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Newsletter

Friday 21st February 2020 - Week Four

Te Kupu o te wiki - The Māori word of the week.

House = Whare

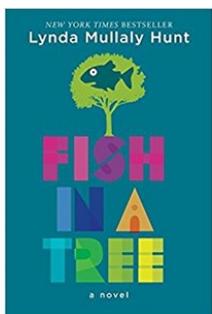


Junior Room - Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

A warm welcome to Daniel and his family to our school. We also have Axten (Nikai's brother) starting his transition into our class which is exciting. In RE this week we have been comparing how the life of Jesus is the same and different to our own lives. We explored food, clothing. Housing and games which was very interesting.

The children have been busy in art lessons creating artworks on wildlife animals and the environment in which they live which we will be entering into a competition. They have also used crayon and paint to create a desert scene featuring a cactus. Come in and have a look at our wonderful display. Thank you to Ms Donnelly who gave our class a swan plant to observe the lifecycle of a caterpillar. They have grown so much in a week!

Senior Room - Mrs Donnelly (Whaea Donnelly)



This week we have listened to several chapters of our class novel 'Fish in a Tree' and had interesting conversations about the characters and their behaviours. While the story is fiction, the author is a teacher and everyone recognises that the story reflects real life students and teachers. We have borrowed a set of audio books from the town library and many children now have a novel to read and another one to listen to. In maths we are focusing on addition and subtraction strategies - so that when we are faced with a problem, we have several ways of solving it. There has been some wonderful writing this week - from our journal stories Broken Wing or Weta and a newspaper article 'Travelling Turtle Back At Home.'

A special welcome to our new student Daniel.

Daniel has joined us all the way from Canada. We welcome Daniel and his family to New Zealand and to our wonderful school.
May your time here with us be blessed.



As our school continues to grow we must make changes to allow for the management and learning in our classes. This is not unfamiliar to us as we managed this process last year. After the success of classroom changes last year, the decision has been made to combine some of our year 3 children with our year 4-6 class. Thank you to the year 3 parents who have supported this move.



Easter Hamper raffle donations

The PTA is arranging an Easter Hamper Raffle and would appreciate donations of chocolate and any other easter goodies you feel appropriate to be bought in from next week please.

Thank you for supporting the PTA.

School Calendar:

TERM 1

February:

24-28th	Walk & Wheel Week
25th	Strider the Zebra
26th	Mass at Little Sisters of the Poor 11am
28th	Sports Day

March:

4th	Girls have a go day: Yr5/6
5th	Cricket Skills at school
9th	Year 5/6 Cycle Skills
10th	Senior Camp
13th	Sports Day
16-20th	Book Week
19th	Shelley J—Author visit
20th	Combined Kahui Ako Sports Day
23rd	Otago Anniversary Day

REMINDER: NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR:

PTA Meeting - Will now be held on Sunday 23rd February at 4pm in the school library. Please mark this on your calendars and we hope to see some new faces.

Office Hours.

For your information, I will be in the office on these days:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.45am to 2.15pm.

If you are contacting the school during school hours, the phone will be answered. If you are wanting to contact the school to inform us that your child will be absent, please ring the school as emails will not be checked on the day I am not here i.e. Thursday. Thank you. Karen

A reminder that in Term One children need to wear summer school uniform and wear hats during play.

We are also encouraging the wearing of correct uniform including polar fleeces and jerseys.



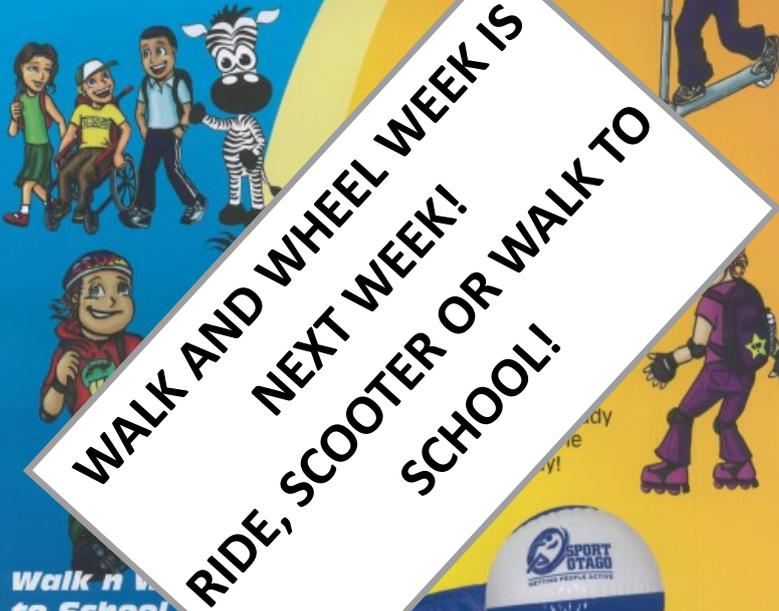
Carparking/Driveway

A reminder to all families, that entry into the school is restricted for our children's safety between 8.30 and 9am and again from 2.30 to 3.30pm, therefore the entrance from Cromwell Street is closed during these times. Mrs Dillon will walk and supervise all children being picked up in the afternoon, to the Cromwell Street entrance to allow for easy pickup between 3 and 3.10pm.



Walk n Wheel to School Week

24-28 February



**WALK AND WHEEL WEEK IS
NEXT WEEK!
RIDE, SCOOTER OR WALK TO
SCHOOL!**

Walk n Wheel to School Week the week and your school could WIN some great PRIZES!



Stirling Sports

ASSISTED BY THE OTAGO MOTOR CLUB TRUST

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical



calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Next Wednesday the children are travelling by bus to the Little Sisters of The Poor to join them for their 11am Ash Wednesday Mass.

MOVIE MAGIC under the roof

Toy Story 4

2PM, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

