



Tena Koutou, Greetings to you all.

It is interesting working in the education of Primary School pupils at the moment. Our teachers are really enjoying having your children learn and participate in learning activities at school. Here at Pembroke School we constantly weigh up opportunities presented to widen student experiences (squash and tennis) with goals we want to meet in regard to achievement in reading and writing, mathematics and science, music and physical education. On top of this we have governments that come and go. They all want to put their stamp on education for the betterment of all children. While these goals are often aligned with what we want for your children the expectations of the current Government is out of touch with the realities in schools. Schools are all asking the Government for more resources to meet the needs of our students. This is in the form of extra learning support for those who need it. This includes behavioural specialists, speech language therapists, psychologists and more resourcing for teacher aide support.

Currently this Government is full of rhetoric around improving mathematics and literacy. They are bringing changes that need time to implement, especially if it is to be done properly. However they are out of touch with reality. They have changed these two curriculum documents from the draft we were working on together with the Ministry of Education in 2023. (Interesting that the Curriculum teams in the Ministry of Education were among the first to be sacked in cost cutting) We have now been presented with two major curriculum documents (Called draft) to go through and respond to in a six week period while we are still expected to plan and teach our students.

We want to do this properly not rush and pay lip service to areas we all agree will support our children to get a good education. If you get a chance please let the govt know that the whole process needs to be slowed down. Earlier this year the mathematics curriculum was due to be worked on in 2026. Now it has been pushed in front of the English curriculum which we had been working on over the last couple of years. If you get a chance to comment to the Govt that the pace at which they are pushing teachers to respond and learn about the revised curriculum is ill advised and needs a rethink please do.

Minister of Education E.Stanford@ministers.govt.nz

Local Member of Parliament Miles Anderson Miles.Anderson@parliament.govt.nz

Sorry for the long message but I feel it is important to get these things right and community have a say.

## Upcoming events

- Thursday 5th September year five ski trip
- Monday 23rd September Board Meeting 6.30 School staffroom
- Wednesday 25th September Room 6, 8, 9 Trip, also POP treat
- Thursday 26th September Last day term 3. Term break starts Friday 27th September as teachers are at professional development.
- Term 4 starts October 14th

Nga mihi Brent Godfery, Tumuaki/Principal.



Room 11 showing the awesome new Duffy books they get to take home. Thanks Duffy Books.

## Giggle Corner:

Q. What's the difference between a fly and a bird?

A. A bird can fly but a fly can't bird



## LIVE BASKETBALL IS BACK!

TRIPLE THREAT



**Vs**

# Checkers Canterbury

**Saturday  
14th September**

Waitaki Rec Centre  
7.15pm tip off | seated by 7pm  
Gold Coin Entry

ALL YOUR CHILD NEEDS IS A DRINK AND MORNING TEA

Thankyou Pozzobon's



Happy Birthday to Tayla Paton,  
Vaimata Tamatoa, Aaliyah Hunt,  
Tukutau Tupou'ata Kava, Kodie  
McRae, Lilly Blunden, Linilei  
Malungahu, Thaveesha Mudalige  
We hope you have a fun  
filled day!



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

- Room 1 - Richard Kavatoe
- Room 2 - Evan Soane
- Room 3 -
- Room 4 - Ellie Gillespie
- Room 5 - Rylee Bishop-Duggan
- Room 6 - Charlie Linwood
- Room 8 - Kyver Harvey
- Room 9 - William Henderson
- Room 10 - April Tamatoa
- Room 11 - William Schmidt
- Room 12 - Elisha Talalelei
- Room 13 - Zale McNabb Campbell



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## OAMARU REPERTORY THEATRE

### THEATRE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

7-11 OCTOBER MON-THURS 9:00-3:00  
FRIDAY 9:00-5:30

\$195 PER PERSON AGES 8+ FOR MORE  
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## RAFFLE TICKETS

Please get these back to the office as  
soon as possible including any unsold  
tickets.

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MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER
<b>SPORTACULAR</b> Join us to show off your skills and talents in the sporting arena. We have so much to offer so come today!	<b>YOUTHTOWN TEAM WORKSHOP</b> We're jumping into the world of work today with stories, robots and VR headsets.	<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b> Dig up the treasure, it's time to find your inner pirate as we search for hidden treasure and see the high seas!	<b>POOLS &amp; GARDENS</b> Show off as a pro in the pools & gardens for the day.	<b>CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA</b> All your favorite games and activities can be found at our Circus Extravaganza.
<b>MONDAY 7 OCTOBER</b> \$156 \$46	<b>TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER</b> \$176 \$46	<b>WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER</b> \$156 \$46	<b>THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER</b> \$171 \$46	<b>FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER</b> \$156 \$46
<b>WHEELS DAY</b> Bring along your scooters, skateboards, segways, etc. We'll have a special display for you to see the people's choice of the best of the best.	<b>PENGUINS, PLAYBOYS &amp; POOL!</b> We've got a busy day of fun with the penguins, the playboys and the pool. It's a factor for you!	<b>FEAR FACTORY DAY</b> Are you brave enough to take on the Fear Factory? It's a factor for you!	<b>YOUTHTOWN MASTERSHIP</b> Put your games on, we've got a special display for you to see the people's choice of the best of the best.	<b>FABULOUS FRIDAY</b> Today will be FABULOUS. Bring along your games and activities to see the people's choice of the best of the best.

● FULL DAY: 9AM - 5:30PM ● SHORT DAY: 9AM - 3:30PM ● TRIP DAY ● DELUXE DAY

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## Social Worker in Schools

Did you know we have a Social worker here at Pembroke School? Natasha is at our school most days. If you would like to see Natasha or organize for you child to see her she can be contacted on 0274046211

## School Gates

Just a reminder that the school gates are opened at 8:30am they are then locked at 9:05am for the school day and **reopened at 3:00pm**. This is both for the safety of our students and to ensure maximum learning time.

# GIVE SQUASH A GO

Every Tuesday in Term 3  
For school aged children

5:30pm - 6:45

\$3 a session

Oamaru Squash and  
Badminton Club

Any questions please contact:  
Sophie Notman  
0224724011

## Nurse Led Clinic

If you are having trouble getting into the Doctor there is a free Nurse Led Clinic held at 78 Ribble Street every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month from 11am-3pm. For more info please contact them on 0800080007 or email [referrals@tehaomaru.nz](mailto:referrals@tehaomaru.nz) Clinics are Free and no appointments are needed



# ROAD METALS

Thank you for  
Supporting our  
Children.

