Monday 13 March 2017

Principal’s Message:

What an amazing display of community from our school family on Friday afternoon/evening for our Working Bee! Thank you so much for your support and your efforts. Our school grounds are looking fantastic! Special mention must go to the Rietveld Family for sourcing pallets and then building our new compost system - Alice, Chris and Matthew, it looks so professional and we can’t wait to get it up and running! Thank you so much to Adrian Tetlow and his band of merry men for fixing our shelving in the Library and for spending time over the weekend getting rid of the green waste.

A great team effort - THANK YOU!
**Sport:**

*Touch: Thursday 16th March*

Congratulations to the ‘Player of the Day’ last week - Gabriel Kubala

*Teeball: Saturday 18th March.*

Thank you to Bathgate Park School for loaning us two players for our TBall game on Saturday. We appreciate the fun game we had with Taylor and Jayden, and because of your sportsmanship you both are our players of the day.

*Draws for both games are not out yet, we will post them on Facebook ASAP.*

**Year 3 & 4 ‘Have a Go’ Day:**

Mr Morgan took our Year 3 & 4 children to the Edgar Centre last Monday to participate in the ‘Have a Go’ Day for Winter Sports run by Sport Otago. Our children rotated around 6 different sports - Rugby, Football, Hockey, Basketball, Netball and Gymnastics. They all had a great morning learning many different skills and displaying wonderful sportsmanship. Did you see Stani and La Charna in the Star last week?

**Special Character and Religious Education:**

*St Patrick’s Day.* St Patrick was born in England but at the age of 14 was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Throughout his 20 years in captivity he turned to God. After he escaped and returned home he had a vision from God that led him to become a priest and to spread the message of God throughout Ireland - even converting the men who enslaved him! St Patrick often used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick’s message!

*Green Day - Friday 17th March*

Come to school dressed in green!

*St Patrick Liturgy - 9am in Room 1.*

See how many green foods you can pack into your lunch box!

Enjoy a ‘Rainbow & Leprechaun’ themed Discovery Time!

The library will still be out of bounds this week and back to full operation by next Tuesday - thank you for your patience and understanding while the library shelving has been getting fixed and making our library safe for our students and staff.

Thank you to Chris and Kelly Keach for sourcing us a ‘new’ library computer, it is very much appreciated.
Assembly Awards

Congratulations to last weeks award winners:

**Christian:** Being a great Buddy Reader with the juniors.

**Sophie:** Fantastic weekly spelling results.

**Madison:** Being a great helper at After School Club.

**Alicia:** Awesome effort with homework.

**Samuel:** Awesome word work with his Tommy Turtle and Reading.

**Emilie:** Being brave and happy in a new group at the ‘Have a Go’ Day.

School Values Trophy:

This is a new trophy to our school that is given to students throughout the year who display our school values of RESPECT, HONESTY, HELPING and LOVE during the school day.

Recipients keep the trophy at home for the week and then return it to school.

**Congratulations to Matthew Rietveld!**

Matthew showed our school value of HELPING on Friday afternoon, where he went above and beyond helping at the Working Bee. He worked non-stop helping the adults, wheelbarrowing loads and loads of green waste to the skip! Thank you for your help Matthew!
In RE we have been learning about Lent. We made our own Lenten Tree during Discovery Time and filled it with our Lenten Promises. On Friday we created some art for the church and wrote some special Lent prayers. We are also keeping track of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert by making a Lenten Path in our classroom.

We have also created an awesome Monarch Butterfly display to go with our butterfly writing.

We've had a very busy week with lots of investigative learning going on. We have continued working on our Inquiry topic on mammals, and looked at some live webcams in zoos across Australia and America. The children will be presenting their projects/talks/PowerPoints this week.

For Maths we have been working on strategies for solving addition and multiplication while using Study ladder and e-ako-maths online. I highly recommend that you check out the NZ Maths website (https://nzmaths.co.nz/) if you would like to see what the children are learning. The children are mostly working across three stages and there are great online resources available that can be built into their afternoon routine at home. If you would like some more information on this please pop in for a chat.

The children will continue on with the SNAG golf programme at school this week. Golf Otago have kindly lent us their junior golf equipment so we have been making the most it and getting out on-to the top field for a wee whack!

Jeremy