



South End  
School

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 30 May 2018

Term 2 - Week 5

### Clare's Corner

Cross Country - an exciting time for some, a more challenging activity for others!! The season is here and I share with you my thoughts. Cross Country / Lasting the distance - the build up and event is about encouraging and teaching the students about : keeping themselves active, pacing themselves during an activity so they can make it to the end / participation, giving everything a go and doing the best that you can. Whether you walk, jog, or sprint it is about doing the BEST YOU CAN.

So just a reminder about our **Cross Country Cluster event on this Friday - 1st June - to be held at Gladstone School**. This is an event for us all. Please ensure the children have suitable footwear and before and after their event clothes. We have buses taking the students to and from the event and welcome all friends and family to support us. You are welcome to take your children home after their event if you wish but please, remember to let the teacher know if this is happening.

### New Public Health Nurse



It is with pleasure that I introduce to you all, **Danica Goldsmith** who has been assigned to us as our Public Health Nurse.

Today your child / children will come home with our "Fun Walk ' sponsorship form - all families and friends are invited to join us for this event and of course sponsor the children.

Last week each family was given a notice about helping us with our fundraising venture. We would really appreciate each families help, if you can bake 2 dozen cookies/cupcakes or pieces of slice, donate some baking goods or, give us some time to help to man the food stations on the day. If you have misplaced your notice please get another one from the office. Thank you.

**Student/ Parent / Teacher conferences** : Kahikatea (Rm 5/6 ) are holding their conferences earlier than the rest of the school. **Monday 11th / Tuesday 12th June**. This is how it works: Your child will come home with a time and date for your conference - if this suits that's great - if not PLEASE ring Sandy at the office(379 4000) and change it. These 3 way conferences are compulsory for **you and your child to attend**. At this conference you will receive your child's mid year report.

**School reporting**: due to National Standards no longer being used we have changed the reporting format. The reason for reporting to parents is so that you and your child have a clear understanding of how they are going with **their** learning journey and where we need to head together. Please ensure that your child attends with you.

We want you to have a very clear picture where your child is and how they are progressing with their learning in all areas of school life. We will be asking for feedback with this new format after all mid year conferences and reporting has finished.

## ***What's been happening?***

### **Wear Pink Day**

Most of us wore pink to school in support of Anti Bullying week on Friday 8 May. This gave teachers an opportunity to reinforce that bullying is not acceptable at anytime or anywhere.



**Bike safety** - Most year 7 & 8's have completed their stage two bike safety course.( approx 7 children to go) - it was pleasing to hear that the children are now more confident on the road with their bikes. As our roads get busier we do not want to stop the children biking but we do want to ensure they are safe. The bike safety programme ( Year 5- Year 8 students) is going to be an annual event from now on so that all our students have the opportunity to build on their confidence and abilities.

**A timely reminder:** Wairarapa Road Safety have two new posters out to remind us of how we should park around schools when you come to pick up your children. Check them out.

**Stopping & Parking near a school**

choose safe parking every time

**WAIRARAPA ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL**  
Photo: WCC

**When children arrive or leave school each day, your driving behaviour can protect them or endanger them.**

Parking rules around your school are there to protect children and increase visibility both for pedestrians and drivers.

**Please Do:**

- Park legally & away from the school gates.
- Use the crossings & walk the short distance to school.
- Use the car doors on the footpath side.
- Use bright or hi viz jackets and backpacks.
- Talk with your children about 'sneaky' driveways, how fast cars go and safe places to cross.

**Please Don't:**

- Call out to your kids to cross the road!
- Double park or park on yellow lines.
- Block footpaths or driveways.
- Speed near our schools!

Local Police CAN and WILL issue tickets to drivers who do not drive and park legally and safely

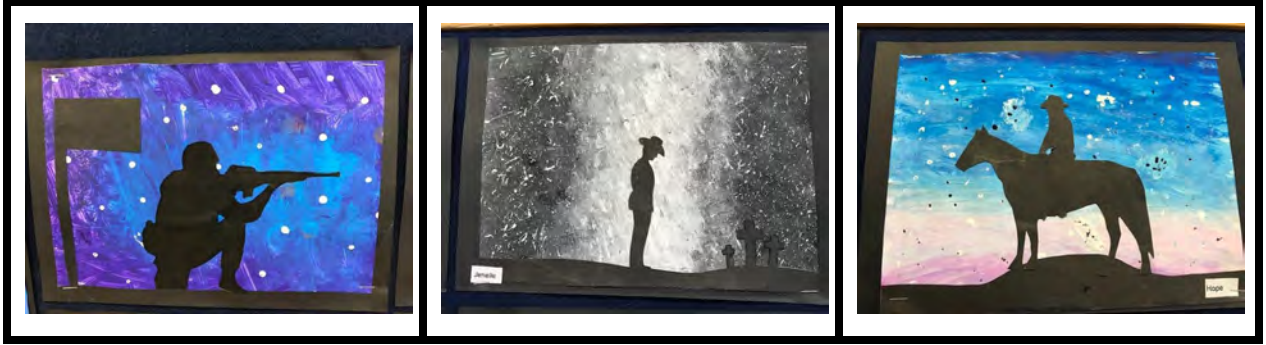
**For more tips go to [WWW.WAIRSC.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.WAIRSC.ORG.NZ)**

