



NEWSLETTER: 5.7.17

Assembly

Due to Winter Options being on Fridays next term there will be no assembly until after the 1st of September. We will hold certificate assemblies at school to ensure things like homework and Thumbs Up awards are handed out.

Harakeke News by Madi Holgate

Harakeke have been doing some awesome learning this week they have even dressed up as 100 year old for 100 days at school!

Lucy replied with, "We have been doing some writing, I finished my writing to my pen pal where I talked about what I was going to do in the holidays I said that I was going to be getting a new pony and Violet is also my pen pal. I really enjoy writing to my pen pal. We also dressed up as old people for 100 days at school yesterday which was really fun!" Lucy also said that she had learnt to always use capital letter and full stops.

Rose commented "We have been making some suns for our art in the afternoon. I enjoy art because it is interesting and really fun. Yesterday all of Harakeke got to dress up as an older man or lady and I dressed up as an old lady"

Datsyn said "We have been doing some writing to our pen pals and some maths and sometimes in maths I play skoolbo on the computers. I really enjoy maths because I learn a new thing each day"

Layla told me that, "We have been doing some reading where I read a book called 'Dragons' and I enjoyed it. I read it in a group. I really like reading because I can read the easy words and I try the hard ones even though I may not know them"

Kayden says, "We have been doing things around keeping ourselves safe. We got to write about how we keep ourselves safe. I really enjoy learning about keeping myself safe because it is very interesting. I learnt that you have to keep your belongings in your tray and to try not to loose them. Miss Gaskin sometimes says to put our work in our bags and take it home.

Thank you so much Harakeke for letting me interview you, I actually saw you all dressed as older people and you looked awesome ka pai!

Tussock News by Emily Greer

Jack, Felix and Otto. Three Y1's that were interviewed, so they could help me make this article for the newsletter. They told me lots of things like, "We are doing handwriting, and the letter we are doing is F," Jack France told me. "My favourite Letter is A because it is the first letter of the alphabet," Otto commented. Art is very fun in Tussock. They have been making a waka and fish art. "I did some of the sea but I wanted to do the sky so I could put on some more stars," Felix said to me.

School Photos

If you missed out on getting your order in an would still like photos please contact the office and Rebecca can give you the number to ring.



100 Days of School

On Wednesday 5th July Harakeke celebrated the 100th day at school for 2017. They dressed up as 100 year olds and looked amazing! During the day they completed lots of activities based on the number 100. Some of them took up the extra for experts challenge and made a 100 item project at home.



Rata Room Report by Abby Lowe

In the past week Rata room has been up to loads of cool stuff including, researching about any topic of your choice, Careers education where we will find out what options and jobs we want in the future, and the Paper Plus writing competition

“With researching in class we had to research about any topic of our choice that we don't know much about and research about them, I did a drop bear,” commented Annabel.

“When we were doing careers education we learned that if something pricks your interest you should go for it and that we should never give up,” Samantha told me.

“For the writing competition that we entered it had to be under four hundred words and we would get extra points if we did it about World War One, World War Two or about a museum,” Arlo Commented.



“My story was about a boy named Dan who spent the night at a museum but everything came to life,” Madi told me, “For research I did turtles because I didn't know much about them but I knew that I liked them”.

Thank you, Annabel Harmer, Samantha, Arlo and Madi for telling me about all the exciting things that you have been up to in class. Also thank you very much Samantha for giving me the key for success.

Farming in winter

Stanza 1

Remember that time you were on the bulldozer
snow raking the white powder traffic can pass through
And as you got out of the bulldozer there were hailstones
hitting your jacket like bullets and you started to cry because it started to hurt.
That was farming in winter.

Stanza 2

Remember that time you were feeding out to the cows
and got stuck in the snow and had to walk home in
a meter of snow and then you fell in., and you can hear the cows bellowing
Now that was farming in winter.

Stanza 3 |

Remember that time you were shifting the sheep
and they blended into the snow then you fell into the creek and
then you got frostbite, and called for help on your radio and got no reply
That was farming in the freezing winter.

Stanza 4

Remember that time you were in the house putting on a pot of soup
and then the power went out so you had to put it on the
fire place and then you made some homemade bread to go with your
soup and I came home to the house smelling of soup
That was definitely farming in winter.

By Samantha Coleman



Winter Options

Winter options begin on the first Friday next term. Please contact your child's teacher if you are unsure which option your child is in.

Sir Peter Blake Trust Mufti Day

As part of the leadership week in Rata they have been learning about the Sir Peter Blake Trust and its work. Rata learners would like to have a mufti day to support the trust. If your child comes in mufti then they could donate a coin to go to the trust.

Beck Parnham Interview by Madi Holgate

Last week I was fortunate enough to email Beck Parnham who has done an amazing job starting a business called Krama & Co. which is a business that imports beautiful hand loomed krama from small villages in Cambodia. They then sell the Krama and use the profits to help fund education for girls and give opportunities for women and girls in Cambodia and New Zealand. I think that Krama & Co. is an amazing business.

Down below are some questions I asked Beck along with the answers.

When did you attend Mt Somers Springburn School?

I started at Mt Somers school in 1985 but moved to Springburn School a couple of years later and was there until I went to Ashburton College so I would have finished in 1992 I think?

Who else was at school with you?

