



NEWSLETTER: 14.9.2017

### **From the Principal's Chair**

#### **“Kaua e mate wheke, mate ururoa!” - whakatauki**

This week is Maori language week and it got me thinking about my first exposure to a language other than English. It happened at Bethlehem Primary School as a new entrant (quite some time ago).

In Tauranga where my family was living when I started school, Bethlehem School was a rural school surrounded by orchards and farms. At the end of the road from school was the beach and on the shore was the marae. The school and the marae had a very close connection and we spent a lot of time between the two. At school we learnt Maori alongside English and for a blond pakeha boy it was a window into another world.

By learning te reo Maori I got to understand a whole different way of being and acting than I had grown up with in my family. I got to talk to others in a different language and that felt pretty amazing. I still maintained all the traditions and expectations of my own family as well as learning about the others in my class who spoke and lived differently to me. It was a fantastic time.

That's not to say it was easy. The fluent speakers of te reo hardly ever translated into English when they were talking. They told me that if I wanted to know what they were saying I would have to work hard to learn the language so I could understand. And, like a good learner I tried my best. Most of the time I knew what was going on. These days I am not as fluent but I appreciate the things I learnt during this time.

Te reo Maori is more than just a language. It reflects a part of New Zealand's culture that is unique and diverse. It also gave me the whakatauki (saying or proverb) that is at the top of this article. It is one that I try to live by most days and it has helped me in the tough times and the good times. Learning another language and about another culture makes us all better people. It helps us to be more understanding of different world views and makes us more caring. The adverts on the television promoting the use of the Maori language show that even if we make a small effort to use the language, it helps to make it more alive for all of us.

If our children learn even a little bit about another culture and language it can only be a good thing.

Sean Wansbrough  
Principal

## **School Production – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

The children and teachers have been hard at it learning their routines and lines for the school production – Utterly Genie-us.

The production starts at 6pm in the Mt Somers Hall. Entry will be by donation. We invite all parents, grandparents relatives and friends to a performance extravaganza.

A special thanks to Mrs Heaven for writing the script and Miss George for her directing. Thank you also to Arlo Bruce for coming up with the title.

## **Utterly Genie-us**

Will the kids be able to tidy up the library on time? Will the school find a new librarian? What is with the strange visitor? Why are so many famous people dropping into Mt Somers?

For answers to these questions and many more come to the show for entertainment and a few laughs.

## **Representative Sports Teams**

In the last newsletter, I asked if about players who had made rep teams. At the moment we would like to congratulate these people –

### **Hockey**

Jess Heaven – Mid Canterbury Primary B girls

Blaise France – Yr 4 girls Mid Canterbury Country

Grace McClelland – Yr 4 girls Mid Canterbury Country

Sylvie France – Yr 3 girls Mid Canterbury Country

Emma McClelland - Yr 3 girls Mid Canterbury Country

Emily Heaven – Yr 3 girls Mid Canterbury Country

### **Soccer**

Sam Chapman – Mid Canterbury

## **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.

## **Cluster Speech Competition**

Last Wednesday we held the Southern Cluster Speech finals between our school, Mayfield, Longbeach and Hinds Schools.

It was a terrific night with many entertaining and informative speeches.

Paige Brogden, Arlo Bruce, Abby Lowe and Madi Holgate represented our school.

Congratulations to Arlo who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Year 5&6 competition.

Congratulations also to Madi and Abby who took our first and second place respectively in the Year 7&8 competition. Madi now goes on to represent us at the Rotary Speech finals in Ashburton next Wednesday. Good luck Madi!

A special thank you to the Mayfield and District Lions for their efforts in judging and for the fantastic prizes that were given out to the place getters.

### **Junior Speeches**

These are being held on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September here at school. Check with your child's teacher if you would like to know more.

### **Muddy Good Run - 24th September**

Mt Somers Springburn School will not be taking a bus to this event as we have done in previous years due to circumstances and staff commitments. However if you are keen to enter your child/ren head to [www.muddygoodrun.co.nz](http://www.muddygoodrun.co.nz). Entries are open for 7+ year olds for the 1.5km course.

### **Mission Mt Somers - 28th October**

A notice will come home before the end of the term to register for the 5km introductory off-road run/walk. Contact for this event is Sarah Gaskin.

### **Library**

A huge thank you to those members of our school community who have offered their help this year with the library. To date 466 brand new books have been covered and entered into library circulation. There are plenty more coming. If you think you can help in some way Sarah would love to hear from you!

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> of November. This is the Thursday before Christchurch Show Day. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

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

We are looking for a driver for the Down's bus run. If you have a Class 2 licence (or would be prepared to get one) and would like to take on this valuable position in our school please let Sean know.

### **Bus Vests**

It is good to see so many of our children wearing their bus vests while waiting for the buses. Some children are still turning up at school without them, however. Even though the mornings are getting lighter, it is still important for all children to wear their bus vest. Many drivers do not always slow down when they are aware of children waiting for buses on the side of the road or even when the bus has stopped to pick up children. Wearing the bus vest will help to keep children and drivers safer. If your child has misplaced their bus vest, please get them to come to the office for a replacement.

