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**WELCOME TO**  
Elias who started in Room 2 and  
Henry who started in Room 5  
this week



## LUNCHTIME FUN



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Kia ora*

I hope you all had a lovely long weekend! It certainly was very pleasant to have such lovely, summery weather!

Today I am accompanying the Year 6 students on their overnight Leadership Camp to Waiora. This is a crucial aspect of their year as they not only bond together as a group, but also develop their skills around leadership and responsibility. From this camp the Physical Activity Leaders, Yellow Shirts, Tech Ninja etc will be appointed. I would like to thank Rebecca Barrow and Rebecca McKeever for all of the work they have put into the organisation of the camp, as well as the parents who have given their time to help with supervision and transport. Look out for photos in next week's newsletter.

Road safety continues to be a concern for us at school. If you are needing to cross Belford Street, Mathieson Street or Larnach Road, please always use our patrolled crossings. It is also very important to cross within the cones. This will ensure that ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS will be safe. Also, if you are pulling out of any of the streets surrounding our school in your car, please do this slowly, to ensure the road wardens can then block the crossing with enough warning and pedestrians are kept safe.

If you have not returned the Year 4-6 Bible in Schools slip, please ensure that this is at school by Friday.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL**

## The PTA Annual General Meeting

is being held at 7pm  
next Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
in the Staffroom.

Come along and support our school in this way and enjoy a cup of coffee and cake at the same time!!!

Our first PTA meeting for the year will follow the AGM.

## “WHAT’S THE BUZZ”

Interviews will be held on

**Tuesday 21 February**

Interviews will be of **10 minutes duration** and these can be booked using the School Interviews website [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) - School Code : 25av8

Bookings will open at 9.00am on Wednesday 15 February and close at 4.00pm on Monday 20 February.

If you are unable to book on the website, please contact Gaylene and she will book the times you require.

‘What’s the Buzz’ sheets for you to complete and bring with you to your child’s interview will be sent home in due course.



# SPORTS NEWS

**FUTSAL** starts on Wednesday February 22nd. Futsal fees for this term are **\$55.00** and it would be appreciated if these could be paid for by Fri 24 February. An invoice will be going out to all families shortly. Our bank account is 03 0905 0914747 00 should you wish to pay prior to receiving the invoice.

**TOUCH** is beginning on Thursday 23rd Feb. Touch is played at the Oval on Thursdays after school for Y3 - Y6.

**TEE BALL** recommences this Saturday 11 February and the teams remain as they were in Term 4 last year. Final games for the season will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> with prize giving on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Games for this week are -

GB Slammers V Bathgate Park Bears; Bathgate 2 at 9am

GB Giants V Kaikorai Kakapo; Bathgate 6 at 10am



Walk n Wheel to School Week is coming up from **Monday 27 February to Friday 3 March**. Walk n Wheel Week is an initiative run by Sport Otago in conjunction with the Dunedin City Council to promote and encourage active transport to school and is offered to all Otago primary schools. Students are encouraged to walk or wheel (cycle, skate, or scoot) to school.

A Walk n Wheel Day will be held on **Wednesday 1 March**. Walk n Wheel Week is used to 'kick-off' the year for active transport and to keep students aware of the importance of using active transport. So help spread the word and provide a safe walking/ wheeling environment for our children to get to school. Please help encourage your child/children to walk/bike/scooter to school there are great prizes up for grabs.

## Free basketball/miniball coaching Year 5/6 girls.

Mike Simpson (experienced basketball player and coach) is offering free coaching this term. Coaching will be after school on Friday afternoons until 4.30.

School miniball competition starts in term 2 and it is hoped that a keen group of girls will be developed to enter a team together.

If you are interested contact Mike at: [msimpsonnz@gmail.com](mailto:msimpsonnz@gmail.com); 027.688.3257.

Starting 24<sup>th</sup> February.

## SCHOLASTIC

The first Scholastic Book Club flyer for 2017 went home with the children last week. Closing Date for orders is Friday 17 February. If you wish to order books as presents, let me know when ordering and the office will contact you when they come in.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thur 9/Fri 10 Feb - Y6 leadership camp

Thurs 16 - Wed 22 Feb - Life Ed Bus

Mon 20 Feb - Beach Ed, Y4 students

BOT Meeting, 6pm

Tues 21 Feb - 'What's The Buzz' parent night

Wed 22 Feb - Beach Ed, Y5/6 students

Fri 24 Feb - R4 Assembly

Sun 26 Feb - School Picnic (TBC)

Mon 27 Feb - Fri 3 March - Walk'n'Wheel Week

Tues 28 Feb - Bush Walk, Y2/3 students

Tues 7 March - R1 Art Gallery visit

Wed 8 March - R2 and R3 Art Gallery visits

Fri 10 March - Pukeko Assembly

Fri 17 March - Ruru Assembly

Fri 24 March - Piwakawaka Assembly

## SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

For Primary School Children

([www.smmcotago.com](http://www.smmcotago.com))

- A wide variety of instruments to choose from.
- Approx one hour lessons.
- Instruments available for affordable hire.
- Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2<sup>nd</sup> year players to advanced level.
- An introductory class especially designed for young children: "Let's Make Music".

### TEACHING CENTRES

- George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).
- Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).
- Elmgrove School (Mosgiel Wednesday after school)
- Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music")
- Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)

### ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2017

Saturday 11th February 9:30-11:30am at George Street Normal School; or Bathgate Park School.  
Wednesday 15th Feb, 3:30-4:30pm Elmgrove School, Mosgiel.

Late enrolments will be accepted throughout February.

Enquiries: see website [www.smmcotago.com](http://www.smmcotago.com) for contact details.

## ENROL FOR 2016!

### BAGPIPES

Beginner Classes Start:

Thurs, 11<sup>th</sup> August  
2016

### DRUMMING

Beginner Classes Start:

Tues, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016

See [www.ospd.org.nz](http://www.ospd.org.nz)

or contact Mark (txt) on

0275 314875 or



The Otago School of  
Piping and Drumming Inc.

## Melchester Rovers

Junior Football Club Inc

# Season 2017



Calling Girls & Boys aged 4-16yrs

## Registration Day

Sunday February 12, 1-4pm

Dunedin RFC Clubrooms

12 Moana Rua Road, St Kilda 9012



For more info phone  
Pres. Darryn Greer: 027 4800 146

[Melchesterroversjfc@gmail.com](mailto:Melchesterroversjfc@gmail.com)



## W a v e r l e y

**Playgroup** meets

Thursday mornings,

10-11.15 termtime,

St Nicholas Hall,

Dunrobin Street. All

welcome, enquiries

to Jo, 027 6628233. Gold coin koha.

Music, morning tea and lovely friends.

## Rhythmic Gymnastics Classes 2017

Dunedin Gymnastics Academy has spaces available for girls aged 5+ in the Rhythmic Gymnastics programme.

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a beautiful dynamic sport that teaches girls body awareness, confidence, posture, co-ordination and balance.

Classes are held at the Caledonian Gymnasium on Andersons Bay Road. Please contact [admin@dunedingymnastics.co.nz](mailto:admin@dunedingymnastics.co.nz) for more information.