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Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



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SCHOOL UPDATE











Thanks for your quick response and support when we moved to Alert L2. Great to see children being dropped off at the gate or if needed parents using the tracer app displayed on the doors or signing into the paper copies in the rooms. As a teaching staff we discussed what our response would be in a short-term Alert L3 scenario. We have identified teachers who would be the first to be available to continue teaching children of essential workers onsite, other teachers were nominated to make hard packs of activities that parents could pick up from the school in different locations so it remained contactless.

In the next few weeks we will be checking on parent details and how many children we need to cater for if we moved to this higher alert level. We will also get an indication from families if they would like a short-term paper pack of activities or if they are happy simply to have their children at home and will create their own experiences. We will be sending home a paper copy of current contact details which we would like you to check and send back.

You may have noticed some running starting at 8.45am with the Y7 / 8s doing one, two or three laps of the stairs track as we head into the cross country season. With the warm weather we are having a before school run whicj seems to be an ideal time to start. We have the Y5 – 8 cross country in week 11 of this term, never too early to start training. Maybe a whole family walk or jog on a balmy evening (you could even join us in the mornings for a run). The Y5 / 6 children run 2km and the Y7/8's 3km. As well as running the stairs lap, the teachers have games that involve running as part of their weekly programme.

This year as a teaching staff we are learning more about structured literacy and how this could enhance our reading programme. We have been very fortunate to work with Caroline Moritt, our Resource Teacher of Literacy, to lead us in discussion and for some of us to be able to observe her working with children. This year will be ideal to learn more, engage in conversations, purchase new resources and for some staff to look at different practice at other schools that have started their journey.

Thanks to those parents who attended the Meet the Teacher evening last night. It was nice to see lots of parents in the school.

We go back to celebrating learning in our assemblies this year. On Friday 12th March we look forward to Discoverers 2 sharing their learning with us. We hope you can come along for a 2.15pm start. Each pod will have a turn sharing this year, I'm sure classroom teachers will let you know when this is happening.

A reminder that children need to walk their bikes and scooters up and down the drive, through the school to the playground depending on the entry and exit point they are using.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Andrew

PROPERTY UPDATE



We are getting closer and closer to starting our hall extension. The focus will be on upgrading the standard of the hall to be able to fit us all in. An extra bay will be added, toilets, paint and floors upgraded. The old stage will be dropped with a new moveable stage being utilised. It is likely that this work will start early term two, which means we will not be able to use the hall for most of term two.
The Lachie Memorial Garden plans are coming along with an aim for planting in July.
The BoT is currently looking at plans to create a flexible learning space similar to those at the bottom of the two storey block and Rooms 11 / 12. Once our plans are finalized the work may start as early as June. The current music room, resource room and two unused classrooms on the far side of the school will be demolished and the two new roll growth classrooms will be built in this area.



SCHOOL NOTICES

School photo orders – remember to get your school photo orders into the school office for your child's class and individual photos. Orders are being taken up to Friday 5th March. You must keep the small photo attached to the order envelope as Heritage Photos need this to match your child.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



The Homework Club Before and After School Care are currently taking bookings.
The Club offers a high standard of quality care and operates from 7.30am for before school care and 3-6pm for after school care. You are most welcome to visit our website:
www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email Sara info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz for further information.



Kia Ora from BestStart Huntsbury. We are a brand new Early Childhood Centre that opened in January. We are conveniently located just down the road from St Martins School on the corner of Wilsons Road South and Centaurus Road. Feel free to come and have a look at our beautiful child focused environment and meet our lovely team. We are open from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday.
Phone: (03) 974 0692 Email: huntsbury@best-start.org

CCS Disability Action – You can make a difference in one child's life. If you are interested in welcoming a child into your family, either on a short or long term basis, give us a call to find out more about Shared Care or Foster Care with CCS Disability Action – phone 0800 227 900

McDonald's 2021 Youth Duathlon – South Hagley Park, Sunday 11th April. This event, involving run and cycle stages, is for individual entrants aged 7 to 15 years old. Entry fee is $20 per person and entries close 26th March. Full information including online entry can be found at www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz

St Margaret's College Open Day – 22nd March 2021. For Year 6 or Year 8 parents who are considering the next stage in their daughter's education. From 10.30am to 1pm – Principal's address 11.45am. Pre-registration can be made by going to www.stmargarets.school.ne/event-registration/

St Andrew's College Secondary School Open Day – 17th March 9am to 12pm Visit www.stac.school.nz for further information.

