, 6.30pm

Fri 31 March - Opening of New Junior Block

Tues 11 April - Community Fair Mtg, 7pm

Thurs 13 April - last day of term

Mon 1 May - first day of new term

Thurs 4 May - PTA Meeting, 7pm

## **NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT OUT ON WEDNESDAY!!!**

**Gaylene will be away from the office next Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th March, therefore the newsletter will go out on Wednesday. Please still send in Sports PODs as Certificates will be given out in that week's Assembly but names will appear in the following week's newsletter!!**



Room Piwakawaka need BLUE ice cream containers. If you have some spare, please drop into Mrs Barrow.

## **SCHOLASTIC**

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 went home with the children yesterday. Closing Date for orders is Friday 31 March - this will enable books to arrive by the end of the term.

## **PTA HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER**

Forms went home with eldest children yesterday.

This fundraiser is associated with Arista Bakery who provided these last year, and they were scrumptious!!! Orders to be in by Fri 7 April. Please pay into GB PTA Bank account. Delivery Wed 12 April.



## **COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH SERVICE - Children from birth to the end of Year 8**



Children (who meet the eligibility criteria for publicly funded health and disability services) are entitled to FREE basic dental care, from birth until they begin high school. Free basic dental care is available at Community Oral Health Fixed Clinics and mobile dental units throughout the Southern District.

The service is run by appointment only. We would like parents/guardians to attend all appointments with their child as Dental Therapists provide parents with valuable advice to support their child's good oral health.

If your child is already enrolled with the Service, we will contact you to make an appointment. If your child is not enrolled, you are unsure or new to the area, please call 0800 672 543 (free from a cellphone).

For more information, visit: <http://www.southerndhb.govt.nz/pages/community-oral-health-service/>.



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Take a journey around the world, through the stories from some of the Dunedin's diverse cultures.

Over 15 different languages and performers plus dance, puppets, music and song. Be part of this inaugural Dunedin festival for International Storytelling Day. A chance to celebrate diversity, hear other languages and experience the universality of story.

SUITABLE: 0 - 100 years

**FREE**

Sunday 19 March | 11am - 3pm | City Library