



Ready, Willing, Able

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Dear parents and caregivers,

On Monday after school I was informed by a parent that one of our students was very close to being hit by a car after getting off the bus and beginning the walk home. The driver of the car was so distressed by the experience that she was physically shaking following the incident. I have spoken to the student and the family and they have now discussed and formulated a better plan for the last part of the journey home.

I envisage that these conversations have all taken place at home but please can you remind your children of the most appropriate plan for them after getting dropped off by the bus on the way home. These conversations could involve some of the following:

- Locate the best place to cross the road (if needed).
- To cross the road, find a safe place, wait until the bus has moved away so you can see clearly in both directions, and then cross.
- Keep well away from the road edge.
- The best side of the road/driveway/footpath to walk on.
- Dangers to be aware of e.g. ditches, narrow footpaths, awkward roads/intersections etc.
- What to do if the usual person/s meeting them at the meeting point may not be there or is late.
- Always have a hi visibility vest on.

Despite no one was hurt with this very near miss the outcome could have been very different. Please have regular conversations with your children - even if you children are older, to ensure that everyone is safe on the way to and from school.

Thanks

Matthew

SCHOOL CLOSURE
Wednesday 29th May 2019

*The Barton Rural School Board of Trustees has been advised NZEI Te Riu Roa Primary Principal and teacher members, have voted for full day strike action on Wednesday, 29th May. After considering all the facts, the Barton Rural School Board of Trustees has agreed we cannot provide normal teaching services during the strike and have reluctantly made the decision to close the School on that day. We apologise that this is an inconvenience for families, caregivers and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our first priority. It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike as the **school will be closed.***

Happy &

Healthy

Environmentally

Aware

Aspire

Respectful

Tenacity

Be ready,
willing and able
to have HEART,
to be proud of
who we are and
what we do -
today and
tomorrow.

COMING UP

Rippa Rugby Tournament — Wednesday 22nd May
Assembly—Friday 24th May—hosted by Room 5

TERM 2 CALENDAR

21st May	She Can Code
22nd May	Rippa Rugby Tournament
3rd June	QUEENS' BIRTHDAY
5th June	Rural Schools Cross Country
7th June	BOT Election
11th June	South Canterbury Schools Cross Country
5th July	Last Day of Term 2

*Bullies are thugs
They treat others like bugs
Bullies think they are cool
But they just make themselves look like a fool*

*Bullies call people names
And never let people join their games
Bullies make people feel shame
Just to get all the fame*

*Bullies don't have many friends
They steal to offend
Getting pushed and shoved
Wondering if I will ever get loved*

*Getting called fat
Wanting to hide under a mat
Wanting to hit the bag
Always running away*

By Mac

AGE-APPROPRIATE CHORES

AGES 2-3

- Pick up toys & books
- Wipe up messes
- Put laundry in hamper
- Put clothes in the dryer
- Dust (feather duster or rag)

AGES 7-10

- Any previous chores
- Fold laundry
- Sweep
- Get mail
- Vacuuming
- Help washing car
- Water plants
- Take out trash
- Meal prep

AGES 4-6

- Any previous chores
- Take care of pets
- Set & clear the table
- Help matching socks
- Putting away groceries
- Make bed
- Put away groceries
- Pick up their room
- Fold small laundry items
- Empty trashes

AGES 11+

- Any previous chores
- Wash dishes
- Unload dishwasher
- Take trash to the curb
- Mop floors
- Mow yard
- Pack lunches
- Clean bathroom
- Clean out the fridge
- Supervise siblings
- Wash windows



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Anti-Bullying Poems Room 6

My face gets turned down like dirt
This made me depressed and hurt
The bully was a thug
This made me as vulnerable as a bug

This is not a fun game
I will never be the same
Although he was quick to blame
The bully had lots of fame

I am a rat
And he is a cat
It was as though he an inmate
And I was only eight

He was not a precious freight
Just waiting to be tated
He used pens as weapons
And taught the bully a lesson

Jayden Allington

*Bullies, all they want is attention,
Wanting their name to be mentioned,
Only caring about themselves,
In reality all they are, is scared of the real world.*

