



Newsletter Week 8 - Term 1 - 2024

Kia ora e te whānau

My apologies as I seem to have got out of sync with the newsletter. There have been several events taking place and here we are at the end of week 8. Please remember this is an 11 week term, although with Otago Anniversary Day and Easter in the mix, it seems shorter than usual, rather than longer. Term 2 finishes on Friday 12th April.

Both classes enjoyed a water safety session where they got to experience what it actually felt like to be immersed in the pool with regular clothing on. ClayCliffs experienced this at the Twizel pool and Ahuriri participated at our own pool, where the depth was more suitable.

With swimming behind us, classes are focused on their Science Investigations. The basic process involves making an observation, forming a hypothesis / making a prediction, conducting an experiment and finally analyzing the results. We intend on sharing our display boards at the end of term, where you will be invited to come and view all their hard work.

I have been away the last couple of days attending a conference about EDGE, our school management system. Bailey will be away next Monday and Tuesday as she is receiving her professional development for the Code, as part of the implementation of our structured literacy programme.

You will be well informed by now about the government's new policies around phones in schools and the 60 minute per day curriculum requirements. These are all reflected in our school docs, online.

Our revamped school website is now up and running, so please view. I hope you have all downloaded the Skool Loop app now and enjoy the ease of using this and appreciate the quick notices that we are able to send as reminders before events.

Please note next Monday 25th March is Otago Anniversary day and school is closed.

Nga Mihi Nui
Alison Holden
Principal

LIGHT Value Rewards

These are coming, but having started from scratch it is taking time to build up to 10 once again. I am sure we will have some to celebrate shortly. All students have had the opportunity to reflect on our school values, and the decision has been made to keep them as they are, but with clearer definition as to what they actually mean.

Whanau groups

Our reinvigorated whanau groups are back up and running, with new names and Logo. The first event was to support the swimming display, then the Whanau leaders led the junior water safety sessions. This week's whanau activity is a sports afternoon, led by the 2 whanau leaders in each group.



Results from swimming sports at Waitaki Valley on March 1st

Event	Name	Qualification time	Placing
10yr freestyle	Jimmy Moore	43.91	1st
10 yr freestyle	Paige Hunter	47.56	3rd
11 yr freestyle	James Mason	36.63	1st
8 yr backstroke	Emilia Newfield	27.72	1st
10 yr backstroke	James Mason	44.41	1st
8 yr breaststroke	Mazie Paton	43.87	2nd
9 yr breastroke	Maddie McCabe	41.38	2nd
10 yr breastroke	Paige Hunter	66.00	2nd
11 yr breastroke	James Mason	46.72	1st
Individual Medley	James Mason	73.84	1st

Science Van Show

Last Wednesday we had the Science Van visit us to deliver a Science show to inspire us as we embarked on our own investigations. This was a fun show and enjoyed by all. The Heritage very kindly hosted us and our students came away with additional knowledge and experiences from this show, which is currently touring the South Island.



Netball

Last Wednesday afternoon Hannah Soper, North Otago Netball Development Officer, visited Omarama school. She spent the afternoon taking each class for netball drills and exercises. The students enjoyed this and had a good work out. However, it did highlight to us the need for some ball handling skills sessions in P.E time.



Bike Safety day

Thank you to all our parent helpers and supporters that came along to support this event last Friday. It was a fabulous day and we were very fortunate with the weather. As this event was a big success in 2023 , we decided to repeat the day and experiences. We really appreciated Stan, Jay and Kale coming along to educate our students and support this event.





Pip Sutton - Youth town

Staff had a visit from Pip Sutton at our last staff meeting, as she has now moved from Sport Otago to Youth town. She spent time with us explaining her new position and how she can continue to support Omarama school. As a staff we worked on being collaborative and hope that vision will filter down to our students.

Term 1 Dates - 2024 (29/1/23 - 12/4/23)

Mon 25th March	Otago Anniversary day (omitted in last newsletter)
Wed 27th March	Cyber Safety with Jay (Police Officer)
Fri 29th March - Tues 2nd April	Easter (no school on the Tues, 3 days off)
Thurs 4th & Frid 5th April	EPR08 Challenge - internal event
Fri 12th April	Last day of term

Skool Loop

Please remember to download the Skool Loop app, as this is now our primary source of communication.

Omarama School website

Our website is now live, so please take a look!

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