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PET DAY - A very big thank you to all the parents and students who brought along their pets and made the morning so enjoyable. It was lovely seeing the range of pets and how the students interacted with them, developing their interest in pets especially some of our more unusual ones and at the same time developing confidence around animals.

NEW ARRIVALS!



We have recently welcomed George Norton to our school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 30 Oct	Grandparents Morning Tea
Sun 1 Nov	BOT nominations due in
Mon 2 Nov	Yr3-6 Top Teams event
Fri 6 Nov	Temuka Sports Awards
Fri 13 Nov	Teachers Only Day - School Closed
Fri 20 Nov	Athletics Sports—PP day Tuesday 24 Nov
Mon 23 Nov	South Cnty Swimming Sports
Wed 25 Nov	Final BOT Meeting. 7.00pm
Fri 27 Nov	Temuka Christmas Parade 5.00pm
Tues 1 Dec	Sth Cnty Athletics Aorangi Park Timaru
Mon 14 Dec	School Break Up and final day of the year

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Welcome back from the long weekend. Labour weekend usually signals the run into Christmas which is now under two months away! We hope everyone enjoyed the break and were able to have some family time together. This is a short week at school and of course the major highlight will be this Friday when we celebrate the company of our Grandparents. See details below.

We are pleased that during this coming summer break the Ministry of Education is providing funding to replace all our school's incandescent lights to LED, also inspecting and replace wiring where necessary too. This was a result of the smoking lighting tubes that caused the evacuation last term. Also, at the same time hot water cylinders will be installed in Team Koru so that our students can wash and dry their hands more hygienically. Planning is underway to complete the interior upgrade of classrooms in Hub 6-8 hopefully for the early stages of next year.

School Lunches – Term Four 2020

You will now be aware that from next year our school plus eight other South Canterbury schools will receive free and healthy school lunches as part of a new Govt initiative. Our school opted to seek a local supplier employing local people and I am aware that tenders from these small businesses close very shortly. If one of these local suppliers win a contract, they need time to set up their operation to supply 250 lunches to us. Whether they are up and running from the start of Term One (Tuesday 2 February) remains to be seen. We'll keep you posted on the programme as it develops.

Grant Willocks - Principal

GRANDPARENTS MORNING TEA

We would like to invite all grandparents of our students to come to morning tea in our Multi Purpose room on **Friday, October 30 at 10am**. Your grandchildren will join you there and after morning tea take you around the school and to their classroom where you can look at some of their work.

Thank you to all our grandparents who do so much to support their grandchildren, their learning and our school.

Any queries to Jane Fuller Deputy Principal



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY BY MIA O'CONNOR

On Friday the 23rd the school councillors went to Christchurch National Young Leaders Day. We had five speakers, my favourite speaker was Caleb Clarke. We got to take lots of pictures with all of the speakers like William Pike, Riley Hathaway, Okirano Tilala and more. During when it was Caleb Clarke's turn to speak we got to ask questions so I asked Caleb a question, it was "How old were you when you started rugby and what team did you start playing in?". His answer was "7 years old but then he started playing professional rugby and his first team was Auckland Mitre 10 Cup team".

Then near the end it was this singer Josie Moon, she sung 2 songs for us all. She was a pretty good singer. Then right at the end of the day we left the area where NYLD was and we went to Ashburton for some McDonalds then we got dropped off home.

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TOP TEAM CHALLENGE—YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS

On Monday 2nd November our Year 3 – 6 students are participating in the Top Team Challenge with support from Sport Canterbury . It will begin at 1.25 and conclude with a prizegiving at 2.50pm. Unfortunately, the sports have been cancelled the last 3 years because of the weather so we are hoping for a lovely sunny day.

Students will be put into mixed teams and will rotate around a variety of fun activities. As some water activities are in the mix, students will need a change of clothes/ towel for the activities. They will also need hats and sunscreen etc.

Lunchtime will start a little earlier at 12.30 to allow time for everyone to be ready. Parents are most welcome to come and watch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY CROSS COUNTRY

Results from last Tuesday's South Canterbury event. Congratulations to all our team and in particular Michael Shannon who powered his way to third place in the Yr 5 boys race.

Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys		Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
Taylor Bell Kearney 22 nd	Michael Shannon 3 rd		Dominique Lawrence 18 th	Benji Shields 12 th
Keira South 46 th	George Stratford 32 nd		Jazmin Bool 35 th	Oscar Drake 28 th
Tuezday Cullen 49 th	Aman Goundar 49 th		Nevaeha Walker DNS	Hudson Swete 14 th
	Madoc Turnbull 50 th		Georgia McIntyre 45 th	Tobie Priest 39 th
			Gracie Johnson 40 th	Regan Dickson 41 st

MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

Tomorrow we have these 8 students representing our school in the annual Mountainbike races at Timaru's Scenic Reserve. All the best to Zach Brookland, Cassidy Crawshaw, Hudson Swete, Alex Smith, Chase Southgate, Indigo Donaldson-Fitt, George Stratford and Sophie Dennison.

