

Newsletter 12th of June 2017

Kia Ora Koutou

We are now into Week 7 of Term 2!

In the Whanau team we welcome Mrs Stapleton who has taken over Mrs Paul's Tuesday and Wednesdays while Mrs Paul completes work around Deputy Principalship leading up to her finishing on June the 23rd for maternity leave. Again we are very grateful to have Simone completing this work in the school. We also take this opportunity to wish Mrs Paul all the best with the birth of her baby due in July.



Please ensure children are coming to school no earlier than 8.30am and are being collected from inside the school gates at 2.55pm. If children are walking or travelling home alone, please remind them that they are to leave school grounds at 2.55pm and can return in mufti after 3.30pm. This is to ensure children are going straight home and are being kept safe, in between school and home.

Congratulations to Mikayla Marshall and Faith Tait and who were placed in the top six at last weeks Counties Cross Country. The girls, alongside Chris Angus (who was placed in top 11) will now represent Mid Canterbury at the Canterbury Regional Cross Country in Christchurch on Wednesday 21st June at the Halswell Quarry. Well done to all of our runners who gave it their all and represented Rakaia with pride.

Another reminder about sports shirts, if these can please be returned to office this week as we still have many out.

Fundraiser for the Rakaia Sports Centre:

If you are available to help on Sunday June 25 then please meet at the Red Shed at 10am for approximately 3 hours of swede picking to support the Sports Centre that will be built in the Rakaia Domain. Names to the School office by Friday June 16 so we can advise them of numbers. We are looking for 10-15 people.

National Young Leaders Day 2017

On Tuesday the 23rd of May, the year 8's went to National Young Leaders Day at Horncastle Arena. The hosts were Liz and Christian. Lots of speakers came to talk to us.

When we arrived, we were welcomed by loud music and people dressed in onesies and costumes. Seats were laid out at the front of the stage and large speakers hung from the ceiling.

I AM A SEED BORN OF GREATNESS

My favourite speaker was Aaron Jackson. He starred in Pete's Dragon, Jack and The Giant Slayer and also plays Hayden on Shortland Street. He talked to us about his career as an actor, builder and a firefighter. He also talked to us about being brave and not giving up.

I also liked Anna Galvan's speech about goal setting. She said to write down goals not to remember them. Always remember to put a date on your goals so you know when to complete them. She also talked about goal of becoming a silver fern.

I really enjoyed NYLD. I learnt a lot of new things because of the speakers. I think the year 8's next year will enjoy it too.

By Molly

"I AM A SEED BORN OF GREATNESS".

The Year 8's had a great opportunity and were fortunate to attend National Young Leaders day in Christchurch where minds of New Zealand's future leaders were inspired!

When we arrived at the venue of Horncastle arena we walked through the doors as a group and walked through the lobby into the darked out venue. The environment was extremely surreal.

The modern vibe to the Arena was delivered through optimism and music remixed by guys in full dog body suits. We sat in our seats and were asked to stay there but people began to go up to the front to dance to the music also beginning the ultimate mexican wave.

We then took our seats and I was seated next to Sarah and Boaz for the rest of the show. Aaron Jackson was the first speaker and he spoke of Ngaro (unknown or invisible). To link with this topic he spoke of the times where he pushed through in which he felt invisible by the community. Not giving up was a great link into the overall theme (e Kore au e ngaro he Kakano i ruia mai i rangiatea). I am a seed born of greatness.

Daniel Flynn was the next speaker and his theme was Kakano (textures) and he spoke of his achievements solving world poverty with his brand called 'Thank You water' where he began solving world thirst because all the money from the water was dedicated to the people in Africa giving them free water.

Nearing the three o'clock mark there was a special performance by the band NOMAD who performed the song "In my head" while everyone was singing and dancing to the tune.

WE ARE ALL SEEDS BORN OF GREATNESS

By Chris 2017 Year 8.

Coming up...

- Wig/ Wacky Hair Wednesday- 21st of June. Raising money for The Child Cancer Foundation.
- Whanau Assembly - Friday 9.10am
- Sausage Sizzle- every Friday