



Friday 3 March 2017

# GLENTUNNEL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tena koutou katoa parents and caregivers,

## Dates to remember ...

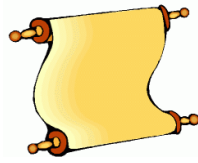
Monday 6 - Friday 10 March  
Parent Teacher interviews

Wednesday 8 March  
Swimming Sports

Friday 10 March  
Parent information evening -  
Keeping Ourselves Safe

Tuesday 14 March  
Trip to Spencer Park

Saturday 18 March  
Hanmer mountain bike race



The school sends its Charter into the Ministry of Education (MOE) every year as a way of reporting to the MOE its strategic direction over the next three years, annual goals and plans to meet these goals and student targets for raising student achievement. The Charter is the schools number one policy as it states our Vision, Values, what make us unique and sets our direction for the next 1 – 3 years. This year I wanted to update the Charter and develop ownership of this document for myself, the new Board of Trustees and the teaching staff at school. Through consultation with these stake holders we now have a living document that is adaptable and we feel represents the future of our school. We would also like to hear your feedback on the Charter and find out whether you find it user-friendly, informative and easy to understand. There is a copy of the Charter available to view at the school office and on the schools website (follow the link on the home page under Important Announcements). You're welcome to come share your comments and suggestions with me at school.

Our School Swimming Sports are next week on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. The 5 and 6 year olds will be competing from 9:30am – 10:30am, the 7 and 8 year olds from 11am – 12pm and the 9 and 10+ year olds from 1pm – 2pm. You are invited to come along and support the children as they participate in their events. Only the 7 – 10+ aged children have the opportunity to go to the Malvern Swimming Competition held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March at the Rolleston Pool.



## Weekly Jokes!

Q: What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?

A: Stop going around in circles and get to the point!



**Adventure**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March we are planning on taking the whole school to Spencer Park for an Outdoor Adventure Challenge Day. The children will be rotating between three activities which will be run by the teachers. We aim to leave at 9am and return at 3pm. It will be a fantastic day out for the children as they experience some fun outdoor challenges. You are welcome to come with us and be part of the day and we also need transport to help get everyone there. If you can help please fill in the form sent home today and return it to school next week. This form needs to come back whether you can help or not, as you need to give permission for your child to attend an activity off site.

There is a parent/caregiver information letter coming home today about the Keeping Ourselves Safe program which we are implementing at school this term. The letter

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**OURSelves**  
**Safe**

outlines the content of the program and informs you about the parent/caregiver information evening being held at 3pm on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March in the school library. Our Police Education Officer and I will be there to share some information and answer your questions.



We still have some firewood for sale if you need to stock up for the upcoming winter. If you would like to grab a trailer load please contact Mr S or Alison in the office, but be in quick as it won't last long!

You should hopefully have received your interview time for next week today. If this hasn't made it home today please contact your child's teacher or the office next week.



Catherine Thorne has a trampoline to give away to a new home. It is in good order and missing the side netting. If interested please give her a call on 0275385240. Catherine also has a lovely two bedroom cottage (in Coalgate) that she is wanting to rent out to a respectful family. If you or anyone you know is interested please call her on the above number.



Kind regards  
Dion Stechmann

### ***Awards this week***

**Luka Ponga** - For listening carefully to instructions.

**Arlo Gillanders** - For working hard with writing stories.

**Taylor Wyatt** - For using 'time' words in her writing.

**Luke Spicer** - For rereading his writing to make sure it made sense.

**Laura Longdin** - For always accepting all learning challenges - you are always striving to achieve beyond your potential.

**Jimi Roper** - For always being focused - stunning reading, writing, and maths every day this term.

**Leni Moore** - Your classmates have said you are such a positive leader, self-managing your learning and persevering when it is challenging.

**Lewis Lee** - You are reflecting on your learning and sharing what others can do to support you in achieving your goals.

**Rylan Youngman** - For improvements and persevering during swimming.

**Chloe Agnew** - For showing leadership skills.

**And the Star of the Week goes to - Lewis Lee** - For being a great role model at school, and an amazing rubbish collector.

