



South End
School

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 02 May 2018

Term 2 - Week 1

Clare's Corner

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you have had an enjoyable break and that the children are rested and ready for another exciting term of learning. A pre warning: after 20 weeks of the school year (week 25th June) we will be sharing with you how your child is tracking on their learning journey.

A warm welcome to our new students and their families. Alexia, Stevee, Amy and Luke (Totara Hub), Kit , Nico and Wolfgang (Kahikatea Hub), Ava and Bles (Rimu Hub). We hope you enjoy your time at our school, please know that I am available anytime if you have any concerns or you want to know something about the school. Call into my office, phone the school on 379-4000, or ring me on my cellphone on 027 482 1893.

The boiler upgrade is nearly completed and the plan is that they are turning the 'gas on' today (Wednesday). We have had temporary heating in the classrooms for the last couple of days.

If you have called into school over the last couple of days you may have noticed that I have been absent - this is because, at the end of last week my grandson, Will Robert Fuller, was born (one month early!) in New Plymouth hospital - so I have been supporting them for the first few days of this week.

What's been happening?

South End School Commonwealth games: Thursday 12th was a fun filled day for all - each Whanau group represented a Commonwealth country and participated in 10 sports events and then a final triathlon. All events were easy for all students to participate and gain success. It was great to see all the children working together and helping their country to participate.

Our opening ceremony oath was read by Luca and stated - "ON behalf of all students at South End School I promise to:

- Participate in all activities
- Play well and play fair
- Have fun



ANZAC Day:



Many thanks to our students who turned out for the ANZAC service and laying of the wreaths. We had lots of students with other groups as well as for the school. A special thank you to Claire, Willa, Leilani and Ethan who laid the wreath for us.

Food for thought:

Empowered – A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

Bike safety - Next week - from 7th May the Year 5- Year 8 students will take part in a bike safety course. All students will do the level one course (this involves knowing how to check your bike and basic safety skills around the **school grounds**) and then those over 10 years old, and who are more confident, will do Level 2 where they head out on the road.

All of the Year 5- Year 8 students will have brought home a notice and permission slip - please return these before Friday this week. We encourage the students to have their **own bikes** while doing this course - so if it is possible can they please have them at school by this Thursday 3rd May - we will organise to have them locked up each night. If your child rides to school each day or lives very close by, then they can just bring them ready to start for Monday 7th (or whichever day they are scheduled for the course). We have access to some bikes but not enough for everyone.

FOUREYES: As you will have seen on our Facebook page - at the end of last term (too late for the last newsletter) we have been offered **free 'eye testing'** for every student at our school. We have had excellent recommendations from Masterton schools stating how valuable this is. The flyer is attached to this newsletter explaining the process. They are at school this Friday 4th May - if you **do not want** your child to be tested please contact Sandy on 379 4000 or at -secretary@southend.school.nz by 3pm on Thursday 3rd May.

SOUTH END FUNDRAISING GROUP

This is a group of parents and members of the community who support South End School through fundraising activities for specific needs. The mission is to enrich the educational and social environment of the school through events that encourage outside involvement and to promote South End in the wider community.

If you have a fundraising idea, we would love to hear it.

Email fundraising@southend.school.nz or come along to a meeting - these are advertised in the school newsletter. **NEXT meeting MONDAY 7th May 9.00am at school.**

At South End School we endeavour to give our students every opportunity to participate and be exposed to / experience 'tasters' so they can make personal decisions as they get older in life. The money that we receive from the Ministry does not allow us to do this and so we do need to rely on school fundraising. Visiting artists, specialised teachers, Education Outside the classroom experiences, playground activities, additional equipment and materials are a few of the things we use fundraising money for.

Playground development:

Welcome to the South End School Bike Track

As parents of South End School pupils we have gained permission from the Board of Trustees to explore the possibility of developing our playground by building a 'Pump Track' style bike track at South End School. We are currently thinking of using the spaces either side of the swimming pool and using the large grassy mound in the field.

If you would like join or follow the projects progress and have any thoughts to share, or would like to show your support for this idea, please post or email us your thoughts, we would love to hear from you!

Thanks

Tom Conwell & David Williams

<http://www.facebook.com/sthendschoolbiketrack/> sthendschoolbiketrack@gmail.com

The Wairarapa Montessori Charitable Trust (WMCT) AGM

The Wairarapa Montessori Charitable Trust (WMCT) will be holding its AGM on Thursday the 10 May 2018, 6pm in the Kowhai Cluster Rooms. Following the AGM there will be a Parent Information Session on a particular aspect of Montessori Education (more information to come).

The WMCT is a registered charitable trust run by volunteers. The Trust is responsible for advancing the Montessori method of education within the region through the education of the community and providing Montessori schooling within the Wairarapa. The Trust maintains the Trust fund which is used to provide Montessori Teacher development and learning resources for staff and students.

If you require any further information, please contact the current Trust Secretary, Michelle Simms on 0211998700 or simmsmichelle@hotmail.com

INFORMATION

A timely reminder for the start of the term and also for our new parents. Our school starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm. Lunch is from 12.40 - 1.25pm. Sandy is in the office from 8.30am to 1.30pm each day.

