



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S CHAIR

NEWSLETTER: 8.6.17



*View from the school 8 June*

Winter has certainly begun and it is nice to look out at the view from school to see the beautiful mountains, especially on a sunny day like today.

It is also the time we spend the winter evenings in front of the fire as the days shorten and we are less likely to want to go out (unless it is to winter sports practices). In traditional times, Maori people would use this time of the year to attend where wanaga. These were places where learning took place, stories were handed on and discussions held. In the Spring people would return to planting and harvesting. Getting these important things organised took priority over learning.

While our times have changed and we are no longer as dependent on the seasons to make all of our decisions, it is important to think about how we can use these longer Winter evenings for learning. This is a terrific time to discuss topics at home and debate the views that different people hold. It is a time to pass on the family stories about how our families came to be here at Mt Somers Springburn School or about how things were in the "olden days". It is also a great time to share the hobbies and interests you have with your children and open them to a new world of possibilities.

Along with watching TV, reading and chatting, to get us through the long Winter evenings this is a really important time for families to come together and build our children into the confident people that we want them to become.

Sean Wansbrough

Principal

## Assembly

Assembly is next Friday at 2.15 in Te Kiekie. This will be the 16<sup>nd</sup> of June.

### Beech Room Report by Abby Lowe

Beech room has been doing lots of interesting things lately including art, cross country, and learning about the Queen for the Queen's birthday.

"The Queen goes to Scotland in her spare time and does donuts in her land rover and in cross country I came first," commented Sam.

Liam Harden noted that, the Queen's birthday is not actually on the public holiday. "Also we did art just for fun and we did mountains for art. The Queen was crowned sixty four years ago and the Queen is the only one in the world who's allowed to drive without a license."

Thank you beech room for all the interesting facts about the Queen and letting me know about the art you have been doing. I still can't believe the Queen is allowed to drive without a licence.



### Tussock News by Madi Holgate

The children in Tussock have been learning interesting things this week.

Milford said " We went to the library on Friday and I got 2 picture books out, I really enjoyed going to the library. We also did some poetry which was really cool!"



Blake commented "We have been playing with mobilo and you can make anything you want. We wrote some stories about motorbikes and I really enjoyed it because I got to write by myself" Blake learnt about the buzz words, he told me that's when someone wants to share news you say "I have news" and you share with the class.

Georgia Replied by saying "I did creation stations on Friday and I got to build a lego block. We did some writing where I got to write

about clever fish." This sounded very interesting. Georgia finished by saying " I really enjoy creation stations because we get to pick 2 out of 4 stations. I learnt to manage myself when writing by not annoying other people."

Felix noted that "We have been working on things around fish. We have been doing some writing as well where the teacher tells us what we have to write about."

Felix also comments that he really enjoys writing about the weekends, and knows that at the next assembly Tussock are going to share their clever fish.

Nina says "We have been working on a play that we shared at assembly on Friday and I got to be the tree. It wasn't hard for me to be the tree all I had to do was try and stand

really still and that was quite easy for me! I did get to see the play on Friday and I thought it was great well done!

### **Rata News by Emily Greer**

On the 5th of June 2017, I have been talking to 5 students from Rata room about their week.

Last week, 11 students went to N.Y.L.D (National Young Leaders Day) in Christchurch. They meet Aaron Jackson, and Nomad played Oh My My.

In class we have been learning French. Some words we have been learning are il pleat and Le temps. As well as Maori where we have been learning words like He Huria, He Rangi ua.

Big Thanks to Iulia, Arlo, Annabel, Abby, Will M.

### **Cross Country**

There were 6 runners represent our school at the Mid Canterbury Cross Country event at the Ashburton Showgrounds on Tuesday. Well done to Charlie Chilton, Ruby Giera, Bede Giera, Rhodes Taylor, Liam Forbes and Blake Madden.

### **Rippa Rugby**

Our school Rippa Rugby team head to the Regional competition in Ashburton next Thursday. They will play 5 games against the best in the Hannan Shield areas. The best performing team from this tournament will go to Wellington to represent the region at the Nationals. Good luck to the team.

### **Communication Survey**

Our communication survey has been up and running for the past couple of weeks. If you haven't had a chance to complete this please go to the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVYWRB>

### **Winter Options**

In Term 3 we offer the Winter Options programme. If you have a skill or option that you would like to share with a group of children please let us know.

Further information about the Winter Options on offer in Term 3 this year will come home within the next 3 weeks.

A reminder that you can purchase your \$20 season pass now from Mt Hutt Snow Centre, Methven iSite Building or online ([www.nzski.com/mt-hutt](http://www.nzski.com/mt-hutt)) if your child is intending on skiing for Winter Options.

### **Newcomers Morning Tea**

We are holding an afternoon tea on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of June at 1.15 to catch up and maybe meet any new family's to the school. The home & School team will be providing the nibbles. All welcome, hope to see you there!





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### MT SOMERS COMMUNITY POOL

THE AGM OF THE MT. SOMERS COMMUNITY

POOL WILL BE HELD MONDAY 12th JUNE 2017

AT 7.30PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF

THE MT. SOMERS/SPRINGBURN SCHOOL.

ALL WELCOME

#### SUNSMART FACT



## Being cool doesn't help

Sunburn can occur on cooler days. There is no relationship between air temperature and the strength of UV radiation from the sun. Be prepared. Slip, slop, slap and wrap, and stay in the shade when you can.





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## Child Care Wanted

I am looking for someone who is able to look after my 2 children from next term 2 onwards. Either at my place or yours. Alternatively, you could pick them up off the bus and look after them at our place. Please call 0226317636. Thanks Anna