



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S CHAIR

NEWSLETTER: 10.3.17

You may have noticed that I have not been around school much this week. I have been away in Christchurch learning to get my Class 2 licence so that I am able to drive the school bus. This is not a usual requirement for a Principal but because of our situation here at school it is important that we have people that can drive the bus when the drivers need to take time off and someone who understands the legal and practical requirements of driving.

What I have noticed in the past few days is that learning is challenging. It requires concentration, the ability to listen carefully and watch closely what experts do, it requires asking questions when we are not sure and most of all it requires us to be put out of our comfort zones and learn things that we didn't know about. This week I have learnt about loading limits, work time hours, safe vehicle operation and about the requirements of being a safe bus driver. Even for me there have been times when I had to really think carefully about the new information and use it to pass tests and to answer questions. I have also had to use the theory I have learnt and use it in practical applications on the road. As I have said, learning is challenging.

And it is supposed to be that way. If it was easy then it would not be learning. Repeating what we already knew is not learning even if it happens inside a classroom. That is merely repetition. Learning is when we are taken to a new place and learn things we didn't know and then use that knowledge in a real life context. Even as an adult this week I have been reminded that I need to make mistakes and be confused at times so that I need to attend more closely and really come to grips with what I am learning about. This is the same for our children. For them, learning won't always be straight forward. There will be times when it will be very challenging and require all their concentration.

As a school our vision from our charter is put simply like this - *Young children who will be confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners*. This is what we want for our children. During the week I have had to display all of these attributes as I have worked towards my Class 2. What we are doing for them right now is developing their skills so they can go on to be these things long after they leave Mt Somers Springburn School. This is one of the key roles of our school. To develop the skills of learning so that as they move through their lives they are able to learn new things and expand their skills and knowledge to meet the requirements of their future jobs, careers and personal aspirations.

So (hopefully) when I get my Class 2 licence in the mail in a few weeks time I will be able to reflect on where my learning was last week and where it is right now and be pleased with myself. My next thought will be "What should I learn about now?"

Sean Wansbrough

Principal

Assembly

Assembly is this afternoon at 2.15. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank You ANZCO Foods

A big thank you to all the farmers who sold their bobby calves through ANZCO Foods and nominated our school. We have received a \$755 donation through the 50 cents that was donated for each bobby calf sold.



March

Bree Greer

Emma McClelland

Harry Cowie

Oscar Singleton

Home and School Event

Dessert Evening at Stronechrubie - all welcome!!

Thursday 16th March 2017

7.30pm at Stronechrubie Restaurant

Please RSVP by Tuesday 14th March

Missing Hoody

Blake Broomhall is missing a School Hoody which is named if anyone finds it could they return it to Blake in Tussock Room or drop it into the school office.

Football

All registration forms need to be back by

Monday 13th March if you are interested in your child playing football this winter season.

Also open to 4 year olds. Contact Sarah G with any questions.

Library

Miss Gaskin is looking for parent/grandparent volunteers to help with cover sealing new library books. This is a 'take home' job that you could do as it suited you with all materials provided. Plenty of books to go around! Please get in touch with Sarah if you can help. Thank you in advance.

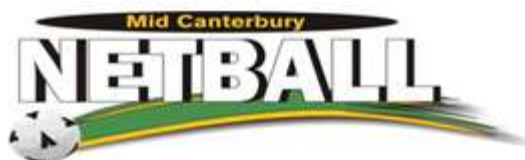
Hokonui Radio Young DJ's

Maddi and Abby did a fantastic job on the radio as the young DJs for this week. A big congratulations to Mr Gray for winning the prize. Great work girls.



Mystery Donation

We have had a donation to school in February under the name Sendarra Thor. This is not a name we recognise from our school community. If this was you could you please let us know what it was for so we can get the receipt sent out to the correct person.



NETBALLSMART WORKSHOP

with

SHARON KEARNEY

(ex Silver Fern Physio and current Tactix Physio)

Learn the official injury prevention programme of Netball New Zealand with a High Performance Physio. Sharon is the driver behind the new NetballSmart warm up - an evidence based framework which helps improve your player's performance in sport by preventing injuries... from year 1 to Senior!

This is an opportunity not to be missed!
Thursday 23rd March
7 - 9PM
FREE OF CHARGE

Please register online at:
<http://www.mcnetball.co.nz>





Fundraiser First Aid Kit

As part of our fundraising efforts towards the **Mt Somers Staveley Playcentre**, we are supplying a first aid kit which you can purchase for **only \$39.95**. These first aid kits are excellent value for money. Order form will be available at school office. All orders must be in by 24th March.

- Payment Options - Cash or Internet Banking via: Heartland 03-1351-0464661-00
- Please use your family name and 'First aid' as reference

For every kit sold \$12 will go towards our fundraising efforts. Thank you for your support.

Product Details

The First Aid Kit that we are selling for our fundraiser is a large, carry kit with transparent fold-out compartments that contains 77 items including a digital thermometer. (measures 240mm x 180mm x 85mm.) Follows OSH and consumer regulations.



Kit Contents

FREE Digital Thermometer, FREE INSTANT ICE PACK, 2 x Emergency Blankets, 1 x CPR Resuscitation mask with valve, 1 x Eye Pad 5.5cm x 7.5cm, 2 x Burns Dressings 20cm x 30cm, 2 x Conforming Bandage Rolls 6cm x 400cm, 2 x Conforming Bandage Rolls 8cm x 400cm, 20 x Band Aid strips 7.5cm x 2cm, 2 x Triangular Bandages 90cm x 90cm x 127cm, Long adhesive strip 6cm x 20cm, Adhesive Multi-pore Tape Roll 13mm x 5m, 3 x Butterfly Adhesive Plasters 7.4cm x 4.5cm, 2 x Knuckle Adhesive Plasters 7.5cm x 3.7cm, 4 x Semi-permeable Dressings 6cm x 7cm, 3 x Adhesive Island Dressings 6cm x 7cm, 2 x Adhesive Island Dressings 6cm x 10cm, Combined/Abdominal absorbent pad 23cm x 12.5cm, Scissors 15cm, Tweezers (metal), 4 pairs large PVC safety gloves, 10 x safety pins, 4 x Soap wipes 20cm x 19cm, 4 x Saline Cleansing Wipes 20cm x 19cm, First Aid Guide

Why buy a kit?

- ◆ Everyone should have more than one updated First Aid Kit handy.
- ◆ They are a practical item that make a great gift.
- ◆ These kits may cost you less than replacing the same contents in your old kit.