

Newsletter November 6 2017

Dear Parents and caregivers

Welcome to week 4 of the term. Things are going by very quickly and soon the xmas season will be upon us.

This week the Whanau team have swimming in Ashburton and we encourage you all to have your togs and towels named and to try your very best with your tutors at the pool. Parents are welcome to call in on the EA network Pool in Ashburton to view the swimming in progress.

A huge congratulations to the School Equestrian team who took first place in the first event held for Primary Schools. They were supported by Mrs Crowe and performed with pride to win on Friday. Team members were Melissa and Sarah Mattson with Ruby Thomas and Kate Costello. Well done team!



I was at the County Sports on Friday and our students performed with distinction. Certificates and results will be in the mail soon but we had some Mid Canterbury Champions . Well done to Mikayla Marshall and Will Jones. We also had other second and third placings on the day. Well done for representing your families and school so well.

Canterbury Primary School Athletics Qualifiers December 6 2017 - They must be Year 5 -8 and at least 9 years old to compete. . Congratulations to:

**Chris Angus
Mikayla Marshall**

**Boaz Drye
Jack Docherty**

Molly Jones

You will get more information home this week.

We are still looking for softball and T Ball players in most grades and encourage you to contact Michelle Jones or Anita Freer about games and coaching. The games are played every Saturday morning and the season goes through until March 2018.

This Friday at 2.30pm will be a Team Ako assembly. We invite you to come along and join the Junior team in celebrating the children's achievements.

School Trophies - We are asking that these are returned cleaned and ready for us to give out at prizegiving. Mrs Doody also has a new trophy for 2017 and it will be given out for the first time this year.

John Parsons - Internet Safety presentation for parents, students and staff.

The BOT have invited John Parsons to school on **November 23rd** to support our aim to have our students safely using the internet and for staff and parents to understand the challenges and have some ideas given to them to support this aim. John presents right throughout NZ and we have provided some more information with this newsletter. The evening will be held in Mahi Tahi at 6.30pm and will be at no cost for our community. We hope this will be well supported and urge you to book this evening for a babysitter and join the presentation.



<http://www.simulate2educate.co.nz/?q=john-parsons>

BOT Elections 2018

This year we have two BOT positions up for election. Our current BOT Chair Andrew Slater is standing down and the co-opted position that Gabi Costello currently holds will be up as well, so that both positions will be three year terms. If you are interested in supporting the school in this important role then please consider standing.

We invite you to check this site out <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/> and watch the video. We also ask you to check out the parent page <http://www.nzsta.org.nz/accountability/parent-place> .

Upcoming events to note

- Life Education will be visiting November 15, 20 and 21. This a Health based programme
- No School on Thursday November 16 - This a Teacher Only Day and all staff will be at Mt Hutt College for the day.
- November 22 - House competition day. All children to come in their House Colours for a tabloid event.
- November 23 - we will have John Parsons with us and an invite is extended to all parents to attend an evening presentation at 6.30pm about keeping our children safe on the internet.
- November 24th is open day at Ashburton College. Our Year 8 pupils will be attending.
- December 11 - Mrs Doody morning tea and presentation. This starts at 10.30am with morning tea at 11am.
- December 13 - School Picnic - Family BBQ and picnic at school with some pool time and games for all. Lunch at 12 noon. Games at 12.45 with pool time from 1.30pm
- December 14 prize Giving at 1pm
- December 15 is the last day of school for 2017 with school shutting at 12 noon.