### **Media Team Articles**

There are no articles from around the classes as the media team have been very busy this week with their parts in the production. We look forward to seeing more of their writing in the next newsletter.

### **Assembly**

With all the practice for the production there is not much to share from the classes. Assemblies will begin again next term once the production is out of the way.

### **Bus Route Changes**

We have new enrolments coming up in Term 4 which mean we now have too many children on the Lake Heron bus. This will require some changes to the bus runs. More details of the changes will be given before the end of the term. These changes are likely to occur early in Term 4.

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held at 7pm in the staffroom on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **School Bus Driver Required**

We are looking for someone who -

- \*has a Class 2 licence
- \*would be prepared to obtain a P class licence endorsement.
- \*enjoys working with children and families
- \*believes safety is the most important aspect of being a school bus driver.
- \*is mechanically minded
- \*has attention to detail.

This role is for approximately 20 hours per week.

For the right applicant we would be prepared to assist the person with the training required to become our bus driver.

If this sounds like you, please call the Principal, Sean Wansbrough, to find out more about the position





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Ben 027 445 2356

 **The Aoraki Mackenzie Starlight Festival Galileoscope Workshop**  
Celebrate New Zealand's International Dark Sky Reserve

 Photo: Valley of the Stars by Mark Gee

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


Come to the Starlight Festival and join *Science Alive!* instructors in the Galileoscope Workshop 1.30-4.00 pm Saturday 14 October. Then use your Galileoscope for stargazing from 9.30 pm at the new Mt Cook Observatory.

The Galileoscope is a kitset telescope valued at \$70 and yours to keep, but the workshop tickets are only \$20. The Galileoscope Workshop is designed for people of all ages, but especially for school students (years 4 to 13) who have a passion for astronomy.

*Buy tickets on-line!* VENUE: THE CHAMOIS BAR & GRILL, HILLARY ALPINE CENTRE (Mt Cook),  
[www.starlightfestival.org.nz](http://www.starlightfestival.org.nz)

Galileoscope kitset telescope      Galileoscope Workshop at the 2015 Festival


 PRESENTS  
**A COMEDY  
HYPNOTIST SHOW**  
FEATURING GERARD V

Saturday **23rd**  
of **September 2017**  
**7.30pm** at the **MSA**

*"Come and experience a fun, hilarious, family friendly show and if you are brave enough to volunteer you will have the time of your life!"*

Open bar available | Supper provided  
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Emma Todd 0210399258 or  
Phoenix Preschool (03) 3088461





#### GIRL GUIDE BISCUIT FUNDRAISER

Original, Choc or Mini Choc \$3.50 per packet.

Or any 3 packets for \$10.

Whole boxes from \$50 onwards.

Please support this main Fundraising event for the Girl Guides.

Contact Nicola 0210 295 6119 for orders

## Methven Cricket Club

Registration day for players wanting to play cricket for Methven Cricket Club will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.30 at Methven Domain. This is for all Saturday grades as well as "Have a go" cricket (Thursday afternoons). If you are not able to make it please email [nagra@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nagra@xtra.co.nz) or call Greta 027 2486928.





Mid Canterbury Children's Theatres Production of ...



Music & Lyrics by  
Richard M. Sherman,  
Robert B. Sherman,  
Al Rinker, Floyd Huddleston and  
Terry Gilkyson

Music Adapted & Arranged &  
Additional Music by  
Byran Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics  
by Michael Bernard

Based on the 1970 Disney film  
"The Aristocats"



Music & Lyrics by  
Stephen Schwartz  
Book by David I. Stern

"When you wish upon a star"  
&

"I've got no strings"

Music by Leigh Harline,

Lyrics by Ned Washington

from the Walt Disney Motion Picture  
Pinocchio

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).  
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Director **Cherie Livingstone** Musical Director **Jo Castelow**  
Choreographer **Michelle Smith - Copland**

**Ashburton Trust Events Centre, Wills Street, Ashburton**

Friday 6th October 7pm Saturday 7th October 7pm Sunday 8th October 2pm

Tickets Available from Ashburton Trust Event Centre, Wills St, Ashburton  
or [www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz)



## Child Minder Wanted

We are looking for a child minder for our boys aged 10 & 7, after school from 3pm. Some travel to after school activities may be required at times. We would prefer that the boys be cared for in our home but this is not essential. The position may be job shared and will suit a stay at home mum or retiree. Please text Paula for more information, 021 268 7145.

