



NEWSLETTER: 26.10.2017

From the Principal's Chair

He aha te mea nui o te ao. What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

Yesterday was a terrific day at Hinds for our athletic sports. It is always great to see the way our children behave and try their best at events like these. Young bodies are made to move and these days are as much about being fit and active as they are about the competition.

What I notice every year though is that the actual event is only a small part of the importance of the day. The chance for kids to meet new friends from other schools and meet up with friends they already have is just as important as the competition. For parents too it is a terrific day to stop and spend some time reconnecting with friends and family. Listening to conversations about how things are going on the farm, people's plans for the holidays or just chatting about the selections for the All Blacks tour to the UK show that this day is only partly about the sport. For many of the kids it is about the chocolate milk or the sausage sizzle or how high they can jump on the trampoline. In fact, days like these are all about the people.

We are all aware that not every child will win a race or an event. While we will always celebrate those successes and laud our children who do succeed, we also need to use this time to be with other people and enjoy their company. As I watched the children playing on the playground with children from other schools at break times I saw faces happy to be allowed to play regardless of the level of their skill in the competition.

Winning is important to all of us and we will always celebrate those who do well in competition. We will always ask our children here at Mt Somers Springburn to try their best. We will accept that sometimes we will win and sometimes we won't. That is the nature of sport. What we will always try to ensure on these days is that we will also celebrate the chance to connect with others and to make new acquaintances. At the end of the day all of these events are about the people, the people, the people.

Sean Wansbrough - Principal

Pet Day - Monday 30th of November

Pet Day is on Monday. The buses will not run on this day. Children and pets are not to be at school until 9.45. For more information about the programme go to the school website mtss.school.nz and find the Pet Day link to find the organisation information.

Weetbix Try-athlon

The registrations for the 2018 Weetbix Tryathlon held in Christchurch are now open on line. There is a Mt Somers Springburn School group that you can link to as you register. It is a swim, a bike and a run for children 7 years and older. More detail is available on:

<https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/25/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/f3f31fb1-85e3-4de7-a56e-236e2e8f8699>

Please message to say if you have registered with our school group:

valerie.ashton@mtss.school.nz or via the Class Dojo if you are in Kowhai Room.

This Week in Tussock By Abby Lowe.

Tussock has been up to very interesting stuff this week such as handwriting, maths, and reading.

The many books they have read is Bugs for breakfast, Mrs Brown's Garden, and Dad snores. Here are the comments of the four young children that I have interviewed.

“In maths I learned what $400+400$ is. It's 800. Also we we have done writing we got to write about what we did in the holidays,” Izaac commented.

Violet mentioned, “When we did handwriting today I practiced doing the letter N.”

“In writing we had to write about our news for my news, in my writing I said how I got a new rugby ball. As well as that we did handwriting, when I did handwriting I had to practice the letter B,” Milford told me.

Thank you so much Milford, Violet, and a Izaac for telling me what you have been up to it sounds so much fun.



Mission Mt Somers - 28th October

Good luck to everyone who is participating or volunteering at the event this weekend.

Opuke Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) Teacher Only Day

As part of our membership of the Opuke Kahui Ako, Mt Somers Springburn School along with the other schools in the community (Mayfield, Methven Primary, Our Lady of the Snows, Mt Hutt College, Lauriston, Rakaia, Chertsey and Dorie Schools) is taking part in a Teacher Only Day where all the teachers from the different schools will learn together. This is being held on Thursday 16th of November. This is the Thursday before Christchurch Show Day. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

Harakeke this Week by Katelynn Coleman

In Harakeke this week they have been doing hard work on writing. Rose and Charlie said “We have been writing about lowls. A lowl is a lion crossed with an owl.” Rose said that “I have also been learning about times tables and I learnt that $2 \times 2 = 4$.”

