



Newsletter Week 5 Term 2 - 2024

Kia ora e te whānau

I have put together another newsletter for this week because we have many learning moments to share and I was unable to include them all in the previous newsletter.

With great disappointment I realised that after gathering all students who had received a milestone light value certificate, I omitted to present these in the newsletter. Students were rather unhappy about this and I don't blame them! They have worked incredibly hard to uphold the school values and in return have earned their respective certificate and reward. Our new values reward system seems to have hit the spot with our students and this is reflected in the quantity of students consistently coming to see me to celebrate achievement.

Last week I shared some amazing photos and artwork relating to our amazing trip to Aoraki National Park. I would like to acknowledge and thank those parents that provided transport and supervision. Without parents input this trip would simply not be possible for us and it would be a missed learning opportunity. So thank you very much for giving up your day to accompany us to Aoraki. I trust you all enjoyed the day as much as students and staff did.

I would also like to thank (FOS) friends of the school for organizing the cheese roll fundraiser and to all the parents and staff who assisted in making these. They taste delicious and are a great snack for these winter days. We really appreciate this fundraising event and the proceeds certainly make a difference to the learning events we can opt in to.

Please remember that we will be holding goal setting conference reports at the end of this term. You will book a slot to come and chat with the teacher and learn about the learning and social goals for your child. These goals will be formed after a discussion between teacher and student.

We have several dates coming up that you need to be aware of, so please view below.

Nga Mihi Nui
Alison Holden
Principal

Dates to Remember:

Mon 3rd June	King's Birthday holiday (school closed)
Tues 4th June	TOD - Teacher only day (school closed) Teachers at school in the morning & Waitaki Valley school in the afternoon
Fri 7th June	Technology challenge day at school 11am
Mon 10th June	Technology day (Snrs to Waitaki Valley, Jnr to Duntroon) This is yet to be confirmed for the juniors
Fri 14th June	Speech competition at school 11am
Thur 20th June	Speech Competition - some students will head to Waitaki Valley for this competition
Thur 27th June	Matariki celebration with Play group (yet to be decided)
Fri 28th June	Matariki - Public Holiday (school closed)
Tues 2nd July	Goal setting conferences from 1:30 pm
Wed 3rd July	Ice Skating at Tekapo - if transportation permits
Fri 5th July	End of term assembly

Enabler Day with Sport Otago

Eight students from Ahuriri classroom attended this sports event in Oamaru on Wednesday. All the students enjoyed their experiences and this was evident from the smile on their faces.

Aim of the day: For kids to have fun, try something new and start those relationships with sports, instructors and others.



Predators lesson - Rusty visits Omarama School



Last week on Wednesday a guy called Rusty came into school and taught us all about trapping and pest control. He is a predator controller who works for the Routeburn Dart Preservation Trust.

He showed us the different types of traps and let us set them off with a stick. There was a trap in which the rat, stoat or weasel would stick their head up the chute and be killed, and could strike 24 times before it needed to be checked.

Then the Clay Cliffs class went out and set up ten chew cards and 3 ink pads to see what pests have been lurking around the Playground.

We were very thankful for Rusty to come into our school for the day. (James Mason)

Ahuriri predator display + some amazing writing



Birthdays

Angus Gloag (11) Remy Watson (10) Nicole McMurtrie (11) James Hunter (9) Thorin Leopold (5)

Y8 Camp

Amelia Wilson attended a Year 8 leadership camp at camp Iona last week with 82 other students from the North Otago region. She participated in many leadership activities, search and rescue activities with the police and many other team building collaborative learning opportunities. She tells me she enjoyed the camp and I certainly enjoyed attending the activities with her for part of the time. This weather certainly was rather bleak when we arrived but the sun appeared over the course of the day.

Netball Fundraiser

The netball girls have some chocolates for sale with all proceeds going towards fundraising for netball. Chocolates can be bought individually for \$2. Please bring your coins along and purchase some yummy chocolate for the long cold weekend.

Welcome Thorin

We would like to welcome Thorin Leopold to Ahuriri. It's great to see Thorin settling in well, and making new friends.



Technology arrangements

Notices have been sent home about the upcoming technology challenge at Omarama school and the technology activities to attend at either Waitaki Valley (Y4 - Y8) or Duntroon (Y1 - Y3). We hope to see all students making an effort towards this challenge and understand that parent support may be required, especially for the juniors. This is just a bit of technology fun and experience to build technology interests.

We look forward to viewing and judging the 'Home Challenge' activities next Fri 7th June at 11am. I hear this has been a great success in past years and look forward to this year's event.

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Speech arrangements

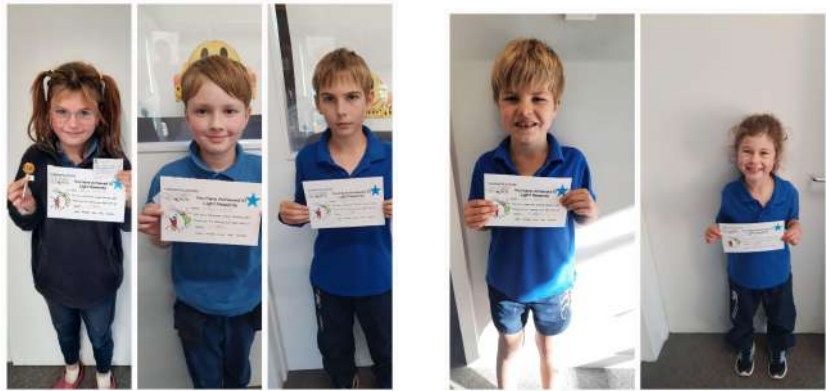
Both classes have now been informed about the requirements for the upcoming speech competitions.

Each class has incorporated speech preparation and practice into their homework routine.

Y1 & Y2	Recite a poem
Y3 & Y4	Read a passage from a book for 1 minute or 150 words
Y5 & Y6	Write a speech - In my experience
Y7 & Y 8	Write a speech - In my opinion

We look forward to inviting you along to school on Friday 14th June to listen to these speeches. Some students will then go to Waitaki Valley to recite their speech / poem on Thur 20th June.

LIGHT VALUE Rewards



Learning and thriving in the place of light. Ki te Whei Ao, Ki te Ao Marama e!

A Waitaki Valley School fundraiser you don't want to miss!

<https://www.fannylumsden.net/country-halls-tour>

We are so excited to be hosting the country hall tour of Fanny Lumsden and her band the Prawn Stars.

We are so very lucky to have this Aria Award winning group in Kurow!
With Raechel Whitchurch as her open act!

Please secure your tickets now!

Only \$40

Book in the babysitter - Adults only event.

On the evening there will be food trucks and a bar (both eftpos and cash facilities)

Plus incredible raffle and an auction

Check out the Waitaki Valley School Facebook Page to see what is on offer!