I went to school with my older brother Hayden and older sisters Nikki and Anna.

Are there any teachers you remember well?

Yes! Many! I remember Mrs Miller fondly and I also very clearly remember Mrs (Annette) Syme.

What is one special moment you remember from your time at school?

One time Mrs Syme told us she wanted to show us something amazing. She then took us into the teacher's office one by one and lifted us up in front of the mirror to obviously show that WE were amazing.

How did the things you learned at our school impact your life?

It was a really lovely time where I felt the world was a good place and I felt safe. I felt part of a community and that to me is important.

What have you achieved in your life after leaving our school?

I went to University and gained a Bachelor of Social Work (Hons). Married a former Mt Somers pupil, Gareth Parnham and had two girls, Mae and Ruby. Recently, with community in mind, I started a social enterprise or social business, which means we give our profits away! It is called Krama & Co. and we sell krama, which are traditional Cambodian scarves with over 60 uses. We buy them off weavers in a rural village and run a 'Village Fund' to raise the standard of living in their village. We work with charities to do our work so they can make money and offer ways for them to fundraise through us as well. <https://krama.nz/>

What advice would you give to the children at school now?

Learn, learn, learn. I did not make the most of my time after I left and now struggle with basic things especially in regards to grammar. I wish I had made the most of my opportunity to learn.

Thank you so much Beck for letting me interview you, I think everyone should go and check out Krama & Co. as it is an amazing business.



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Free BBQ

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SWIM LESSONS

Group and individuals available

JULY
10th - 14th
17th - 21st

Individual lessons available both weeks on request

BREASTSTROKE CLINIC

For children struggling with the breaststroke goal in any level

JULY
10th - 14th
17th - 21st

TERM LESSONS

We are still taking bookings for Term lessons for waterbabies, pre-schoolers and school age classes.

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

Individual lessons are:

- \$40 30mins
- \$27 20mins
- \$20 15mins

EA networks centre

Call Stacey on 308 4035 or email stacey.hoets@adc.govt.nz

Ashburton DISTRICT COUNCIL

Access to School Dental Services over the school holiday period

The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times.

Monday, 10th July to Friday, 14th July 2017 (excluding weekends)

and

Monday, 17th July to Friday, 21st July 2017 (excluding weekends)

Routine treatment will **not** be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practise.

We would appreciate it if you could place the following notice in newsletters until the end of term to inform parents of these arrangements. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter please do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks for your ongoing support of the Community Dental Service.

Julie Denton

Service Manager

COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

WHAT'S ON WEEK 1 - 10TH JULY TO 14TH JULY
ALLENTON SCHOOL HALL - 110 HARRISON ST

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M 10TH JUL

SLIME Slime slime


Customise your own slime and enjoy experimenting with this wonderful stuff... There is even an edible version to make and play with.



M 17TH JUL

Island Party


Join us for an Island Party... Games, craft, activities and more.



T 11TH JUL

Fidget Mania


Fidget spinners have invaded HitPlay HQ - come make your own to take home including edible spinners... Join in the challenges and activities in the Fidget School.



T 18TH JUL

Let's Create


It's time to be creative. Bring your imagination for this one and try your hand at a wide variety of activities. Beading, jewellery, Science and more...



W 12TH JUL

Suds & Bubbles


Science & craft combine to create a wonderland of DIY body butters, whipped soaps, bubble bars and more



W 19TH JUL

Star Wars


Storm trekking across the universe, got a wookiee steak for tea... it's a little chewy.... hahaha The force has a sense of humour!



TH 13TH JUL

Minecraft Mania


Help Steve round up all the creatures, avoid TNT and watch out for those pesky Creepers! Come join the fun and games there is even baking too.



TH 20TH JUL

POP


Everything has a balloon in it today... from games and activities to hover crafts and baking.... complete challenges and master fun test of skill.



F 14TH JUL

Mid-Winter Christmas


We are 1/2 way through 2017 and who really needs an excuse to party! Come join the fun!



F 21TH JUL

That Kids Got It!

Set up and run the concession stand! Come have a great time! Perform in our talent show... sing, dance, perform... Help with the stage, music, make up or maybe you want to present or judge...



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M 10TH JUL

SLIME Slime slime


Get messy with us making slime... Customise your own slime and enjoy experimenting with slime that changes colour, is magnetic, fluffy, galaxy and so much more...



M 17TH JUL

Moana & Maui Madness


Join us for an Island Party... Games, craft, activities and more. Make your own Maui Hook, restore the heart of the ocean and more.



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Science & craft combine to create a wonderland of sensory play. Come slip & slide with us... From unbreakable bubbles to jelly soaps and more.



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Join the resistance and graduate Jedi Training to take on Dark Vader and the Death Star. Make your own light saber, bring to life your own yeti!



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Balloon Wizards


Balloons, big, small... toys and more. Join the races, create animals and more... We will even be baking with



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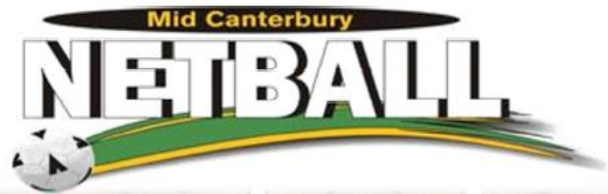
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