Charlie told me his equation that you may of heard at assembly last week. If you didn’t Charlie is in year 2 and all ready knows $13 \times 3 = 39$ he even told me how he worked it out. “You do $10 \times 3 = 30$ and $3 \times 3 = 9$ ” said Charlie.

I also interviewed Matilda who is new to the school and she is getting stuck into doing her maths buddy homework and writing.



Athletics Day

We had a great day at Hinds on Tuesday for our athletic sports. Certificates will be handed out at assembly next week. Counties Athletics is also on this day. We will let you know as soon as possible if your child has made it to this event.

Kowhai this Week by Madi Holgate

Kowhai have been doing many things over the week. “We have been doing some maths where we are learning about minusing and adding.”

Zoe commented, “We have also been doing some writing about electricity. I am up to publishing” Zoe also knows that we are going to be having athletics coming up tomorrow.

Jack said, “ We have been doing some writing and I am writing about the man who invented the lightbulb and his name was Thomas Edison.”

Well done Jack!!

Blake replied with, “We have been doing some literacy where we have to do tasks where some people do spelling and on the computers people play reading eggs. We are also sometimes working with the teacher where we do activities in our reading books.”

Sylvie says, “We have been doing some maths where are minusing big numbers. It was hard at first but then I figured it out.”

Sylvie also shared her news where she showed the class her unicorn noise putty!

Thank you very much Kowhai for letting me interview you I definitely found out some very interesting things about electricity.

Assembly

The next assembly is on Friday 3rd of November at 2.15. We look forward to seeing you there.

Rata’s Week By Annabel Harmer

Rata has had a pretty busy week. In Reading they have been doing a Novel Study. They have a book to read and they need to complete a certain amount of activities and read a certain amount of novels. 3 out of the 4 people I interviewed said they loved it.

On Tuesday, Mrs Murphy taught the class. “I like having Mrs Murphy teaching us,” Will explained.

Emily said the same thing.

“We also finished our Data Discs a while ago. While doing that I learnt that Penguins can’t fly,” Will stated.

Ruby announces, “We have been doing lots of decimals lately.”

“We have learnt how to use decimals and how they work,” adds Bede

So, it sounds like Rata had a very exciting week. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Murphy for letting me interview the children. Thank you Emily, Ruby, Will and Bede for all your great information.

Homework Club After School Care

You may be aware that an after school care programme is beginning at school on Tuesday 31st of October. This is being run by Claire Harden in order to be available for parents who need regular or casual after school care for their children. More information can be found on their Facebook page – Mt Somers HomeWork Club. Claire will be available to talk to on Pet Day as well. Catch up with her at the Synlait BBQ trailer if you would like to know more.

Mr Wansbrough’s Baby Due

Mr Wansbrough’s baby is due on the 2nd of November. He will be taking some time off when the baby is born to support his wife. We have a plan in place to ensure the buses will still run if we are still waiting for a driver for the bus to get their passenger endorsement on their licence. There will be more on this if this issue eventuates.

Mt Somers Springburn School Board of Trustees’ Election

Nominations are invited for the election of two parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form).

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 17th November 2017 and may be accompanied by signing candidates’ statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates’ names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 1st December 2017.

Rebecca Taylor

Signed

Returning Officer

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**The Hermitage, Aoraki/Mt Cook
13-15 October 2017**

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www.starlightfestival.org.nz

  

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Cost - Fees due 28th October -

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Individuals Youth/Juniors Players \$45.00
Individuals Seniors players \$60.00

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Phone number 027 3026 212

 



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Sunday 5th November 2017

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Oak Grove, Ashburton

Open to

Boys Yrs 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8

Girls Yrs 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8

Only \$16 to enter for first family player and \$10 thereafter

Players must attend a Mid Canterbury School

OR

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Online entries close Sunday 29th October 2017

Manual/postal entries close Friday 27th October 2017

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www.midcanterburytennis.co.nz

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

AMBROSE FORMAT

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

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grant.deniseking@actrix.co.nz

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