



NEWSLETTER: 17.08.2017

### From the Principal's Chair

This week a group of our senior learners took part in some of the community service required for them to complete their William Pike Challenge Award. We visited Methven House to spend time with some of the residents. They took along some of their writing and played some board games with the residents.

It was amazing to watch our learners interact with the elderly people. Our children were eloquent, confident and friendly. Seeing them in this setting showed the skills they have in relating to others.

The residents

commented on the quality of the writing that each of our learners had done as well as the confident and clear way they read. They were also impressed by

how each of our children were able to chat about their lives and find out about the lives of the residents.

It was an uplifting time for the residents. They were so happy for our visit and it gave them a lift. Some of the residents had been at Mt Somers and Springburn schools, others had lived in our area at Staveley and Alford Forest. It was important time for our learners to find out more about the area they live in.

Being able to take their writing to a real and appreciative audience was a real experience for our children. It also showed that they are growing to be confident in their learning and in themselves. It was a great experience for our children and the residents. One that we will repeat again soon.

Sean Wansbrough  
Principal



### **Miniball**

We have entered a Year 4 and a Year 6 team in the Mid Canterbury basketball competition. Miniball starts next week with all grades having skills sessions at the Oxford St Stadium for the first 2 weeks.

Our Year 3 and 4 players have a skills session on Tuesday 22nd from 5.30 to 6pm. Our Year 5 and 6 players have a skills sessions on Friday 25th from 5.45 to 6.30pm.

Competition games will start after these skills sessions.

### **Congratulations to our Senior Football Team**

At the recent Winter Tournament in Ashburton our Senior Football team made the final against Rakaia. Even though they lost the final 3 to 4, they have qualified for the Christchurch Winter Tournament next week at Hagley Park. Good luck to Bede Giera, Will Boyd, Rhodes Taylor, Blake Tutty, Mark Nagel, Seth Corbett, Hunter Stacey, Lachlan Rooney and Samuel Clark.

### **More Amazing Writers**

After their results in the Paper Plus Writing Competition we have had some more winners in writing competitions. Will Murphy took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Arlo Bruce took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Otago Daily Times short story competition. Samantha Coleman was highly commended. This is a terrific result for our writers for a competition that covers a large part of the South Island.

### **Down's Bus Run**

Sharon Nagel and her son Mark are moving to Christchurch as her husband has a new job there. We wish Sharon and Mark well. Mr Wansbrough will be driving the bus for the time being until we can find a new driver.

### **Life Education Mobile Classroom**

The Life Education teacher will be at school next week to run classes with all of our learners. This will be from Monday to Wednesday.

### **Royal New Zealand Ballet**

The Ballet company are giving a free performance for schools at the Ashburton Events Centre next Wednesday at 12.30. We are taking the children to the event in the buses to experience this cultural event.

### **Media Team**

We have some new writers on the Media Team this term who will be carrying out the updates from the classrooms. Annabel Harmer and Katelynn Coleman will be writing about the happenings this term.

## **Tussocks Turn**

**By Annabel Harmer**

There have been many exciting things happening in Tussock this week. As Jack says, "We have been cutting numbers out and sticking them back on in order." He says it is really fun and he enjoys it lots.

“We have also been doing rain pictures and on the same day as rain writing.” Otto comments, “I enjoyed Tennis and we even did some older kid exercises.” Violet says, “My favourite part was making words with my friends. It was fun!” They also do creation station on Fridays, which Otto really likes. Nina said, “I enjoy having Mrs Chapman and Miss George as teachers and they make learning fun.”

It sounds like they have done many things the children enjoy which is great to hear. I would like to thank Mrs Chapman for letting me take the children out of their busy learning and Otto, Jack, Violet and Nina for your contribution.

## **Harakeke This Week**

**By Katelynn Coleman**

Many things have been happening in Harakeke this week, Monty said that they have been doing speed skills every Monday he even learnt what  $9+9=18$ . Luca also has been learning about double digit addition. Lily even had time to show me what she had been doing in maths in her maths book. Rose said that they have been reading Kele's car in the school journal. Her favourite part is when Kele grabs the car and it's not actually his. Rose also thinks that the teacher makes reading fun.

### **Speech Competition**

The Senior Speech competition is on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August at 12.30 in the Multi Purpose Room. We look forward to seeing the children give their speeches.

### **Cheese Roll Fundraiser**

Rata is fundraising for their camp at the end of the year. They are making cheese rolls to raise money over the next few days. We would like to thank the Mayfield Lions for supplying the onions for the cheese rolls. If you are able to help with making the cheese rolls please let Miss Blair know.





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### AGM Methven Tennis Club

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 7:00pm at the Domain Pavilion.**

**Everyone welcome to attend!**

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