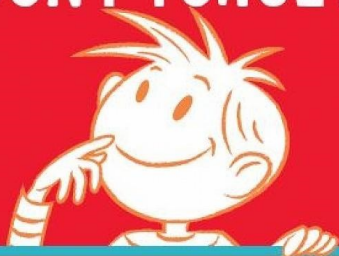
*Bullies call people mean things,
Because they think they are the kings,
They put people down,
Because they only want to be notice on the school grounds,*

*Bullies want to look really cool,
But how does that work
When they are only making themselves look like a fool*

*Struggles of the helpless victims,
Going home only feeling sadness,
Squeezing their knuckles,
Wanting this game to end
or wondering if they will ever get noticed.*

Will Kitching

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
Friday 24th May

Year 7/8 Maths Group—Learning about Ratios

A big thank you goes out to James from The Cyclery and Helen from Resene Paint Shop Timaru for explaining the mathematical concepts behind their work. The Maths group had a focus of ratios and after the visit from The Cyclery all members have an in depth understanding on the how the ratios affect the distance a bike can travel. After visiting Resene colour shop we now understand how essential it is to the final product to be precise in working out ratios.



Interested in becoming a Board of Trustees member?

Ideally you would need to be...

- ◆ Interested in/passionate about children's academic achievement.
- ◆ Able to put the time aside to attend monthly meetings and complete the required readings for these.
- ◆ Able to voice your point of view to others in a constructive way and able to accept others points of view.
- ◆ Interested in interpreting data and financial documents.
- ◆ Have an understanding of/interest in learning about applicable legislation such as being a Good Employer, Health and Safety, and Vulnerable Children's Act.

There is plenty of support to help you settle into this role.

This is a very rewarding role that gives you an insight into our school and education system.

We have developed an extensive Drive system that has many examples and templates of various documents.

NZSTA runs training sessions for new Board members and new Board Chairs.

We have adopted policies and procedures and other documentation in order to provide rules of engagement and a "road map" for the way forward.

Both Ruth and Suzanne are happy to spend time with the new Treasurer and Board Chair to help induct them in.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

All information has been sent to families.

Roncalli College Open Day — Sunday 19th May 10.00am–1.00pm

Craighead Diocesan School Open Day — Sunday 19th May 2.00pm in the Auditorium

Mountainview High School Open Day — Date changed to Tuesday 28th May 9.00am

House Groups Challenge



Fun Sticks Hockey 2019

The Fun Sticks Hockey Programme is aimed at any "new" hockey players, generally aged between 4-6 years old. The programme is not just hockey focussed; each 40 minute long session contains fundamental movement skills, both with and without hockey sticks. We spend 8 to 10 minutes mastering different activities, before playing a game. The programme is 6 weeks long, and the children really improve in this time!

Hockey South Canterbury provides the sticks and lighter hockey balls for Fun Sticks. Some parents prefer to purchase their children their own stick, as well as shin pads and mouthguard. These can be purchased at our hockey shop at the turf "Go Hockey". Janelle Amalfitano, Hockey South Canterbury Development Officer, will be looking after Fun Sticks programme this year. You can contact her at hdo@hockeysc.org.nz

Where: Hockey South Canterbury Turf (Turf behind STEC Stadium)

When: Tuesdays 3.40pm – 4.20pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person (This is to be paid on the first night to the HSC Office)

Dates: Tuesdays- Starting May 28th – July 2nd (Term Two)

Cancellations: Will be posted on the Hockey South Canterbury Website www.hockeysouthcanterbury.co.nz and the Hockey South Canterbury Facebook page www.facebook.com/hockeysouthcanterbury

Barton Rural Pre-Loved School Uniforms



We have shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, polar fleeces, skorts and some sunhats.

Come and have a look, we have uniforms in a wide range of sizes.

If you can't make these times or just want to have a talk about the uniforms please feel free to contact

Nicola Weir, our preloved uniform co-ordinator, on 0275253878 or 6889777



SOUTH CANTERBURY MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

Our club is running a kids mountain bike race on Sunday 26th May.

Location: based around the main lake area in the Scenic Reserve, look for the MTB race signs.

Time: sign up from 11.15am
race starts at 12.00pm.

Suitable for: ages 2-12.

Details: kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30mins
\$2 entry fee and every child gets a chocolate fish at the end.