**Kahui Ako** -(Community of learning) - Last week two students from SES were part of a student led inquiry team. This team was made up of students from each of our 14 schools in the Carterton and South Wairarapa region. They are discussing / collating student voice on what schools are doing for our students and their learning - / what's good / not so good and how can we make it better?

The Kahui Ako - has a leader now and we are waiting for approval of our community achievement challenge. Once this has been approved - you as a community will hear more and have the opportunity to be more involved.

**Winter Sport:** I am enjoying getting along to watch the children play their sports games and have caught some , hockey , football and rugby so far. It gives me great pleasure seeing students being involved in team sports and giving things a go - keep it up!

## Art Work from Room 1



After studying ANZAC day the children did some artwork which they wanted to share with you.

## Firewise

Last week, the junior classes (Kahikatea, Rimu and Totara 1) learned how to be "Firewise". Children learned how to be safe around fire, what to do if there was a fire, the need for smoke alarms, and having an escape plan. Ross and Marina from the Fire Service came to talk to each class on Friday.

## Room 7 practicing what they have been taught.



**HEADLICE** : As you know these lovely critters have favourite heads that they love to settle in. Since I have been here at SES we have three times, had at least, where Nits have got out of hand - SO to try and get on top of this I have put the following actions into place.

- \* if a child is identified as having head lice, parents / caregivers will be contacted immediately asking them to come and get their child so they can be treated.
- \* Parents will be given the opportunity to have support from the public Health nurse if they require it.
- \*The health nurse will check all students hair at the request of the school on a regular basis
- \*If there is headlice found in a particular class a letter will go home to all families from that class. Included in this letter is the reminder of free treatment from their local GP and the option of support from our Public Health Nurse

**NB:** point 3 - we are going to have regular whole school checks ( by the Health Nurse) . If you do not want your child checked please contact the school office to advise this. We are hoping that this will help keep this matter under control.

**BOT update:**

**Staffing:** Due to a roll increase, our staffing allocation has increased, we are pleased to advise that Maria Bennett is able to remain on our teaching staff and will be based in the Totara Hub team teaching with Jan Hunter.

**Property:** the new boiler system is now up and running and we are awaiting the final stages of the project to completed.

**South End Playground Development**

Work on the bike track is coming along and we will have more information on the progress in the next newsletter.

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

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**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](mailto:fundraising@southend.school.nz) or come along to a meeting - these are advertised in the school newsletter and on our facebook page.

**Pre warning:** On **Thursday 28th June** - there is a paid union meeting for teachers - we would appreciate, those who can, coming to pick their child/children up **@ 2.00pm** . Clare will supervise those children that are left at school.

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**Friday 1st June** - 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

**Wednesday 4th July** - Matariki Day & end of term celebration

**Friday 6th July** - END OF TERM 2

**Monday 23rd July** - First Day of Term 3

Lunches can be ordered online and delivered to the school, see below:

TUCKA CO. NZ  
REAL KIDS real food

Tuesday

A glimpse of  
**Term 2  
Week 5**  
tuckabox.co.nz

Wednesday

Thursday

Check out our  
NEW extra kid  
friendly menu!

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Riversdale Beach

Masterton  
Municipality

Riversdale Dune  
Management Committee

# PLANTING DAY

**SUNDAY 3rd JUNE 2018, 10am**  
Back up day Monday the 4th of June

**Dune restoration** - Come along and lend a hand at our annual planting day, south of the Riversdale Surf Club. Please bring along your spade if you have one. Our meeting place is outside the Surf club, where we'll also finish the day with a cuppa and a sausage sizzle.

Please contact Chris Peterson on E: [chrisp@wise.net.nz](mailto:chrisp@wise.net.nz)  
M: 021 243 3414 Ph: 06 370 3989 if you require more information.

Cancellation will be advertised on More FM 89.5 and on the "My Masterton" Facebook page.

Come along and help restore our dunes at Riversdale Beach.

Sunday 3rd June - 10.00am