



Kia Ora Everyone

## Welcome to Week 7 Term 4 2020

The year is charging forward with only three weeks left until we break up for Christmas! In that time we have a disco, end of year reports go home, and we have all of the various end of year assemblies and break ups happening. It's a very busy time for us, and very busy for you all too I'm sure.

### Teacher Only Day

Last week the teaching staff travelled to Christchurch to visit Kaipoi North School to see their very successful Structured Literacy Programme in action. It was a great day out and we're very excited to be carrying on, and extending our Structured Literacy journey next year. We are already starting to see good results in junior literacy through this approach.

### Korfball

This week children from Yr 3 – 6 have been enjoying Korfball sessions with Torsten Ball from Christchurch. Korfball is similar to netball and basketball but emphasises movement, and getting everyone involved. On Friday we will be holding a mini tournament between Waimate Main and Centennial.



### Willow bridge Fete

Please visit our FB page for details. We still urgently need volunteers to be able to effectively run our stall at this fundraiser.



### School Disco

This Friday night at our school hall. 5pm for the Years 0 – 3. 6pm for the Yr 3-6. The PTA will be selling fries, lollies, glow sticks and drinks, so please bring \$5 or so. Pick up is at 7pm.

### Tools Needed

The junior school is hoping to start up a carpentry area. We are looking for donations of smaller tools such as saws, hammers, files, a vice and nails please. Also if anyone has untreated wood off cuts that they could donate as a one off or on a regular basis that would be greatly appreciated as well. If you have any of these please drop them off to one of the junior classrooms. Thanks.

## PTA Tea Towel Fundraiser



Just in time for Christmas we are selling these Tea Towels with individual hand drawn pictures on them of all of the 2020 staff and children at Main School. These are a great present and also a great fundraiser for our school. Order forms were e-mailed yesterday, and a paper copy will go home tonight.

## Reminders

### Bus List

Parents of children travelling by bus please inform us if your child is not going to be on the bus. The best way to do this is to leave a message on the school answering machine. Lately we have not received many notifications from parents when children are being picked up, which is potentially dangerous, and time consuming for the staff trying to track student's whereabouts.

### School Pool

Pool Keys and a copy of the agreement are available from the office. Season Hire is \$125.00 which includes a Key Refund Bond of \$50.00 when the key is returned. **Please do not hand out the key to anyone else, as all pool users are required to agree to and sign our health and safety material, and pay the fee before using our school pool. Please put the pool cover back on when you are finished.**

### Sun Hats

Just a reminder that we are now in Term 4 so please ensure that your child has a blue bucket hat/sun hat for school as of tomorrow. We have given the children a couple of days to find their hats but will have now re-instated the 'No hat, play in the shade' rule.

### Covid 19 Update

Level 1 - Heightened hygiene, and contact tracing. We have a contact tracing QR code displayed at the front office. Please use it if you are coming on site. If a child is sick, please keep them home. We continue to monitor the situation very closely and will communicate very quickly if there is a change to the alert levels.

### Skool Loop App

This App is available for download, then simply select our school. This is a great way of receiving notices, reading the newsletter, checking calendar dates and submitting absences.

The app is free to our school but does rely on advertising so if you know of a local business that would like their banner to appear on our Skool loop App please put them in touch with us.

### Key dates this term...

- **Korfball Workshops – Mon and Tue 23 -24<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Year 6 High School Transition – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov**
- **Korfball tournament – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**
- **School Disco – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 5pm**
- **Waimate Fete – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November - PTA**
- **BOT Meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**
- **Assembly – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Totara**
- **Final Assembly – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Prize Giving – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at WHS**
- **Last Day - School Holidays – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

If you have any questions please come and see me anytime Monday to Thursday. On Fridays, my primary focus is teaching. Have a fantastic week

Paul Cartlidge

