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What a wet old week it has been! When the weather does settle, I guess the growth of grass and plants will be phenomenal! Keep believing—summer will come!

A very good call was made earlier on Monday this week to postpone Rural Athletics. Let's hope that we can hold the event next Tuesday, the 27th. I have left the list of 'Essential Information' in this weeks publication. Here's to a sun-shiney Tuesday next week (fingers crossed) 🙌

Congratulations to Mrs Bridget Bruin who has been appointed to the fulltime class teacher role in Room 1 for 2019. This is a maternity leave position as Rachel Campbell heads away to have that little babe! We are thrilled to have not just the continuity of Bridget's teaching but also her amazing experience & skill set! Welcome aboard Bridget for 2019.

As the close of the school year draws nearer, we would like to inform you of your child's class and teacher for 2019. We have decided to send out an email giving you or confirming this information. This email will be sent over the next couple of days. If you know that the email address that the office holds for you is not up to date, please inform Tania ASAP. Our first 'transition time' will be next week on Wednesday 28th. This is a time when children get to spend time in their 'new' classroom setting, with their 2019 teacher and classmates. We know that

this time is vital, especially for those who experience fears and/or anxiety about change.

The Under 7 T-ball team who play on a Friday afternoon. I hear they are awesome!



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 - to-
day and
tomorrow.**

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Rural Athletics—Tuesday 27th November

Telephone Book Delivery—29/30th November

TERM 4 CALENDAR

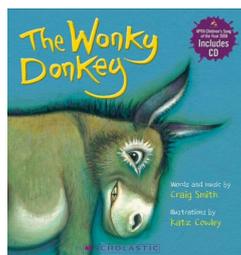
23rd November	Craig Smith Visiting (Author of Wonkey Donkey)
29th November	Possible Pool Party
30th November	Assembly—hosted by the Junior Block
4th December	Board of Trustees Meeting
5th December	Acorns Pre-School Play Group
7th December	Tekapo Day—Year 7 & 8
11th December	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
12th December	Year 8 Dinner
13th December	Whole School Big Day Out
14th December	Final Farewell
17th December	Last Day of School for 2018



When is the first day of school for 2019?

The first day for the children is Tuesday 29th January.

Term 1 2019 finishes on Friday 12th April



Whanau are most welcome to join us for a performance by Craig Smith on Friday morning. The show starts at 11.30am. Before this, Craig is hosting a writing workshop for our senior school very exciting!

Paying it Forward (for Christmas)

We would like to finish our year with a final push to 'pay it forward' into our community. Many of you may have heard/read about Samaritan Shoeboxes. These are shoeboxes that are kindly and generously filled with small gifts by people or groups of people who consider that they would like to give to others who have a lot less than they do.



These contain items that would give enjoyment to a child at Christmas. They can contain things such as pens, pencils, stuffed toys, stickers, a kipping rope, cards, a torch, books, hairbrush and toothbrush. Homemade items are also nice (but not food) All the items must be new. The shoebox is decorated to be attractive and appealing, and indicate on the outside whether suitable for a girl or boy and their approximate age.

Classes are currently discussing putting together some Samaritan Shoeboxes and we have made contact with our local Women's Refuge who were 'blown away' by this gesture. They said they would very gratefully receive any boxes that we gave them. Your children are likely to come home and talk about this. They have the option of constructing a box on their own, with a buddy or with a group of friends. In the past some classes have done a 'Secret Santa' giving each other gifts, but we thought that this was a more appropriate way for our 'paying it forward' style.

Please give what your family are able to knowing that our kindness is likely to make a difference for a child somewhere in our region this Christmas.



**ASSEMBLY — next Friday 30th November
Hosted by the Junior Block**

ALL WRITING GROUP

Over the last 12 school weeks there has been some unique writing focus groups in Rooms 3, 4 and 5. Last Monday afternoon we held a special lunch to celebrate the awesome results with whanau. Below is a piece of writing by Cooper Ladbrook. Group members have concentrated on “quality not quantity” and building a picture in the readers head with careful word selection.

Well done Cooper you have shown these skills!

WARNING DO NOT READ BEFORE BEDTIME!

THE ROBBERS

As the door silently slid close, I felt the cold breeze brush on my cheek. The moon shone bright over the black night sky. Creeping in as silent as a mouse, I locked the door behind me.

I hear whispers coming from the robbers. I kneel down only to see a Rate sprinting around the garage floor trying to scavenge for something to eat.

I'm so scared, my heart is pounding. I look across and see the pool of oil from the leak in Mum's car that hasn't been fixed. I'm tired from crouching in this corner. Should I try to bike to Grans to ring for help?

I look out the door No one was there. The agony of not knowing when to grab my bike and escape NOW! Grabbing my bike and helmet, I run out the open door. I pedal and pedal. Finally I made it to Grans.

"What happened?" "Robbers were at my house! I hid in the garage and waited for the right time to escape". My heart was pounding as I rapidly finished explaining. Gran grabbed the phone and called the police.

The Police finally gave us the all clear. I was safe for now. But, will they come back?



JUNIOR BLOCK OE WEEK—ARCHERY

We received a lovely e-mail during the week from the Archery instructors

We had a wonderful morning at your school today, the assistance and support provided was outstanding and we really appreciated the support of the 2 Dad's.

We were delighted to offer our services to such a nice and respectful bunch of young people. We would love to come back some time in the future

Wayne from Archery Programmes

Essential Information for Rural Athletics next Tuesday 27th November...

- ◆ All children are dropped by their whanau at the Athletics Track on Morgans Road.
- ◆ All children wear full school uniform including their hat.
- ◆ We recommend sunscreen as well as a school sweatshirt and/or polar fleece—the weather can vary greatly in one day!
- ◆ The junior programme (Yr 1-3) starts at 9:15am and is complete by 12:30pm. These children are then able to go home.
- ◆ The senior programme (Yr 4-8) starts at 9:00am and is complete by 2:00pm.
- ◆ There are no school buses running, so all children need picked up from the track.
- ◆ We welcome parents to watch their children. Thank you to those who have offered to assist with the long jump—this is the BRS responsibility for the day.
- ◆ Please check the notice that was sent home on Tuesday for further information including a senior timetable.
- ◆ All children are expected to attend and participate, but if they are sick, please ring their absence into Tania in the office as usual.

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