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES OCTOBER 2017

## SWIM LESSONS

Group and  
individuals  
available

**OCTOBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>  
9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

Individual lessons available  
both weeks on request



## BREASTSTROKE CLINIC



For children  
struggling  
with the  
breaststroke  
goal in  
any level

**OCTOBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>  
9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

## COASTGUARD BOATING

Boating Education and Water  
Safety Workshop  
for kids at Pesky  
Penguins level or up



- 1.30pm - 2.15pm
- Limited spaces
- \$60 for week of 5 sessions

**OCTOBER**

9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

## INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

**\$40**

30mins

**\$27**

20mins

**\$20**

15mins

Individual  
lessons are:

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



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stacey.hoets@adc.govt.nz



Ashburton  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# ALLENTON SCHOOL FAIR

**Saturday  
16th of  
September 2017**

**11am-2pm**

**Live Entertainment, Bungee,  
Art Auction, Wacky Hair Stall,  
Face Painting, Silent Auction,  
Yummy Food, Photo Booth  
& so much more!**

# hit play

**HitPlay Allenton**

110 Harrison Street - Allenton Primary School Hall

## School Holiday Programme

Standard Day 8:00am - 6:00pm \$45.00

School Day 8:00am - 3:00pm \$38.50

Afternoon 12:00pm - 6:00pm \$35.00

WINZ OSCAR Subsidy available

Trip's online from 22nd October

**Emoji Day**  
Mon  
02  
Oct

Express yourself with funky emoji's! Enjoy crafts, games, baking and relax with your friend to watch a movie. #happyface #besttimeever

**Slime Slime Slime**  
Tue  
03  
Oct

Slime day is back! Get busy customising your own slime and enjoy experimenting with textures, glitter, beads, colour mixing and more...

**Let's Create**  
Wed  
04  
Oct

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

**Bake Off**  
Thu  
05  
Oct

Are you HitPlay's Junior Baker? Be apart of a fun day in the kitchen, completing challenges and working as a team!

**Monster Bash**  
Fri  
06  
Oct

Wicked fun with all things slimy, gooey and gross! Get dressed up and come join the fun!

**Jungle Fun**  
Mon  
09  
Oct

Bring out your inner Jane or Tarzan with Jungle inspired activities, games and challenges... Come get in to monkey trouble with us!

**Let it Grow**  
Tue  
10  
Oct

It's spring so let's get green and create wonderful living garden creations...

**All things tiny**  
Wed  
11  
Oct

Love tiny things. Create your own world of wonder from houses, furniture, lights, food & more. This is a big day full of craft & creativity!

**Lego Day**  
Thu  
12  
Oct

All things Lego, get creative and free build, join in the challenges and become a HitPlay Lego Master, there is baking, craft and more...

**Let's Party**  
Fri  
13  
Oct

Time to have a party... Dress up as your favourite movie character and come enjoy the fun and games... Sing, dance, play and have FUN!

**Juniors 5 to 9 years**

Come join us at HitPlay - Allenton for the October School Holidays, our team can't wait to see you!

For more information: call 03 423 2270 Or 021 222 7770 or email [info@hitplay.co.nz](mailto:info@hitplay.co.nz)

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 Tue 03 Oct




Slime day is back! Get busy customising your own slime and creating slime squishie. The cutest plush toy that squirts slime & so much fun!

**Let's Create**  
 Wed 04 Oct



Cardboard pinball machines, drink dispenser, gumball machine and more... Pick your project or create your own! This is a full day work shop.

**Bake Off**  
 Thu 05 Oct



Are you HitPlay's Junior Baker? Be apart of a fun day in the kitchen, completing challenges and working as a team! PRIZE PACK to be won

**Ghosts & Ghouls**  
 Fri 06 Oct



Wicked fun with all things spooky, slimy, gooey and gross! Make your own monster plushie or monster squishy with slime.

**Monkey Business**  
 Mon 09 Oct




SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL, SPEAK NO EVIL  
 Monkeys have run a muck at Hit Play HQ & we need of some help. Enjoy making frozen fruit pops & your own sock monkey along the way!

**Let it Grow**  
 Tue 10 Oct



It's spring so let's get green & create wonderful living garden creations. Seed bombs, pot heads & more... Old clothes are a MUST today!

**All things tiny**  
 Wed 11 Oct



Love tiny things. Create a world on a tiny scale. Bring to life your creations. There is even some mini kitchens being built!

**Lego Day**  
 Thu 12 Oct



All things Lego, get creative and free build, join in the challenges and become a Hit Play Lego Master, there is baking, craft and more...

**Let's Party**  
 Fri 13 Oct



It's the end of the holidays and what better time to have a party... come enjoy the fun and games... Sing, dance, play and have FUN!

### Senior 10 to 13 years

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**Slip**



**Slop**



**Slap**



**Wrap**



**Shade**



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NEW HEIGHTS AT YOUR  
SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY?  
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**5.30-7PM**

**EVERY  
WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT**

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**ASHBURTON JUNIOR ATHLETICS CLUB**

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- Come along and make some new friends and improve your running, jumping and throwing skills
- Prepare for your school athletics day and Counties Athletics
- Opportunity to compete at inter-club competitions and annual Colgate Games
- Athletics runs every Wednesday (weather dependent)

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TECHNIQUES**

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**AGE 7 - 14**

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