



Friday 10 February 2017

GLENTUNNEL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tena koutou katoa parents and caregivers,

Dates to remember ...

Tuesday 14 February
Home and School meeting, 7.30 pm, staffroom

Thursday 16 February
Malvern Primary Schools Triathlon

Saturday 18 March
Hanmer mountain bike race



Thank you for returning the numerous forms sent home last week as we start to collect information for the start of the year. If you haven't returned the forms please search your child's bag or come see us at school if you need a new one.

There was a lot of interest in the Hanmer Mountain Bike Event when I went through the classrooms this week handing out notices. If your child brought a notice home and you would like any more information please see me at school or check out the website hanmerevents.co.nz.



The first Home and School meeting for the year is next Tuesday the 14th of February at 7:30pm. It is held in the staffroom at school and everyone is welcome to come along and be part of this supportive and active group.

We have parent/child interviews happening later this term. This is great chance for parents, children and teachers to get together and discuss the child's learning. The conversations had during these meetings are a valuable part in working together to best meet the needs of our learners. Confirmation of dates and times will be out soon as we finalise our plans for the interviews. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and building relationships for the future.



Kind regards
Dion Stechmann

Awards this week

Joshua Franklin - You are accepting every challenge with enthusiasm and effort - awesome!

Jordyn Burns - For always using exceptional manners, and for bringing enthusiasm and focus to your learning.

Isabella McLaren - For great kicking in a streamline.

Shayden McDonnell - For using a growth mindset in spelling.

Lani Atutolu - For always being a respectful role model in our class and school.

Lewis Lee - For great focus and persistence at writing this week.

Abigail Wilson - For listening carefully to instructions.

Ruby Lee - For being helpful to the new children in our room.

Boaz Broughton - For amazing persistence with your swimming.

Taylor Wyatt - For being a great role model to our young students.

And the Star of the Week goes to - Blake Woolley - For being a wonderful role model and looking out for others.

Home and School news

A big THANK YOU to those who helped with Lisa's wedding, especially Megan and Jordan. Thanks Ellie for packing up your truck and getting everything and everyone in one trip. We have been given \$400 for our time and effort.

Coalgate Sale Yards roster -

Thursday 16th February -

Cooking Juanita McAndrew, Marion Oeberg
Pie Selina Coleman
Baking Michelle Reid, Findabair Joynes, Kelly Maude

If this doesn't suit, phone Juanita on 3188 122.

Coalgate Tavern meat raffle roster -

Saturday 11th December Guest/Simcox family

Saturday 18th February Moore family

Media Team news



We welcome Mrs Woodward to our school. She is the new Reading Recovery teacher.

Today was the first day of Kapa Haka for 2017. It was held at the Glentunnel Hall, and was led by Matua Anton. Glentunnel School pupils were joined by pupils from: Hororata, Windwhistle, and Sheffield school. The group will practise every Friday during terms 1 and 3. We are already looking forward to seeing the student perform at the end of the year.
Matua Anton and the Kapa Haka group ...



Community Notices



Sunday 5th March 2017 – 11am till 3pm

Come along and celebrate Children's Day a FREE community event at the green space, corner of New Brighton Road and Locksley Ave. Pack a picnic lunch and bring along friends and family. Over 40 fun filled activities that are all FREE. So come along and join in on all the excitement. Check out the be there

website for more information <http://bethere.co.nz/event/24257>

Travel Safe to School - a reminder from the School Road Safety Co-ordinator -

Over 8,000 Selwyn children are heading back to school this term. That's a huge amount of on the most part, very excited kids moving around. Excited kids are often distracted kids who are not paying attention to traffic, just their mate's new bike with gears, so please be mindful of other people's children and not just your own when travelling around our schools. If driving consider giving yourself five minutes more in the mornings to find a safe park away from school that doesn't block footpaths or visibility around intersections. A short walk to school is often a calmer start to the day than battling through a carpark and a good chance to practise the kerb drill:

- Find a safe place to cross
- Stop one step back from the kerb or two from the edge of seal
- Look and listen for traffic coming from all directions
- If there is traffic coming, wait until it has passed and then look and listen for traffic again
- If there is no traffic coming, walk quickly, straight across the road

While crossing, look and listen for traffic, wherever it may come from.

Selwyn Rugby Football Club news - So it might seem like its finally Summer, but the rugby season is quickly heading towards us.

There are a few things we just wanted to take the chance to let you know about..

- Registrations are now open for the 2017 season.. You're welcome to register online here: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/26307> or we'd love to see you at the club on Sunday 5th between 11 and 12pm
- We have a new Facebook page.. <https://www.facebook.com/selwynRFC/> We hope you'll "like" the page, and feel free to upload photos of the kids (an authority to publish photos will be included in the registration pack), and keep an eye on it for postponements, club news, updates, and scores throughout the season.
- Before you rush out and buy a new pair of boots.. we're hoping to have a Boot Swap day, or online event.. a chance to sell/borrow/buy/use kids boots, as a lot of boots barely get one seasons use! If you're considering getting more involved, coaching, assistant coaching and managers are always welcome. Even if its to help out on a Thursday at training, or to carry in the water bottles to a match. Please let us know!
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- Finally - there have been a few changes to grades this season ... below might help you to answer the question of which grade to sign up for :

U14.5 - Born been 1.7.2002 and 31.12.2002 or in 2003

U13 - Born in 2004 or between 1.1.2005 and 30.6.2005

U11.5 - Born between 1.7.2005 and 31.12.2005 or in 2006

U10 - Born in 2007

U9 - Born in 2008

U8 - Born in 2009

U7 - Born in 2010

U6 - Born in 2011 (preferably school age)

Good luck with the 2017 season, let's hope for warm mornings, good coffee and winning games!

Qualified, professional nanny now starting Home Educating in Hororata. I am open Monday -Friday, 7am -5:30pm. Please phone Nicki on 0212111605 or 033180093, for enquiries.

Athletics Club - Darfield High School will be running Athletics training/club on Thursdays from 3.30 pm til 4.30/5.00 pm. This group will be affiliated with the Rolleston Athletic Club.



Fun Football Festival

Age: 6-12 years old
Cost: FREE!
When: Saturday 11th February
Time: 1-4pm
Where: Christchurch Football Centre,
466 Yaldhurst Road, Yaldhurst, 7676



Mainland Football

To register please e-mail Emily.Toase@ccc.govt.nz

Malvern Hockey Association Registrations Day - Saturday, 25 February 2017

If you're interested in playing hockey this season registrations will be taken on Saturday, 25 February between 2pm and 4pm at the Darfield High School turf. If you're unable to make it, registrations can also be done online at www.malvernhockey.org.nz and following the link, or email secretary@malvernhockey.org.nz with any queries.

ALL ages welcome. For the fun/mini sticks - 5+ years - it is a 6-week skills-based programme rather than games in town.

Lincoln, Rolleston Optometrist - Children's full vision examinations - eyesight, eye health, reading skills, vision integration assessment. ENABLE subsidy for Community Services Car or Higher Health User cards for ages 15 years and under. Vision and learning tests are useful for children who are struggling to progress in class. 32 Gerald Street, Lincoln. Ph. 03 325 7267. 41 Shelley Street, Rolleston. Ph. 03 347 1667. www.lincolneye.co.nz