### ***Home and School news***

#### **Coalgate Tavern meat raffle roster -**

Saturday 4th March                      Keating family

Saturday 11th March                     Coleman family

#### **Coalgate Sale Yard roster -**

Thursday 9th March

Cooking                                      Juanita McAndrew, Rachel Moore

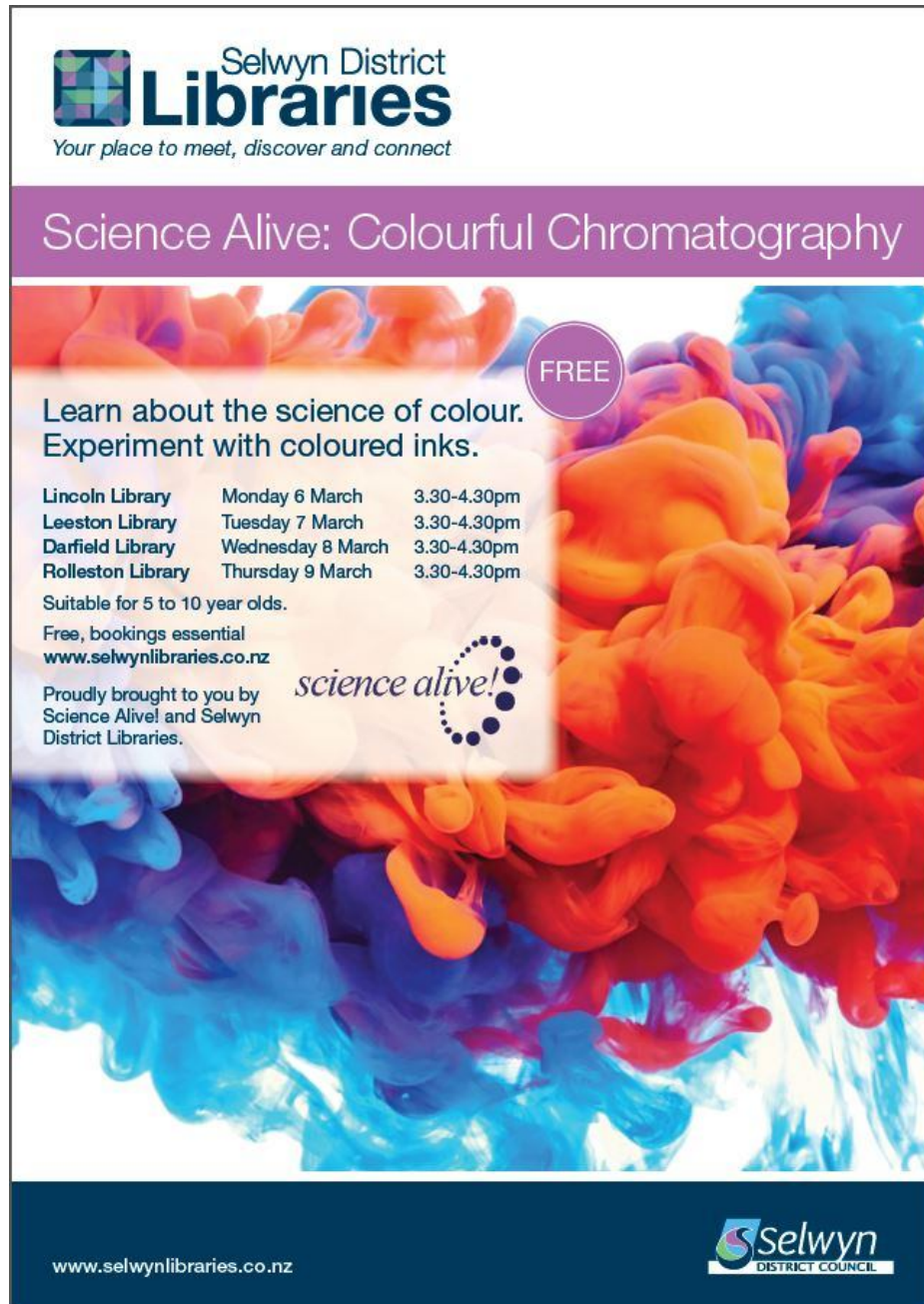
Pie     Selina Coleman


Baking                                        Soon-Lee Spicer, Donna Young, Cindy Driscoll

## School Accounts

If your child has an amount owing on their school account, your account will be attached to this newsletter. Unfortunately we have noticed that some accounts have quite a high amount owing - just a gentle reminder to please clear these accounts as soon as possible. We are more than happy for you to pay by instalments. If the amount owing is over \$100 though, it might be possible that your child is unable to take part in school funded activities, or charge anything more to the account, until some payments are received. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

## Community Notices



 Selwyn District  
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### Science Alive: Colourful Chromatography

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Learn about the science of colour.  
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Lincoln Library	Monday 6 March	3.30-4.30pm
Leeston Library	Tuesday 7 March	3.30-4.30pm
Darfield Library	Wednesday 8 March	3.30-4.30pm
Rolleston Library	Thursday 9 March	3.30-4.30pm

Suitable for 5 to 10 year olds.  
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**Children's Day** **SUNDAY**  
**05 March**  
**11AM-3PM**  
**152 New Brighton Rd**

**FREE**

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# Farm Animals

## Word Search



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