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Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session programme for parents/caregivers of children aged 4-12 years

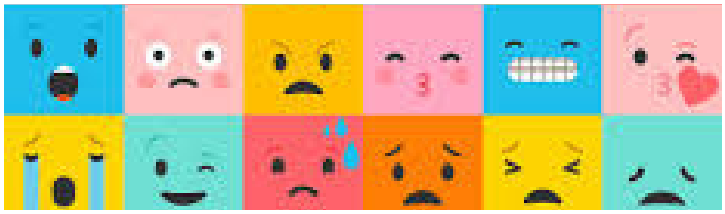
Tuning in to Kids is an evidence-based programme designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- awareness and regulation of their own emotions;
- awareness of their children's emotions;
- to use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching;
- skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions;
- skills in assisting children to problem solve;
- to guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits.

Sessions include:

- watching video material
- group discussions and exercises
- role plays
- home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions

Parents are encouraged to share experiences and ideas within the group.



When: Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30am (week 6 will be held on Wednesday 7th due to Easter holiday)
Dates: 2nd March - 7th April
Location: Beckenham School, 71 Sandwich Road, Christchurch
For further information or to book a space contact Cathy:
cathy.robson@barnardos.org.nz



ON THE CALENDAR

4	Mon 22 Feb	Tue 23 Feb	Wed 24 Feb	Thu 25 Feb	Fri 26 Feb
		Y7 / 8 Korfball BoT Meeting	Y 3 / 4 GTT	Newsletter Y5 – 8 Swimming Sports	Y7 / 8 Tech Assembly Whanau Group Meeting
5	Mon 1 Mar	Tue 2 Mar	Wed 3 Mar	Thu 4 Mar	Fri 5 Mar
	S'Mart Community meeting 7.30pm Staffroom	Y7 / 8 Korfball Y 0/2 Kelly Sports	Y 3 / 4 GTT Walk or Wheel to School day	Y 5 / 6 Traditional Māori Games	Y7 / 8 Tech
6	Mon 8 Mar	Tue 9 Mar	Wed 10 Mar	Thu 11 Mar	Fri 12 Mar
	Y7 / 8 Korfball	Y8 HPV Dose 1 Y 0 / 2 Kelly Sports	Y 3 / 4 GTT PALS Workshop	Newsletter Y 5 / 6 Traditional Māori Games	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Assembly Discoverers 2
7	Mon 15 Mar	Tue 16 Mar	Wed 17 Mar	Thu 18 Mar	Fri 19 Mar
		Road Patrol Refresher Y 0 / 2 Kelly Sports	Y 3 /4 GTT	Zone Swimming Y 5 / 6 Traditional Māori Games	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Y7 / 8 PCT
8	Mon 22 Mar	Tue 23 Mar	Wed 24 Mar	Thu 25 Mar	Fri 26 Mar
	Y 7 /8 Sailing Rm 11 and 12	Canterbury Triathlon Y 0 / 2 Kelly Sports BoT Meeting	Y 3 / 4 GTT Y 7 / 8 Sailing Rm 19 and 20	Newsletter Y 7 /8 Sailing Rm 24 Y 5 / 6 Traditional Māori Games	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Assembly Whanau Group Meeting
9	Mon 29 Mar	Tues 30 Mar	Wed 31 Mar	Thu 1 Apr	Fri 2 Apr
			Y 3 / 4 GTT William Pike Trip	Y5 / 6 Korfball	Good Friday
10	Mon 5 Apr	Tue 6 Apr	Wed 7 Apr	Thu 8 Apr	Fri 9 Apr
	Easter Monday	Easter Tuesday	Y 3 / 4 GTT Y 3/4 Marae trip Rm 9 and 10	Newsletter Canterbury Swimming Sports Y 3 /4 Marae trip Rm 21 and 22	Y7 / 8 Tech Assembly High Fliers 2 Y 3 / 4 Korfball
11	Mon 12 Apr	Tues 13 Apr	Wed 14 Apr	Thurs 15 Apr	Fri 16 Apr
	Y 7 /8 Korfball Tournament	Y5 – 8 Cross Country Literacy Quiz Y6 – 8 Y 0 / 2 Marae trip Rm 7 and 8	Y 3 / 4 GTT Y 0 / 2 Marae trip Rm 5 and 6		Y7 / 8 Tech Last day of term 1