TENNIS TEAM

On Wednesday our Tennis Team of Ben Smith, Sophie Donald, Michael Shannon and James Reihana competed in the South Canterbury Primary Schools Tournament at Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre.

Sophie joined the team having not played before, and came up against another girl who had also not played before. They had an amazing game with both girls learning so much throughout. By the end of the game both girls were serving well and have some wee rally's. Sophie eventually lost the game 6-4 and then went on to loose her second game 6-0.

Michael, James and Ben all lost their first games and went through to the consolation plate. Michael and Ben met each other in the second round and had a great match with Ben coming out the winner 6-4. James who had also not played before, had a great win 6-0 in his second round match before coming up against Ben in the third round. Another great close game with Ben winning 6-3. Ben then went on to the consolation plate final but lost 6-0.

They were an amazing team to take away and represented our school brilliantly!



OFFSITE EVACUATION DRILL

Next Wednesday 4 November we are practising our off site evacuation procedures as part of our Emergency Preparedness procedures. Our offsite is St Joseph's Hall carpark and classes will walk together across the playground, up Wilkin Street and assemble for a roll call.



Teachers will carry their procedures which have a sign out sheet attached. To test the system, we'd like it if some parents could sign out their child from this venue about 2.30pm to allow teachers to become more familiar, should this ever need to be tested, such as experienced following the Christchurch Earthquakes. If you can help out with this, just come along on the day.

ROAD WARDENS 2021

Thanks everyone we now have plenty of budding Road Warden hopefuls for training with Constable Deb Quested which will be held later this term. She finalizes the team based on their ability to conduct their duties.

MATHS AT HOME IDEA

Pen and paper maths game 1: Battleships

This is a maths game that most people will be familiar with, but it just so happens to be fantastic practice for coordinates. What you need to play:

- ♦ Some sheets of paper
- ♦ Pens or pencils

How to play:

1. Each player draws out a grid with A – J along the bottom and 1 – 10 up the side.
2. They then plot ships of various sizes on the grid by colouring in the squares:
 - One ship five squares long (the aircraft carrier)
 - One ship four squares long (the battleship)
 - Two ships three squares long (the cruiser and submarine)
 - One ship two squares long (the destroyer)
3. The first player 'shoots' by calling out a grid reference, e.g. B3. If it hits an empty square, the other player shouts, 'miss!' whilst the first player draws a cross, but if it hits a square with a ship in it, they have to shout 'hit' and the other player draws a dot. Each player keeps track of their hits and misses on a separate grid.
4. Once all the squares for a ship have been hit, that ship then 'sinks'. The winner is the one to sink all the other person's ships first.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MID YEAR ELECTIONS

Returning Officer Mr John Wilson has sent out the nomination forms and these are due back 1 November. For these elections we are looking for three parent elect nominations.

Voting is by postal ballot and closes 4 December with new members taking office by Friday 11 December 2020.



HOME AND SCHOOL

CALENDARS - Our orders shouldn't be too far away for these. They will be distributed to the classes as soon as they arrive.

PAVLOVAS - These Pavlova's are very tasty and would be great for the Christmas table or they can be frozen for use at a later time. Orders for these need to be in by this Friday 30 October.



2021 FUNDRAISERS

We have plans for 2021!! We are working on an Easter fundraiser and then we have set a preliminary date of 12 June for a cheese roll fundraiser, mark your calendars now as we are going to need all hands on deck to help us with this big but very profitable fundraiser!



Entries are open for the Weet-Bix Kids TRY CHALLENGE, a new virtual event designed to get Kiwi kids aged 5 – 15 years old active and challenging themselves as they work towards a fitness goal.

The TRY CHALLENGE starts on Monday 16th November and runs until the 13th December.

There are a number of different entry options available including Free Entry. This is a pilot programme and entry is limited to South Canterbury residents. To enter and for more information visit <http://www.trychallenge.co.nz>.

Need more information

For more information see our [TRY CHALLENGE website](http://www.trychallenge.co.nz) and join the Timaru [TRY CHALLENGE Facebook page](#).

THE SPEEDY SPEEDWAY RACING DRAKE BOYS

Congratulations to Coby and Oscar Drake on a great weekend of racing!

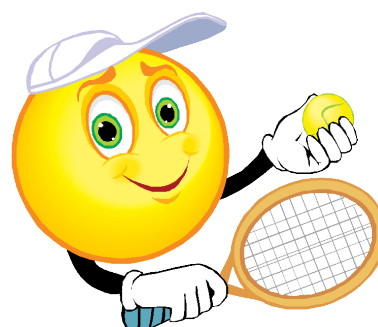
The boys raced on the Remembrance and Short tracks. Oscar came first on both tracks in the 125cc section and Coby came second on both tracks in the peewee section.



Well done boys!

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