



## TERM THREE, WEEK THREE 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

This year, as part of their professional development, several teachers are trialling different things in their classrooms to see if they can have a positive impact on student learning eg using music more regularly, incorporating brain gym/fitness immediately prior to new learning. They are things that research tells us will help children in their learning and so we are trying to see if that is the case with our students.

One thing that we often hear about, both in research and the news, is the importance of healthy food eaten regularly by children. That is another area in which we need to work together with parents so our children get the same message. We regularly have younger students coming out only with the yummy things they have selected from their lunchbox and occasionally find full packets of sandwiches in the bin because they are the 'wrong' type, according to the child. We also regularly have older students, who are often responsible for packing their own lunches, eating only one apple or a bag of chips for lunch. This is often because they want to be able to get out and play sooner (though all children are seated for 15 minutes together). We do notice a difference in children's ability to learn in the afternoon sessions when they haven't eaten enough or have eaten foods that are high in sugar. We don't have any strict food restrictions at school (other than no lollies/chewing gum, and drinking only water), and this is partly because I believe it is up to parents to decide what they allow their children to eat. But I do encourage you to speak with your child(ren) about what they are having in their lunches – if they enjoy what they have, if they are eating everything or if there is something that could be added. It's sure to have positive benefits for their learning.

*Ma te Atua koe e manaaki*

God bless,

Bethany Rentoul.

### Congratulations

Well done to the following students who received certificates this week:

**Malachi Bruning:** good ideas, great mathematics' addition and keeping on when it is difficult.

**Ayla Grumball:** settling into her new class well, trying hard and excellent writing.

**Jonathan Withington** and **Scout Phiskie:** Awesome work on Olympics Topic

**Viliami Tuimana** and **Israel Dee:** Super work on finding the main message in their reading book.

**Ashley Earl-Goulet** and **Hannah Rentoul:** working hard to learn and understand new ideas and skills in the area of advertising.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Multicultural Day

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of September we are planning to hold a Multicultural Day to celebrate the diversity of our school community and God's creation. If you are able to share something of your culture (with a teacher as your assistant) we would like to hear from you. Please let Bethany know as soon as possible.

### Yoghurt Pottles needed

The "Seedlings" students are growing plants for spring planting. Please send in any spare (and clean) yoghurt pottles to the office. These will be much appreciated!

### Picture Frames wanted

We are still after photo frames that people no longer want - all shapes and sizes. We are happy to tidy them up if you have something that is a bit worn or tired. If you have anything you can donate, please drop them in to the school office..

### Cleaning materials wanted

If anyone has old towels or flannelette sheets to donate for cleaning and rags etc, please drop them to the office.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Scholastic

Book club orders should be returned to the office no later than next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August.

### Artarama Visit

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August Rooms 1-4 will be visiting the Art Gallery. Notices have been sent home with more information.

### Netball Draw

**Years 5-8 for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

9 am - Court 11 - Rural Black v Bluestone B2  
(Mrs Goodger Years 7&8)

Our Vision: Christ-centred learners with servant hearts

Our Values: Love and Grace through Servanthood, Truth and Perseverance

**HONOURING GOD IN ALL WE DO**



10 am – Court 5 – Rural Mighty Magic v Opihi College 7A (Miss Phillips Years 7&8)  
 9 am – Court 8 – Rural Mystics v Temuka Tactix (Mrs Waldron Year 6)  
 11 am – Court 14 – Rural Magic v Rural Racers (Mrs Bruning Year 5)  
 Duty Club this week: Rural Schools Cluster - Some teams have already helped with a duty at the beginning of the season.  
 Enjoy your games girls.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

11<sup>th</sup> August BOT Meeting  
 16<sup>th</sup> August Artarama Visit  
 25<sup>th</sup> August Year 4-6 Basketball Tournament  
 31<sup>st</sup> Aug-2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Year 9 Camp in Christchurch  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept SC Gym Comp  
 13<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 5-6 Technology Challenge  
 15<sup>th</sup> Sept BOT Meeting  
 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept TCS Art Exhibition  
 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Sept Parent-Teacher Interviews  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept PTA Meeting  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept End of Term 3

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**The Art of Worship:** Bringing creativity into our worship of God.

Malcolm Gordon will be helping participants to discover different ways to use song writing, written word and visual arts into our conversations and worship with God. There will be workshops in the afternoon and a concert in the evening. 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at Wilson Street Baptist Church. Cost: \$20 per person. To register, go to [www.wilsonstreet.org.nz/arts-in-worship](http://www.wilsonstreet.org.nz/arts-in-worship).

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