If your child is going to be absent, for whatever reason, please phone the school and leave a message on the answer phone before 9.00am or, you can email secretary@southend.school.nz or you can sign up for the school app (details on our facebook page).

If you have had a change of address or phone number, please let the school office know as we need to have our records correct and up to date in case of any emergency.

WINTER sports - are starting and we do not want to have any child miss out - We have endeavoured to share with you all the contacts for winter sport BUT if you are unsure and need help let me know principal@southend.school.nz

SPORT INFORMATION can be obtained from the school office .

Keeping our players injury-free this winter sports season

The winter sport season is now underway with lots of our students signed up for a team sport. Kids plus sport can often mean injuries, however there a number of ways to keep players having fun and staying injury-free this season.

- Plan to get kids to games in time to warm up with the team.
- Check they've got a drink bottle and a warm jacket for after the game.
- Make sure they have any protective equipment they need such as mouthguards and shin pads.
- Remind them to watch out for others – on the field, turf or court.
- Get them to cool down and stretch after games to take care of their growing muscles.

If an injury does happen, call your medical centre to see if they can help. If it's at the weekend, the Wairarapa After Hours service based at Masterton Medical is open 9am-5pm. Contact them on 06 370 0011 or call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for free medical advice 24 hours a day.

MATS ATHLETICS TRAINING

This programme is designed for kids of all abilities from year 2 until year 6 who are looking for a little help to run jump or throw faster longer and further and considered the basis for many sports. The aim is to *improve running, jumping, throwing techniques, move faster, Increase distance, get fit, lose weight or add some variety* to your current fitness programme, while having fun. The programme for term two is:

Term 2	30 April – 6 July
Monday and Wednesday	3.45pm – 4.30pm
Venue:	Colin Pugh Sportsbowl, Masterton
General Run Jump Throw and Cross Country Training	

Please contact Mark Harris to book your spot on 021 300 380, mark@maharris.co.nz or refer to www.maharris.co.nz

2018 APACHE JACKS WAIRARAPA KIDS CROSS COUNTRY

The Wairarapa Kids Cross Country is fast approaching with the first event scheduled for 6th May in Featherston. The other dates are: 20th May Greytown and 27th May Clareville

The aim is to complete these events before the Wairarapa Primary Schools Champs on 13th June 2018 to give everyone a chance to practice one, two or three Cross Country races beforehand.

More details, including how to enter, can be found by following web link

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/wtf/Apache-Jacks-Wairarapa-Kids-XC-1/Entry-About-Results>

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Friday 4th May - Foureyes testing - whole school

Monday 7th May - South End School fundraising group meeting - 9am @ school

Thursday 10th May - PuKemanu take a kid fishing (pp from last term)

Monday 7th - Thursday 10th - Level 1 :Bike safety courses for Year 5- Year 8

Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th - Level 2 : Bike safety course

Wednesday 16th May : BoT meeting 7pm

Friday 25th May - Junior school Firewise programmes

30th May - Cluster cross country - whole school @ Gladstone School

Week 11th-June - 15th June - Kahikatea student conferences

Wednesday 13th June - South Wairarapa Interschool Cross Country event.

Wednesday 13th June - BoT meeting 7pm

Wednesday 27th June - Kuranui Open day - all Year 8's attend

Week 25th - 29th June - Totara, Kowhai & Rimu student conferences

Tuesday 3rd July- Wellington Regional Cross Country event

Friday 6th July - END OF TERM 2

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Information for parents

Good eyesight is very important in life – and at school. If your child has problems seeing **close up**, they might...

- Get tired easily when reading
- Complain that the letters mix themselves up on the page
- Get distracted

And if they have **problems seeing in the distance**, they might...

- Sit extra close to the TV or whiteboard
- Squint to try and see
- Find it difficult to read things from far away e.g. street signs

Most school work relies on your child using their eyes – looking at the whiteboard, looking at a book, looking at a screen. If it's hard for your child to do so, it can really affect their experience at school – and their learning.

What we can do

Last year Optometrist Ravi Dass screened the eyesight of all the kids in 5 schools in the Masterton area. On average we found that about 10% of the Masterton kids ended up needing glasses.

We're coming to your school next.

The screening will take place in the school and will be free. Even though your child probably had their eyesight screened as part of their B4 school check (or already wear glasses), this is important to pick up on any changes since then, and will cover a wider range of eyesight checks.

Next steps

If the screening shows there's a problem with your child's eyesight, the next step is to do a full **eye test**. **You will be provided with a consent form for this.**

Optometrist Ravi will be doing eye tests at Selina Sutherland Hospital in Masterton. You can arrange an appointment through school or us directly. We have received funding through Lions, grants and the business arm Mr Foureyes so we won't be charging for this testing.

The eye test will cover eye functions that are important for learning and development.

If your child needs glasses, there may be additional charges. If you have a community services card they will likely be free. Mr Foureyes also has a limited number of free glasses it can provide where there is a strong need.

If you have any questions, get in touch with:

Ravi Dass, Mr Foureyes Ph 021 938 269 ravi@mrfoureyes.co.nz

* If you're not eligible for the subsidy but the fee will cause you hardship, please talk to the school about this.

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU **DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TESTED.**

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